

The Rev. Sara Irwin
Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Prior to being called as rector of St. Andrew's, the Rev. Sara Irwin served most recently as pastor of Saint John Carnegie (ELCA). She was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts after graduating from General Theological Seminary (M.Div, *cum laude* 2004). In the Boston area, she served as Assistant Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston (2004-2005) and at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham, where she concluded her tenure as rector in 2017. In the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, Sara has served as President of the Clergy Association Board (member 2017-2023), on the Commission on Ministry (2020-Present), and on the Board of Sheldon Calvary Camp (2018 to Present). Sara has been active in ecumenical work both on behalf of the ELCA Lutheran Synod of Southwest PA and as President of the Carnegie Area Ministerial Association. Sara's ministry as a priest flows from forging strong relationships in the congregation and wider community, and the passionate welcome and love of God for every person, regardless of circumstance or identity. Sara is especially excited about St Andrew's desire to connect more deeply to all God's children and to foster parish growth and diversity and connection to its neighbors.

Sara has published creative nonfiction pieces, among them the title essay in [My Red Couch and Other Stories on Seeking a Feminist Faith](#) (2005, Bischoff and Gaffron, eds) and "The Priest I want to be" in [There's a Woman in the Pulpit](#) (2015, Spong, ed). She has written on Christian spirituality for Forward Movement Publications, including [O Wisdom: Advent Meditations on the Names of Jesus](#) (2019) and regular blogging for www.growchristians.org on the intersection of faith and family life. Her 2012 sabbatical poetry was published by BackPages Books, Waltham, MA in the chapbook *Ashes: What Remains*. She is currently enrolled in the Public Theology and Creative Writing Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Sara grew up in Erie, PA and attended New College, the honors college of Florida (BA, Religion/Gender Studies, 2000). For fun, you'll find Sara doing anything that gets her outside: running, hiking, backpacking, camping, or reading in a hammock. Sara is married to the Rev. Noah Evans, Rector of St Paul's Mt. Lebanon (where they live). They have two children, Adah (14) and Isaiah (17), two elderly chickens (Buckbeak and Noise), and one very large golden retriever named Blue.