



Grace Episcopal Church, Astoria Oregon

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that The Reverend Carren Sheldon has been called to serve as the twentieth rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria, OR. She comes to us from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland, CA, where she is currently the interim rector.

She feels a strong call to serve the people of Grace, to join us in ministry and work together on goals and aspirations. She is in love with the river and the land and the cultural mix, and is looking forward to making her home here with us.

She studied at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and in 2012, received a Masters of Divinity (emphasis on Christian Education and Pastoral Care), was ordained deacon in 2013, and a priest in 2014. A lifelong Episcopalian, she is parent to three grown children with three grandchildren and three grand-dogs to love. She tells us she favors walking meetings and thoughtful conversations, likes being outdoors, writing, and tinkering with broken things that are way-too-good-to-throw-away.

A specific date of arrival has not yet been determined, but the Vestry will let you know as soon as we are informed. In the meantime, please keep Carren in your thoughts and prayers.

A video of a greeting from Carren will be shown this Sunday at both services and then available on our website. Please enjoy.

God bless,
Thor Sorenson, Senior Warden
Grace Episcopal Church



And now let us offer the special prayer of thanksgiving and welcome written for this time by Karin T.

*Lord of compassionate Grace,
in your steadfastness you have kept us true to our purpose on the
extraordinary journey toward our next rector.*

*Dear Saviour of our Souls, on this day of your choosing, still illumined by
the splendor of the Transfiguration and at the onset of the Holy Season of
Lent, we joyfully proclaim the one you have sent to us, Carren.*

In anticipation of welcoming her into our midst:

*"We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your name
and declaring all your wonderful deeds." Alleluia! Amen.*

Karin T.

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