

Sharon and Jim White

From Sharon: I was born in Hopewell, VA, and grew up in Chesterfield County. I went to Virginia Commonwealth University and have a degree in Music Education. I have lived in Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, and Louisiana before settling in Lexington almost 25 years ago. I have 2 children, Sarah and Nat, who grew up at Grace Church. I have taught school, been a choirmaster/organist/pianist, and taught piano lessons before I became the Program Director at Grace in 2008. I met Jim in 2017 and I was blessed to marry him on January 1, 2021. Jim is my partner in ministry. My favorite activity is spending time with my family and friends.

I am a mentor for Education for Ministry. I mentored from 2006 to 2011 and started co-mentoring again this past September. My experience in EfM has been one of the most inspiring activities of my life. Through EfM, relationships with fellow parishioners have grown through worship, prayer, study, and sharing. I would have missed out on truly knowing these brothers and sister's in Christ if I had not participated in EfM. If you are interested in EfM please talk to me!

I grew up being very active in the Baptist Church. I discovered the liturgy of the Episcopal Church in 1983 and have been an Episcopalian ever since! I love the Anglican expression of Christian faith, the three-legged stool, Tradition, Scripture, and Reason. My path to discipleship? I identify with Dorcus in the Bible. I have always had a servant's heart. I find joy in serving at the communion rail and helping others find their place in ministry.

From Jim: I was born in Virginia and raised in Orlando Florida. I have lived in Florida, Virginia, and Illinois. I moved to Lexington VA to marry the love of my life in 2021. I worked in general, commercial, and corporate aviation maintenance for 25 years. 'Retired' from Information technology support after 20 years. I have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. My favorite outdoor activity is bicycling.

I am inspired by the parish's message to reach out and love all people regardless of gender identity, sexual preference, social status, disability, religion, or anything else. I am constantly challenged by Paul's example of becoming all things to all people to bring some into fellowship with God.

I grew up in the Baptist Church and was a member of the Church of Christ when I lived in Roanoke. I was confirmed at Grace Episcopal in December 2019. Like many people, I feel that public expression of my faith is muted by feelings of insecurity. I excel in acts of service where I can express my love and faith to individuals and the church.