



St. Peter's Deacon, The Rev. Cathy Henderson was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Georgia in 2012. As a young adult, she found the Episcopal church in a small parish in Virginia Beach and counts this experience as one of the key turning points of her life. The baptism covenant “grabbed her”- especially the parts about striving for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being. They seemed such effective ways to love Jesus and her neighbor and to resist evil.

Cathy graduated from Emory University in 1971 with a degree in mathematics and worked in the computer industry for over 30 years. She then returned to school to earn a master's degree and become a clinical social worker. Becoming a therapist had been a life-long dream for Cathy. She did an independent study program on the intersection of therapy and spirituality while in school and soon entered the discernment process for the diaconate.

Cathy has worked as a medical social worker, treated inmates in prison, and worked in the military mental health system and in the private mental health sector. She comes to St. Peter's with a variety of experiences in ministry including having developed a resource booklet for seniors in Liberty County, working with refugees, working with the homeless, and supporting parishes in their local ministries such as assisting women's shelters, organizing angel trees, supporting special programs to support traumatized children, helping with homeless ministries, etc.

Cathy lives on the southside with her two rescue puppies. She enjoys reading, writing, learning to play the piano, and outdoor activities. She makes frequent trips to St. Augustine to visit her son, daughter-in-law, and horse-loving granddaughter and to Atlanta to visit her 98-year-old mother.