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Press Release

Bishop to Lead Celebration of New Rector's Ministry

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Welcomes The Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley

Pittsfield, MA, October 5, 2021: Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Fisher, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, will preach at the 10 a.m. service of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday, Oct. 10, in a formal celebration of the new ministry of the Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley as rector of the parish.

Pooley and her family came to the Berkshires from Yarmouth, Maine, where she was rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church from 2007 through 2020. She was previously associate chaplain at St. Paul's School in Lutherville, Md., for a year after serving as associate rector of the Church of the Good Shepard in Lookout Mountain, Tenn. She has bachelor's degrees in religion and psychology from the College of William and Mary and a master's of education from the University of Virginia. She holds a doctor of divinity degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church holds services at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at 67 East Street, Pittsfield. Services are open to everyone. A livestream can be accessed via the church's website at www.ststephenspittsfield.org. Through its feeding program, St. Stephen's Table, the parish serves hot nutritious dinners to people in the Pittsfield community every Thursday and Friday.