

## Layne S. Dupree

### Spiritual Journey:

My Spiritual Journey has been and continues to be a vital part of my life.

I was born, Christened, Baptized and raised in Broadway Presbyterian Church, Broadway, NC by Presbyterian parents and Methodist Grandmother.

East Carolina University – attended Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC

Married “life long Baptist” - joined as Associate Member of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC for 20 years. I served as a GA leader, committee for The Living Nativity Scene, Co-chair Hanging of The Greens and Director of Moravian Candle Light Service. I served with the Baptist Mens Association as a team member for International Disaster Relief Programs.

In the late 90’s I followed my heart and returned to the Episcopal Church.

Confirmed in Christ Church, downtown Raleigh, NC where I served on Altar Guild, Stephen Ministry and Hospital Ministry.

In 2012 I moved to Wrightsville Beach and began attending St. Andrews By The Sea. In 2017 I visited St. Paul’s following Richard Rhoads’ marvelous musical talent. Because of Richard and the very special “welcome visitor” greetings I received I knew I had found a home. The music ministry is very dear to my heart. Helping reach members, non-members of St. Paul’s, sick, elderly and lonely is major concern of mine. Providing live-streaming was an opportunity to reach numbers of people. And I believe God works in due time...our first live stream service took place just as the covid-19 proclamation to “stay home” was announced. This is still an ongoing area of my interest and support. Being a member of a Sunday Hospitality Team and monthly Dinner Group has widen my circle of church friends. I eagerly await being back in our beautiful church and having face to face conversations and hugs!

What I hope to bring to the Vestry and the growth of St. Paul’s :

...To help St. Paul’s grow – to be all God has planned for us

...To celebrate our rich heritage and our tradition of tolerance

...To continue to be faithful in working, praying and giving support to the mission of St. Paul’s

...Whatever kind of person and talents I am now, I hope to grow in this amazing opportunity. I love St. Paul’s and hope to share my thoughts, energy and life experiences with the Vestry

...I hope to continue and promote the Spiritual growth of our church, both within St. Paul’s, to those less fortunate outside the church and people who may or may not share our faith

...Maintain parish unity and common purpose as we adjust to new clergy and so strive to embrace change that will be in our current and post-coronavirus world.