

## Our New Rector

We are very pleased to welcome our new rector, the Rev. James H. Silcox, Jr., and his wife, Jane, to Wicomico Parish Church, and look forward to having them join our church family.



Jim comes to us from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a historic downtown church with a congregation of 900 in Augusta, Georgia. He received his Master of Divinity from The School of Theology, Sewanee, in 2005, and has served as associate rector at St Paul's since May of that year.

While at St. Paul's, Jim's areas of focus were adult Christian education, evangelism, pastoral care and counseling, parish communications and administration. His top priorities as a parish priest include preaching and creating a culture of strong lay leadership.

Prior to being ordained, Jim served our country for 34 years in the U.S. Army, reaching the rank of colonel. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and in 1980, received a Master of Arts in American History from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Jim began his military career with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, was commanding officer of a 1500-man Infantry Battalion and served as Airborne Corps staff officer during Desert Storm. He ended his military service as Director of Plans for a National Interagency Task Force interdicting narcotics traffic. During his career, he also spent 6 years on the faculties at West Point and the Air War College.

Jane also attended Sewanee and earned a Master of Theology. She taught religion at Episcopal Day School while in Augusta, and is a qualified hospital chaplain. They are both originally from Charleston, South Carolina, and have a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.