



# HOLY COMFORTER

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Whoever you are  
Wherever you're from  
Whatever you seek  
Whenever you come  
WE WELCOME YOU





# Invitation to Join Us in Ministry at Holy Comforter

Holy Comforter Church brings people together into a nurturing faith community, living joyfully in Christ, uniting God with each other, and serving our community.



Our congregation welcomes people of all age groups, including seniors, families and children. We provide opportunities for worship through the Book of Common Prayer and celebration through music. We are dedicated to providing pastoral care to all, offering guidance with spiritual, social and emotional support in an ever-challenging world.

We encourage engagement with our greater community, including serving as an incubator for outreach programs such as Broomfield FISH, Broomfield Farmers' Market, Broomfield Children's Chorus, and Broomfield STEM. We work in partnership with other parishes serving the St. Francis Center in Denver, as well as community blood drives, Broomfield Serve Day, and summer youth camps.





# Who We Are at Holy Comforter

*"We are a congregation ready to go: to welcome and support our new priest . . . we are ready to hit the ground running!" - Holy Comforter member, 2024*



Broomfield Children's Chorus



Broomfield STEM - Youth Robotics Teams



Bible Study

Broomfield Farmers' Market







# Who We Are at Holy Comforter



Daughters of the King & Junior DOK



Music Ministries: Choirs and Handbells



Youth, grades 6th-12th



Weekly Sunday School for K-5th

Our parishioners are highly educated, professional and competent lay leaders. We have a healthy mix of mature couples and singles, along with a growing number of young families. We attract members from a broad geographic area, some of whom travel more than 20 miles to church.







In our congregational culture, we are looking to continue to improve on our environment as we actively **cultivate gratefulness** for each other so that volunteers and employees feel valued and supported in their ministries.



We also want to expand our presence of small group activities, such as our Men's and Women's groups, which encourage **deeper relationships** with one another to grow and thrive.

*"We look for a strong liturgy and sermons that relate the Gospel to our everyday lives."*





# Who We Seek at Holy Comforter

In Christ's Love, We Seek a Rector who is

a strategic,  
experienced,  
and dynamic leader to:

- discern with us a vision for our ministries, and help to invite investment of time and talent from our congregation
- partner with us to create accessible spiritual education and deepen our relationship with God
- provide guidance in defining worship in a changing world, and help us to embrace a model that will nurture and excite families and younger generations
- collaborate to foster a stronger pastoral care program
- model a visible, approachable, and lively demeanor that helps our church family get to know one another in a more thoughtful and loving way



*Trunk or Treat fun*

*"We don't want someone who will minister to us,  
but one who will minister with us, will listen,  
guide, and lead by example. We want someone  
who will join us as we walk the paths  
that God has given us."*





# Our History at Holy Comforter



*Welcoming usher*

From the basement of a small house serving as a chapel, Holy Comforter continued to grow. A three acre lot was purchased in 1962, along what was a country road on the far west side of Broomfield, and it remains our location today. Groundbreaking took place on May 17, 1964, with music from a piano in the back of a pickup truck foretelling our love of music. Our original pipe organ was built from scratch by our first warden. The goal set in 1958 had become a reality.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church's roots began in 1958 when twelve families met in the basement of a home in the little town of Broomfield, Colorado. They could not have possibly known they were laying the foundation for the faith community we now know as Holy Comforter. Beyond the buildings erected through the years, it was something special, stronger; a community in faith and numbers. It became the place we know and call our spiritual home.



*Altar Guild*





# Our History at Holy Comforter

In 2001, we built a beautiful new sanctuary and parish hall, encumbering us with a million-dollar mortgage. Then, like many Episcopal churches, Holy Comforter began to struggle with issues around human sexuality and, in 2007, nearly half our congregation left when our priest disagreed with the direction of the National Church. Weakened, we moved to mission status. With strong leadership and the support of the region and diocese, we began to rebuild. In 2016, Holy Comforter regained parish status, adding staff and ministries that incorporated new members and involvement in the community.



The time of COVID was a challenge, complicated by transition in clergy leadership. We found ourselves emerging from that time needing to re-group and recover in many ways - spiritually, relationally, and financially. We went to work on all three, with the first two still being a work in progress. Following a major year of financial rebuilding in 2023, we were blessed when parishioners stepped forward with gifts to pay off the \$650,000 mortgage, enabling us to grow our ministries and call the person we need to lead us. This reduction in debt has given us the grace to dream creatively about where we are heading next, and we are looking forward to calling the person to walk this journey with us.

*Our historic 1869 Hook organ, installed in 2019*





# About Broomfield, Colorado

## Welcome to Broomfield!

Our city has been rated as one of the twenty-five best places to live in the United States. You will be glad to know that Broomfield maintains a “small town” feeling where community, culture and creativity matter. Our City Council has a mindful approach to growth to ensure a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable business environment. A wealth of educational opportunities is available to residents of Broomfield including vocational education, higher education, public schools, private and parochial schools, special needs schools, and charter schools. Broomfield is the fastest growing community in Colorado - come visit us and see why.



### Broomfield by the numbers

Population: 72,783

Founded: 1877

Incorporated: 1961

Size: 34 square miles

Elevation: 5,344 feet

Miles of Streets: 200 Miles

Miles of Bike and

Walking Trails: 290 Miles

Number of Parks: 63

Home Rule Charter Adopted: 1974

Became a City and County: 2001



*Library & Auditorium*



*Brunner House & the Field of Broomcorn*

***The mountains are beautiful to look at AND they are close enough for day hikes, camping trips, scenic drives, skiing, fishing and photography.***

Easy access to Boulder and Denver offers the benefits of a college town and a major metropolis. Broomfield has access to excellent museums, professional theater, music and dance companies, all the major sports at both university and professional levels and a variety of cuisine.



*View from 136th Ave. near the church*





# We Look Forward to Welcoming You

We imagine that you have questions for us as you consider whether God is calling you to Holy Comforter.

*Columbarium and Labyrinth*



*Soup Group*

We too are searching, and we know that God is at work as you read this profile and envision a future in Colorado. Join with us as we share the love of Christ in the world today.

*Broomfield STEM at Farmers' Market*

We look forward to meeting you soon. Until then, may God continue to bless and guide you.

