



The Rev'd Dr. William Lytle is so excited to be coming to Hudson, after serving as rector of Christ Church, Gilbertsville, New York since December 2020. Due to the clergy shortage in the western part of the diocese he has also been serving as long term supply priest at several small churches. He previously served in congregations in the Albany area and near his native Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Fr. Bill holds degrees in music from Grove City College and the University of Texas at El Paso, a master's degree Christian Theology and History from the former Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry and a Doctorate in Ministry from Nashotah House Theological Seminary (Dissertation: *The House of God and the Gate of Heaven: The Church Building in the Anglican Tradition*, 2022) He is humbled to be trusted by God and his people to serve in the priestly ministry of pastor, teacher, and leader, and is passionate about sharing the true Gospel of the universal love of God as demonstrated in Jesus Christ in as many ways as possible.

Fr. Bill is an active participant in the structures of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. Since 2021, he has represented the convention clergy on the Diocesan Council. He also serves on the Arts and Architecture Committee, on the faculty of the diocesan Deacons' School and as a summer camp chaplain at Beaver Cross. Nationally, Fr. Bill is a member of the Society of Catholic Priests - North America (Anglican Communion) and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church.

Fr. Bill will live in the rectory with his wife Rebecca, and his four children, Cameron, Elias, Gabriel and Martin (ages 10-16). Becky is a certified nurse midwife at Burdett Birth Center (Samaritan Hospital) in Troy, where she has delivered well over a hundred babies in the last eighteen months and provides a full range of health care to the women of the Capital Region. In her free time, she is an enthusiastic crafter in many media. Cam, a high school junior, is an artist, trombonist, stage manager extraordinaire, and a passionate social advocate. Eli is in eighth grade, a percussionist, a Rubik's cube master, a budding astronomer, and a devoted Trekkie. Gabe, a seventh grader, is our conversationalist, tuba player, gamer, and resident LEGO master builder. Martin is in fourth grade, is just starting the French Horn, and loves writing, illustrating and animating, and all things Mario Bros. All four kids are highly trained acolytes, and Cam and Eli are also chalice bearers andthurifers. The rectory family is filled out by Barnabas the tortoise, a cat called Cat, and Pearl, a faithful terrier mix.

An elementary instrumental music teacher before entering the ministry, Fr. Bill still enjoys playing the trombone and other instruments, in community groups when possible. He is also, perhaps unsurprisingly, an enthusiastic Anglophile and an avid student of English Church history. Whether he's reading the Venerable Bede, watching British TV, or trying to master his steak and ale pie in the kitchen, there's always something English on Fr. Bill's mind. His other favorite hobby, however, is chicken keeping and when not at church, running around with the kids, or planning his next trip to England, he can often be found pottering around his coops enjoying the company of his "holy hens."