

## Our Staff



### **Rector**

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh

Father Marsh, is a dynamic part of the parish life at the Church of the Messiah. Keith has been serving with us since June 2005. He arrived here from Louisville, Kentucky where he served as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. He graduated in 1991 from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, sponsored by the Diocese of Rhode Island. Keith often jokes about having an 'eclectic' job history that led to ordination: Prior to entering seminary, Keith worked for the Navy as a defense contractor after serving as a Supply Officer in the Submarine Corps of the Navy. His first job after graduating with a BS degree in Marketing/Advertising from Indiana University was in Miami, where he worked as an assistant buyer of men's clothing for Burdine's Dept. Stores. Within a few months of his arrival in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, he was appointed to serve a three-year term as a member of the Philadelphia Cathedral Chapter, and he is currently serving on the board of Episcopal Community Services.

Having taken Masters level courses in liturgy at The University of Notre Dame, a primary focus for Keith has been the construction, execution and expansion of worship experiences here at Messiah. In addition to his other duties, he enjoys teaching and is frequently found leading classes for adults, youth and children.

Keith and his family live in Lansdale. His wife, Deb, grew up traveling the world before her father retired from the Air Force. A Registered Nurse, she has worked in a variety of hospital, home health and private duty settings through the years, including a tour in the Air Force Nurse Corps. They have two grown children: Trevor and Lauren. For leisure activities, in addition to working on projects around the house, Keith enjoys gardening, cooking, reading and travel.