

Fr Sammy Wood

Bio

Fr. Sammy Wood and his wife Reneé were both raised in Mississippi, where Sammy did his undergraduate work at Mississippi State before completing law school at Ole Miss. After graduation, he clerked for a United States Magistrate Judge. He and Renee met when he led a spiritual life retreat for the Ole Miss Wesley Foundation where Reneé was a student.

After they married, Sammy and Reneé left Mississippi for New England in 2000 where Sammy received his MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He followed his MDiv with a post-graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

After discovering the Episcopal Church and being confirmed while at Gordon-Conwell, Fr Wood was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Massachusetts in June 2007. He was ordained him to the priesthood at the Church of the Ascension & St. Agnes in Washington, DC on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December 2007. He was curate at Ascension & St. Agnes from 2007 to 2009 before going to the Church of the Advent in Boston, MA in October 2009 where he has served for the past eight years as Assistant to the Rector and Associate Rector.

Renee received her BA and Masters of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi and recently served as Director of finance and administration at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy in Boston.

Fr. Sammy and Renee will be moving to Nashville with their three children, Elizabeth, 9th grade (who loves writing and drama), Patrick, 7th grade (whose interest include flag football, skateboarding, video games, and choir), and Flannery, 4th grade (who is incredibly artistic and interested in drama). Coming south with them will be their large, fluffy black cat, Coal.

Interesting fact: The three children have lived in cities most of their lives and have never taken a school bus. They have walked and taken subways every day to school.

Sammy plays the guitar and is a big Boston sports fan. Renee loves parks, public art, and exploring new cities. Despite their east coast residency for the past 17 years, the whole family has remained avid country music fans; they love playing games and eating lobster, but they look forward to trying Nashville's hot chicken!