

The Rev. Dr. Randall Balmer

Ordained to the priesthood in 2006, the Rev. Dr. Randall Balmer has served the Episcopal Church in various capacities: member of a study commission for the Diocese of Newark, rector in the Diocese of Connecticut, and speaker at clergy conferences. He is currently working as a historical consultant for the national church. Father Balmer has been a Professor of American Religious History at Columbia University since earning the Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1985. He has been a visiting professor at Dartmouth College and at Yale, Princeton, Drew, Emory, and Northwestern universities. He is Adjunct Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2001, and from 2004 until 2008 he was a visiting professor at Yale Divinity School. He is the author of a dozen books, including *God in the White House: How Faith Shaped the Presidency from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush* and *Growing Pains: Learning to Love My Father's Faith*, which was named book of the year (spirituality) by *Christianity Today* in 2002. His second book, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*, now in its fourth edition, was made into a three-part series for PBS. Father Balmer was nominated for an Emmy for writing and hosting that series.

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The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.
-- Martin Luther King Jr.