



## Christ Church—Detroit

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Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church Detroit,

I am very happy to announce that after almost two years of hard work, the Rector Search Committee presented an excellent candidate to the Vestry and the Vestry voted to call the Rev. John Gordon Talk to become the next Rector of Christ Church Detroit. Rev. Talk has enthusiastically accepted our call.

Rev. Talk is currently Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. Before this, he served as Priest in Charge at St. Mary's in Waynesville, Ohio and simultaneously as chaplain to a senior housing facility run by Episcopal Retirement Homes. John is a native of Texas. Prior to entering seminary, he earned a law degree and worked for the Texas State Legislature. John and his wife Shelly have five children. The Talk family website has lots of pictures and can be viewed at <http://johngtalk.com>. Welcome notes can be emailed to John at [jtalk@epiphany.org](mailto:jtalk@epiphany.org).

John will assume full Rector duties on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, since four of his children are school-aged and finish on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The entire Talk family will be visiting Detroit during the children's spring break (April 19-23) and will worship with us the Sunday after Easter (April 19<sup>th</sup>).

The Vestry and Search Committee are very pleased with the outcome of this search and are looking forward to beginning the next exciting chapter in the Christ Church history with John's leadership.

Best regards,

Howard Matthew  
Senior Warden