

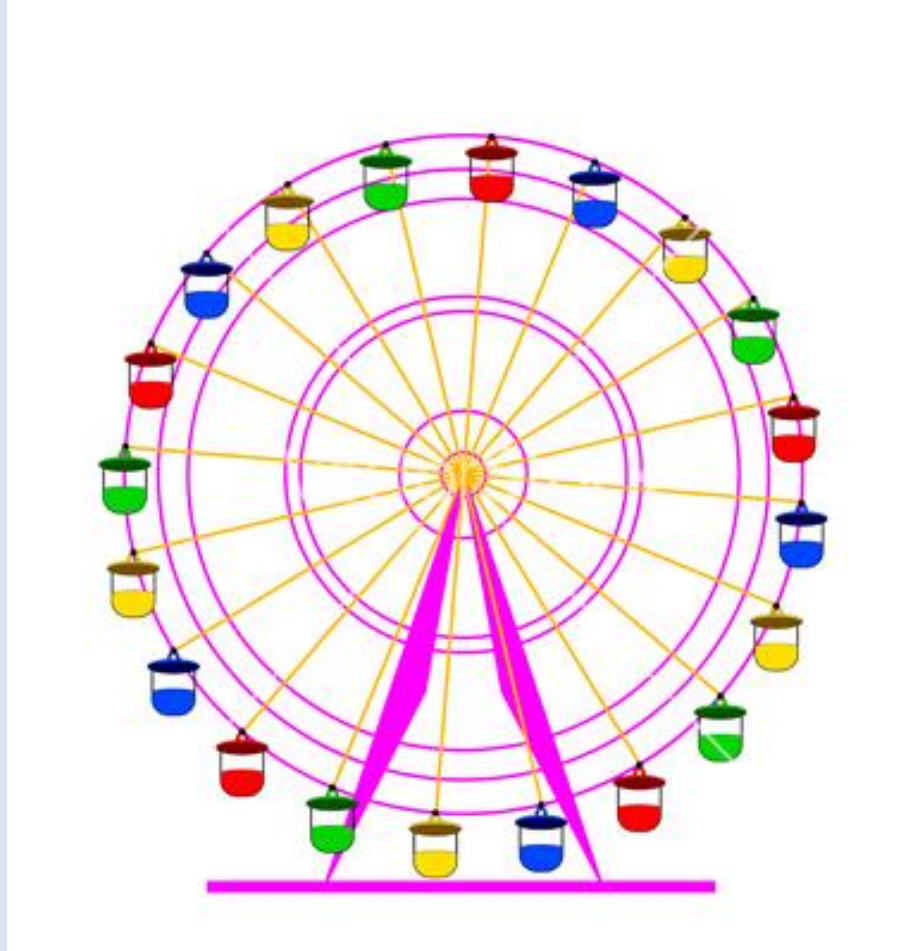
St. Luke's Welcomes
A New Rector
On January 24, 2021



**Reverend
Nicholas
Phares**

“Father Nick”

Phares = Ferris



A group portrait of five people against a plain, light-colored background. In the center is a man in a black clerical suit with a white collar and a small red cross on his chest. To his left is a young girl with long dark hair wearing a dark patterned dress. To his right is a young woman with long brown hair and glasses wearing a dark patterned top. Behind the priest is a woman with curly brown hair and glasses wearing a light blue sweater. In the foreground on the right is a young boy with short brown hair wearing a green and white plaid shirt.

Morgan

Teresa

Alexis
(Lexi)

Fr. Nick

Paxton
(Pax)

Getting to Know You

- **Born in Battle Creek, MI, in 1981**
- **Carpenter's Apprentice**
- **Electronics Technician – US Navy**
- **Information Systems Technician**
- **B.A. in Comparative Religion – Saint Leo University, St. Leo, FL**
- **Master of Divinity – School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN**

Getting to Know You

(Other Education/Experience)

- Safeguarding God's Children/People (Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, 2017 - 2021)
- Prepare/Enrich Facilitator (Roseville MN, 2018 - present)
- Education for Ministry Mentor (Beecken Center, 2017)
- Living Compass Congregational Wellness Advocate (Beecken Center, 2017)
- Core Training Certification in Godly Play (Diocese of Atlanta, 2017)
- Mental Health First Aid (School of Theology at the University of the South, 2017)
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (St. Christopher's Children's Center, 2017)
- Clinical Pastoral Education (Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Hospital, 2015)
- Kaleidoscope Institute Training (School of Theology at the University of the South, 2015)



