

# The Rev. Canon Andrew Timothy Gerns

The Rev. Canon Andrew Timothy Gerns is the Priest in Charge of St. John's Episcopal Church, Clearwater, Florida. A life-long Episcopalian, he grew up in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford, Connecticut and was ordained in 1982. He attended Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England, and the General Theological Seminary in New York City. In the Diocese of Connecticut, he served St. Paul's Church in Willimantic, Christ Church in Stratford, several other parishes as interim pastor, and was Chaplain at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Connecticut. Beginning in 1992, he was Rector of Trinity Church, Parkersburg, in the Diocese of West Virginia, and starting in 1994 was Director of Pastoral Care at St. Joseph's Hospital, also in Parkersburg. He also served in the Ohio Valley Episcopal Cluster, and the River Bend Cluster, which were regional team ministries in the Diocese of West Virginia. He became a Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains in 1996, and a trained trainer in Critical Incident Stress Management through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in 1995. From 2002 to 2021 he was the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Easton, Pennsylvania. In the Diocese of Bethlehem, he was appointed Canon Pastor, served on several committees and commissions, including the Communications Commission, chaired the Evangelism Commission and was President of the Standing Committee. In the Diocese of Southwest Florida, he teaches pastoral care in the Diocesan [School for Ministry](#). He is a writer and occasional iconographer and was a contributing editor of the [Episcopal Café](#). He keeps the blog "[Fun'n'Games in the Kingdom of God](#)". He is married to Peg Gerns. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.