



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Sep 30, 2025)

Christ Episcopal Church, Colorado

536 W. North Street, Aspen, CO 81611, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/10/25.

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Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
75	1		
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$150000	4	We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Negotiable	Yes		
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
4	4	2 (standard)	2
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$501-\$1000/year	Yes		

Health coverage per diocesan policy. 4 bed rectory. Moving expenses. Annual ski pass provided.

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

Our parish is known for our hospitality and fellowship, with First Sunday breakfasts and summer picnics serving parishioners and visitors alike. Our open table hospitality provides nourishment to the needy, welcoming to visitors and a sense of community for all.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

From a technology perspective, we have upgraded both our worship streaming and remote meeting capabilities. Since many of our parishioners are seasonal, this allows participation when they are not physically in Aspen. Beyond technology, we believe there is a big need for personal relationships built on a foundation of common values. We continue to seek new ways to welcome seekers and offer a place of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

Inspiring preacher; Relationship builder; Innovative grower and implementer; Pastoral care

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Rite II liturgy is employed throughout the year; Rite I is used for our early (8am) service in peak seasons. Our services include outstanding piano and organ music. In the summers, we have guest musicians from the Aspen Music Festival in all worship services.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We have lay readers, acolytes, greeters/ushers, and altar guild members. Parishioners also lead bible and book studies throughout the year.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

Aspen was re-imagined in the 1940s with the ethos of "body, mind and spirit." Our region is full of stunning settings for hiking, skiing, biking, fishing and other activities; much of our fellowship beyond Sundays is on the ski slopes and hiking trails, rejuvenating ourselves physically, spiritually and emotionally. Our spiritual well-being is also strengthened through personal daily devotion, study groups and worship. Our Prayers of the People include joyful celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries in addition to prayers for those facing illness and other difficulties.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Beyond our community outreach, Christ Church provides pastoral care through home visitations by clergy and laity and financial assistance through the Rector's discretionary fund.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Christ Church and our parishioners are active supporters of many community organizations, including programs for food assistance (from Leadville through the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond), homeless, and seniors. We created a ministry to provide Christmas gift baskets to families in need. This ministry has expanded beyond our church and is now managed down-valley by St. Peter's Church in Basalt (a church we founded many years ago).

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Following the Covid pandemic and our own transition of rectors, we restarted Bible and book studies. This year we have offered a monthly book group (currently reading "The Tears of Things" by Richard Rohr), a Lenten study of the Book of Ecclesiastes, and a summer women's bible study (Book of James). Our search committee members can provide more information.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

We embrace year-round stewardship with personal testimonials in worship in the summer and fall. We provide multiple opportunities for giving, including annual pledging, a major gifts list (to provide for specific building improvements and to support designated ministries), multiple outreach ministries (with representatives describing programs in worship services, e.g., Locally Haiti), and our newly launched Legacy Society to provide for Christ Church in estates and wills.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We experienced conflict in the transition of our rector (2019) which coincided with the pandemic. Our parishioners felt that there was a lack of openness. Subsequently, our rector and vestry have focused on more transparent communication. We seek a rector who will continue to lead with transparency and will work effectively with our diocese, vestry and broader parish to expand lay leadership and involvement.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

We experience continuous change in the makeup of our parish depending on seasons – summer (our peak season), winter (second peak) and the shoulder seasons of fall and spring. Our parishioners' theological and cultural viewpoints are diverse. 2019-2020 with a rector exit and grappling with the effects of the pandemic, was a rocky period - one in which we exacerbated our differences and lost some parishioners. We have found that when we focus on the fundamentals (God's enduring love and the teachings of Christ) we are more cohesive and handle change effectively.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Dr. William Lupfer	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2021-09	

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Jonathan Brice	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2011-01	2019-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Bruce McNab	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2004-01	2011-01

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
	2	3

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://www.christchurchaspen.org>

Media Links:

Online References:

Languages Significantly Represented:

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas

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