

The Reverend Jimmy Abbott

Ministry Statement

God has called me to serve the Church and world through the ordained ministry. With this call, Christ has commissioned me to preach the good news, teach the faith, care for all of God's people, guide the Church, and to administer the sacraments to all those who seek to be disciples.

Parish Experience

Trinity Episcopal Church | Galveston, Texas

Started August 2021

Rector

- Led congregation to exceed pre-pandemic financial giving and worship attendance
- Restoring the relationship between parish while increasing the number of school families who worship at the church and the total enrollment of the school
- Serving as Chair of the Board for Trinity Episcopal School and served on Head of School Search Committee
- Leading collaboration efforts to revitalize partnership among the six institutions of the Episcopal Church on Galveston Island
- Overseeing ministry of the Episcopal Student Center, a ministry for students of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church | Spring, Texas

2012 - 2021

Rector

- Led the church to double in attendance and pledged giving
- Oversaw the visioning, fundraising, and construction of a new worship building
- Expanded the staff to meet the demands of a growing parish
- Launched innovative ministries to reach the community, including Drive-Thru Ashes, The Church Has Left the Building, and worship in local nursing homes

St. Alban's Episcopal Church | Waco, Texas

2010 - 2012

Assistant Rector

- Restructured Christian formation for children and youth
- Energized congregation to tend to the spiritual needs of our homebound members
- Started and grew successful weekly Bible study at Barnett's Pub in downtown Waco

Education

The University of the South | Master of Sacred Theology

Current

Virginia Theological Seminary | Master of Divinity, with Honors

2007 - 2010

Honors Thesis in Church History

The University of Texas at Austin | Bachelor of Arts, with Honors

2003 - 2006

Major in History, Minor in Religious Studies

Community Engagement

Jack and Katherine Pearce Education Foundation, Board Member	2021 - Present
Rotary Club of Galveston	2021 - Present
Student Mentor at Salyers Elementary School, Spring ISD	2016 - 2021
Klein ISD Leadership Coalition & Citizen Finance Team	2019 - 2021

Diocesan Leadership

Camp Allen, Board Member	Term began in 2023
St. Vincent's House, Board Member	Term began in 2023
Diocesan Historian	2018 - Present
Standing Committee (President, 2022)	2020 - 2023
Executive Board	2014 - 2017
Iona School of Ministry Instructor in Church History	2020 - Present