

The Rev. Cynthia P. Brust
Candidate for Diocesan Board
Clerical Order



Cynthia serves as rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Suntree-Viera where she is leading the parish through a relaunch – navigating a name change/rebranding process, new vision and significant building and grounds improvements. In her 18-month tenure, she has concentrated on vision casting, discipleship, leadership development, Kingdom mission and incarnational ministry, outreach, community connections, igniting a holy imagination in the congregation and year-round stewardship.

Since July 2020, the church has experienced numerical and commitment growth, and giving has increased dramatically. In the diocese, she serves on the Commission on Ministry.

Cynthia's skill set includes vision-casting, plan implementation, problem solving and administration. She is committed to excellence, creative thinking, effective communication and deploying individuals based on giftedness.

Cynthia has developed three curricula: *Taste of Anglicanism*, designed to introduce our historic roots, worship and tradition; *Every Member a Minister*, a short course in discovering spiritual gifts and responding to God's call to Kingdom ministry (*equipping the saints*); and *Be My Witnesses*, addressing practical applications of the Great Commission to encourage personal evangelism.

For three decades prior to ordination, Cynthia served as an Episcopal lay leader in various parish and diocesan capacities. After ordination to the priesthood in 2012, she worked alongside her husband, Ellis Brust (currently rector of St. Andrew's, Ft. Pierce) in church planting. In addition to parish ministry, Cynthia has thirty-five years' experience in a broad range of communications, public relations and advocacy in church-related, governmental, corporate and political arenas, including serving as a congressional press secretary.