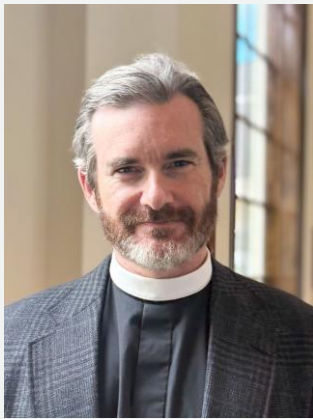




The Rev. Colin Ambrose

I have spent seventeen years helping churches come alive to God. Across every role I have held, I have learned that communities rooted in God and attentive to what He is doing have extraordinary capacity. I build cultures where people are known, invited, and equipped to use their gifts, and I have seen how that kind of shared life deepens commitment and strengthens the Church. I lead with steadiness and clarity, naming what God is already doing and helping people move toward it together. Before ordination, I worked in investment banking and co-founded a business, and that background shapes how I think about organizations, complexity, and growth.

CONTACT

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COMMUNITY

- United Way of Nashville, Board Member, 2026-Present
- Nashville Theology, Medicine, and Culture Initiative, 2022-2024
 - Co-led partnership with Duke Divinity School, First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, and St. George's Episcopal Church to support the spiritual and emotional health of healthcare workers in Nashville.
- Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Inter-Church Council, Co-Founder and Chairman, 2014-2016
 - Co-founded an ecumenical council of clergy and church leaders to coordinate shared ministry in support of Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital and the surrounding community.
- Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Foundation, Board Member, 2012-2018

EDUCATION

Masters of Divinity (cum laude)
Nashotah House, 2009
Nashotah, Wisconsin

BA, History and Economics
University of North Carolina, 2000
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Undergraduate Coursework, Faculty of Divinity
University of Edinburgh, 1999
Edinburgh, Scotland

Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, 2011–2012
Chicago, Illinois

PASTOR AND COMMUNITY BUILDER FAITHFUL AND STRATEGIC LEADER

Vice Rector & Chief of Staff

St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN, 2022 – Present

Partner in leadership with Rector, directing staff of 38, including 13 priests across all areas of congregational life.

- Cultivates a culture of hospitality that has produced measurable growth in worship attendance, youth and children's ministries, and newcomer engagement.
- Equips and deploys lay leaders into ministry, building clear pathways for people to discover and use their gifts.
- Coaches and supports clergy staff through investment in their formation and growth.

Priest-in-Charge

St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN, 2020 – 2022

Led all aspects of church life (average Sunday attendance [ASA] of 800, \$4.1M budget) through a period of significant disruption and growth, maintaining connection and trust while increasing membership and giving.

- Restructured ministry and staff to clarify roles, strengthened collaboration, and aligned the church around a shared mission of engagement.
- Created Ministry Match to connect lay members with ministry opportunities, grew newcomers' ministries, and established quarterly mission days, building a culture where people belong and contribute.
- Expanded youth and children's ministries, creating new opportunities for families to engage in the life and mission of the church.
- Created Outreach Director position and launched new outreach partnerships, expanding the church's presence and service in the community.
- Added a dedicated clergy position for senior ministries, growing pastoral care, programming, and recognition for one of the congregation's most committed communities.

Vice Rector

St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN, 2019 – 2020

Led staff of 28 and directed all ministry areas, including preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

- Developed initial pandemic response, working with the Rector, vestry, and staff to creatively maintain and grow ministries during unprecedented challenges.
- Established new small group ministry with weekly gatherings to build relationships and explore faith.
- Created neighborhood church groups, preserving community and priest-led, in-person services in small settings.

Interim Rector

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro, TN, 2017 – 2019

Oversaw all aspects of church life as sole full-time clergy at growing church (ASA of 340, \$1M budget).

- Led Vision 150, a church-wide discernment and strategic planning process anchored in the congregation's 125th anniversary, producing a long-range vision, ministry initiatives, and a supporting funding strategy.

DIOCESE AND CHURCH

- President, Disciplinary Board, 2024-present
- Member, Disciplinary Board, 2010-2013, 2018-2024
- Member, Beloved Community: Commission for Racial Reconciliation, 2025-present
- Member, Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, 2024–present
- Member, Committee on General Resolutions, 2026-present
- Member, Bishop and Council, 2012-2014
- Member, Cathedral Chapter, 2010-2012
- Board Member, The Living Church, 2023-present

FAMILY

- Married to Trisha, 24 years
- Clara, 21
- Henry, 19
- Adel, 16

INTERESTS



Family



Tennis



Reading



Backpacking



Travel

- Designed and built a volunteer staff structure to expand organizational capacity, creating defined roles with clear authority and accountability. Established a Director of Outreach and a newcomer ministry team, incorporating volunteer staff fully into the life of the church.
- Reorganized church staff and ministries to align with updated church mission statement and increase lay engagement.

Associate Rector

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro, TN, 2009 – 2017

Collaborated with Rector and lay ministers to provide pastoral leadership for a growing church. Shared the leading and planning of public worship, preaching an average of two Sundays per month. Oversaw all Christian formation ministries, including Sunday and weekday classes. Supported administration, finance, budget development, scheduling, and communication.

- Designed and implemented ministry programs to increase lay engagement, onboard newcomers, and cultivate the next generation of leaders in the church.
- Oversaw family ministries, including leading a Parents Group built around shared community and mutual support, and a youth ministry visioning process that increased volunteer participation and student engagement
- Supported capital campaign, resulting in completion of \$2.5M parish hall and education building.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Founding and Managing Partner

Kitchen and Bath Galleries, Chapel Hill, NC, 2001 – 2006

Co-founded and managed a full-service kitchen and bath design showroom, overseeing all aspects of operations including sales, marketing, purchasing, and accounting. Built and led the team from launch through five years of growth.

Investment Banking Financial Analyst

Lehman Brothers, New York, NY, 2000 – 2001

Conducted detailed strategic and financial analyses in the technology sector. Supported senior bankers on lead managed equity transactions and merger advisory services. Drafted selling memoranda, IPO prospectuses, management presentations, debt and equity financing summaries, and various marketing materials.

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

- **Presence:** A steady, relational leader who invests deeply in people. Coaches and mentors clergy and staff, caring for the whole person.
- **Strategy:** Brings strategic and organizational discipline to complex institutions without losing pastoral depth. Comfortable with financial complexity, capital campaigns, and systems that require both vision and execution.
- **Invitation:** Believes the Spirit distributes gifts to every disciple and creates clear pathways for people to discover and use them. Builds cultures where belonging becomes purpose, and where the ministry of the Church belongs to everyone, not just the ordained.
- **Celebration:** Cultivates cultures of gratitude and celebration as a core leadership practice, believing that communities that learn to see what God is doing, grow in faith, energy, and capacity for mission.
- **Formation:** Believes that a community's life with God is the source of its life with others. Leads from prayer and shapes institutions where the interior life is the fountain from which all ministry and mission flow.