

The Rev. Joseph J. Rose, a native of the Pacific Northwest, holds a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and a diploma in Anglican studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

Joe has served as associate rector of congregational development and pastoral care at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta since July 2024. At St. Luke's, Joe described his role as "building community and loving community" by leading creative parish life and stewardship initiatives, overseeing pastoral care, and developing collaborative community relationships rooted in deep connections and belonging.

Prior to St. Luke's, Joe and his wife, Heidi, lived in Connecticut for eight years. After being ordained in June 2022, he served as associate rector at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford, Conn., for two years.

From 2016 to 2022, Joe was executive director of programming and visitor experience at Trinity Church NYC's retreat center in West Cornwall, Conn., where his ministry work included leading multigenerational retreats and camps, sharing in the preaching and liturgical life, and developing a working farm and a sanctuary for rescued donkeys. He has also served at St. John's Episcopal Church in New Haven, Conn., and mentored Yale College students through the Episcopal Church at Yale.

Before becoming a priest, Joe worked as an award-winning journalist for 23 years, including as a freelancer for Wired and 17 years as a staff writer at The Oregonian in Portland, Ore., where he covered everything from City Hall, transportation policy and prisons to national security, protest culture and neighborhoods. He also served in various roles as a lay parish leader at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland.

Joe earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Central Washington University. He has also studied abroad in Northern Ireland.

Joe and his wife, Heidi, who met while working at a newspaper in Washington state, have been married since 1993. They have two grown daughters, Úna and Eleanor.

In his free time, Joe enjoys reading, hiking, camping, watching birds and movies, doing puzzles with Heidi, and listening to his collection of vinyl records.