

## **The Rev Christopher M Bridges, Priest**

Father Chris joined the Epiphany 'Ohana on January 1, 2020. The foundation of his call to ministry is the belief that Jesus Christ is from God. He believes that Jesus shows us a dimension of God which is a deep love for humanity. Father Chris understands that God is love and that God demonstrated this love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His mission as a priest is to build relationships for Jesus Christ in the world.

Father Chris holds a Master of Divinity Degree from The University of the South, School of Theology located in Sewanee Tennessee which is one of the Episcopal Church's Seminaries. Father Chris has served as assistant priest at Holy Nativity Church in Aina Haina. He was a member of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Honolulu where he held the position of Junior Warden and served in various capacities as a lay person. Father Chris is a veteran with 25 years of service in the United States Army and his last duty assignment was at Fort Shafter Hawaii. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Father Chris grew up in Alabama where his mother still lives but feels at home surrounded by the beauty and diversity that is Hawaii. He loves watching historical dramas and documentaries as well as going to music concerts, theater productions and watching a good movie at home. He enjoys reading, long walks, travel, Netflix, trying out new microbrews and good conversations (talk story).

He lives in Honolulu with his spouse, Richard, who is a Senior Analyst for Hawaiian Airlines and a graduate of Shidler Business School, University of Hawaii. They met in South Korea and were married in 2014. Father Chris is a member of: The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fellowship of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, and The Pacific Club. He serves as the Vice-President of the Diocesan Council and serves on Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

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