



The Reverend Kevin L. Strickland,
*Assistant to the Presiding Bishop/
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Pastor Strickland serves as the Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship of the ELCA. He has been serving in the churchwide office since August of 2014. Pastor Strickland believes that worship is central to our mission. "Worship is at the heart of our mission as Christ church and provides an opportunity for us to be made whole and encounter the holy. Worship equips us to be disciples in this world, striving for justice and in doing so,

we return often to the heart of our mission to be re-charged and fed."

Pastor Strickland was born and raised in Lexington, SC and is an honors graduate of Newberry College (Newberry, SC) with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy with a minor in History. He also obtained a Masters of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC).

Pastor Strickland served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Maryville, TN prior and has served at Incarnation Lutheran (Columbia, SC), St. Philip's Lutheran (Newberry, SC), Lutheran Church of Redeemer (Newberry, SC), and Mt. Tabor Lutheran (West Columbia, SC) in the area of youth and family ministry. Most recently, serving as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Nashville, TN.

Pastor Strickland has served on various local non-profit boards and has a heart for justice and advocacy ministry. Presently, Pastor Strickland serves on the Consultation for Common Text, Resource Management Team with Augsburg Fortress, the North American Academy of the Catechumenate Planning Team, and other Churchwide Committees.