Current Church

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

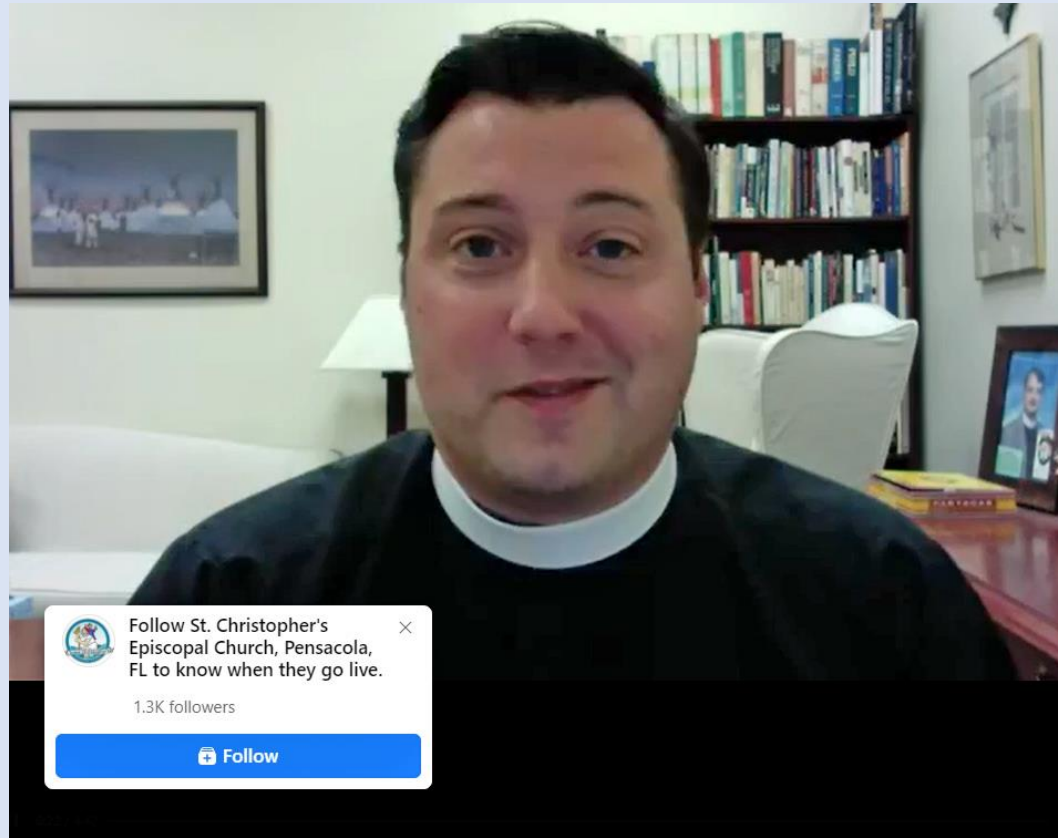
Pensacola, FL

1200 members/275 worship attendance

- **Associate Rector since 2017**
- **Dean – Camp Beckwith (Central Gulf Diocese)**
- **Mentor – St. Christopher's EYC (Youth Group)**
- **Godly Play Storyteller**
- **Officer – Freedom Schools (CG Diocese)**

Discernment Steps

- **July** – Search process begins through Canon Eric
- **Late Aug.** – Candidate portfolios received
- **Sept.** – Vestry evaluates portfolios/online resources
- **Early Oct.** – Vestry interviews leading candidates
- **Mid-Oct.** – Follow-up discussions with Fr. Nick
- **Nov. 6-10** – Fr. Nick & Teresa visit Bartlesville/OKC
- **Nov. 9** – Vestry votes to call Fr. Nick as Rector
- **Nov. 12** – Fr. Nick accepts the call
- **Jan. 24** – First St. Luke's service officiated by Fr. Nick!



**A Message from Fr. Nick
to the Family of St. Luke's**

Welcome the Phares Family



Sunday, January 24