

St. David's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Lou Hays
The Rev. Kris McInnes
Priests-in-Charge

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to invite you to remain part of St. David's Episcopal Church. If you have decided to join Christ the Redeemer, this letter is not intended to dissuade you from doing so. We are not yet aware of everyone's intentions so we wanted to make sure that you know that worship will continue at St. David's starting this Sunday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We are excited about this new beginning and are looking forward to being with you.

We are the Rev. Kris (Opat) McInnes and the Rev. Lou Hays. We have served together at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon since 2008. Lou became the Rector of St. Paul's in 2007, having previously served as the Rector of St. Andrew's in Madison, CT, and prior to that as Assistant Rector of St. James in Lothian, MD.

As many of you know, Kris first came to St. David's in 1993. He was a confused and hurting teenager and found a home with you. Through weekly worship and the community found among the youth group he began to blossom in faith and love. Without these early experiences at St. David's he would be a very different person than he is today. After graduating from Grove City College he attended Trinity Seminary in Ambridge and began serving at St. Paul's following his ordination as a transitional deacon. Kris's family continues to worship at St. David's. Kris is married to Shauna McInnes and they have two children, Oliver and Elliott.

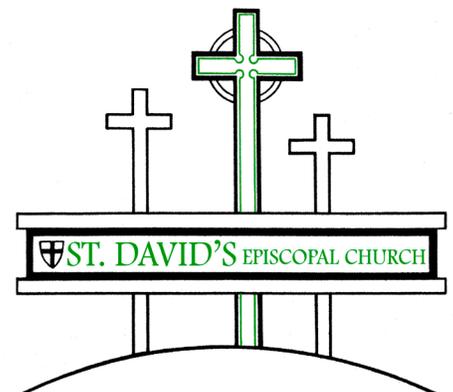
Lou was a lawyer and program administrator for federal, state, and local government. He experienced a call to ordained ministry and attended Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating and being ordained in 1999. Lou has two adult children: Bret, who is Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester, MA and Craig, who lives and works in New York City after having received his MBA from Carnegie Mellon University.

We have the incredible opportunity of helping to shepherd the continuing congregation of St. David's Episcopal Church. We could not be more excited. There are countless opportunities that lie ahead as together all of us rebuild the generous, loving, and joyful community of St. David's. We hope you will be part of this journey.

If you have not yet decided where you are going to worship, we ask you to give St. David's one more month. I know there have been a lot of things said about the Episcopal Church, about St. Paul's, and even about us. We urge you to come and hear our story and the exciting future that we believe is possible. You will find a community that loves the Lord God and rejoices in the life given through our Savior Jesus Christ. You will find a community that believes the Holy Scriptures of the New and Old Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation. You will find a people more committed to spreading the gospel than church politics. You will find a congregation committed to love over judgment, peace over strife, and unity over division. We think you will be pleasantly surprised and we will be stronger with you as a part of our community, your community. Please come, taste and see what the Lord is doing at St. David's before you make a final decision.

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Kris will be leading the services this Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. He will meet with everyone who is interested at 9:15 a.m. The following week Lou will conduct the services, and will also be meeting with you.

May God bless you as we continue on our faith journey. May we continue to grow God's Kingdom, and do the work of Jesus Christ in the world.

In Christ's love,

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The Rev. Lou Hays

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