



Office for
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Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Jan 17, 2025)

Christ Church, Port Republic, Maryland
3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 02/20/25.

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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
53	2	1	
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$66000	5	We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Full family	Yes		
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
One month, including 5 Sundays (standard)		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$1001-\$2000/year	Yes	Yes	

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

One of the largest events at Christ Church is our annual Jousting Tournament, held every year on the last Saturday of August. Our entire congregation comes together to organize, coordinate, and participate in this major public fundraiser, which features a bazaar, children's activities, a country supper, organ recital and, of course, competitive jousting—Maryland's state sport. People from across the Mid-Atlantic region attend to enjoy the horsemanship, food, and the rich history of Christ Church. We've hosted this event annually for the past 157 years and consider it a successful ministry that not only meets its fundraising goals but also fosters fellowship, outreach, and entertainment across generations. Our members invite friends and neighbors to join in, either volunteering or attending, making this event a vital part of our community outreach.

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

Most of today's members recognize that the Church must change, adapt, and grow if it is to survive in the 21st century. This was made clear in our recent parish survey. Within the Church, there was a clear desire to re-establish the church school, which was in decline before the recent COVID-19 pandemic. As a first step, the cribbery was recently started back up to help young families attending the second service on Sundays. The survey brought up a possible move to one traditional service on Sunday morning followed by a more contemporary service that would appeal to younger families. A majority of the parish also recognized the need to reach out to residents beyond the walls of the Church by engaging in collaborative programs with the other Episcopal churches in the county. The Church is blessed with extensive grounds and an underutilized parish hall that could be made more available for outside groups and special events, especially around Christmas and Easter. We have made great strides in our online presence in recent years but recognize that extra effort is needed to reach more diverse audiences and make ourselves better known in the wider community.

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

relatable preaching, warm personality, effective communicator

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

We are a scripture-based parish rooted in the Anglican tradition. We hold to the Creeds of the church and are committed to Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We understand the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be authoritative and a cornerstone of Christian belief and practice. We believe in aligning our worship with that which is prescribed in Scripture, keeping political, social, and personal agendas out of the pulpit. We have Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m. Rite I and 10:00 a.m. Rite II. We feature choir and organ music at our 10:00 a.m. service and at special events. We also offer Zoom at our 10:00 a.m. service. Occasionally, we hold a combined service. Additionally, on Thursday Mornings, we hold a Prayer and Healing Service at 10:00 a.m. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers provide communion to those who are homebound, sick, or otherwise unable to attend regular worship services.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We are a family-oriented, friendly church of discipleship, mission, and stewardship. Our congregation supports and participates in in-house and outreach ministries which provide a variety of roles and opportunities for inclusion and leadership. Encouraging younger members to participate and lead is a goal. Examples of these opportunities to include younger members of the congregation are: Jousting Tournament, which includes a Bazaar and Supper, Vestry, Acolyte, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Financial Committee, Audit Committee, Trunk or Treat, and the current Profile and Search Committees.

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

The majority of our members have attended Christ Church for 20+ years. There is a true sense of community amongst us, making us more than just a congregation, we are a family. Our members support each other in all ways, especially in times of need. We offer opportunities beyond the Sunday services to foster our well-being, both spiritually and physically. There are weekly Bible studies, Parish suppers, and Advent walks around our 47-acre property. Many of our members are involved in the caretaking of the grounds, including upkeep of the Biblical Garden, and readying the Tournament Fields for events. A large part of our congregation belong to the "Comfort Givers" ministry, providing comfort and support to bereaved families by assisting with the preparations, hosting, and the serving of a reception in the Parish House after a funeral. In addition, many provide emotional and spiritual support to the families in the weeks and months after losing a loved one.

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

Christ Church supports SMILE, an ecumenical community outreach ministry. Parishioners donate food, clothing, and household items; they also volunteer to staff the SMILE food pantry and thrift store. Another ministry is the HeartFELT Backpack program for elementary school students; volunteers donate food, fill backpacks, and deliver them weekly to St. Leonard Elementary School. Our parishioners support the Lusby Food Drop of the Maryland Food Bank; on one Friday each month they volunteer to pack bags of food and deliver them to needy families in the county.

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

Christ Church, and its parishioners, participate in a variety of ministries, both locally and as part of the wider Church. In addition to the ones mentioned below, we are actively involved in the following: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, local food pantries, HeartFELT Backpacks, hosting the Calvert County Jousting Tournament, Mackall Scholarships, One-Room Schoolhouse, Project Echo, Blessing of the Pets, Lenten Boxes, Angel Tree, supporting the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and SMILE. Additionally, we join with other parishes for Vacation Bible School, Ecumenical Good Friday Services, and other special events as they occur.

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

In 2023 the vestry approved extension of the Mackall Scholarship program to include awards to high-school singers and instrumentalists. Local teachers help recruit talented student musicians to participate in special services (notably Christmas Eve), for which each receives a stipend for rehearsing and performing. In addition to enhancing the breadth and quality of our music for these occasions, the Parish is afforded the opportunity to meet these young persons and their families, and to welcome them to worship with us. Jim Yoe is the point of contact for this ministry beginning in 2025.

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

We strive to act with awareness that "... all things come of Thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Despite a gradual decline over the past several years to a figure of 67 pledgers (as aging members have died), total giving by individuals has remained stable and even increased slightly. In addition to donations of treasure, parishioners give generously of their time and talents in support of our worship, outreach, ministries, and maintenance of our campus and facilities. Recognizing this faithful stewardship, we have established a financial committee to assist the treasurer to prepare operating and capital budgets and to oversee our endowment on behalf of the vestry. We have also empaneled an audit committee to ensure that we spend in accord with our budgets and objectives and adhere to the business practices of the PECUSA (Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America). To build on our sound financial footing, we seek a rector who will help us attract new members, enabling us to increase the impact of our ministries internally, in our community, in the larger church, and in the world.

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

Christ Church strives to be a spiritually mature congregation; recognizing that we all sin and are forgiven by God through Christ's sacrifice, we encourage one another to acknowledge our transgressions, and to forgive freely in the manner Christ dictates. Parish families inevitably encounter issues that strain relations between individuals and factions within them. Christ Church members sometimes experience tension arising between those who favor more traditional and more progressive approaches to liturgy, ministry, and doctrine. We address these by maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect, trying to discuss these questions openly, with the assumption of mutual good will and without rancor. On occasion, conflicts of a personal nature have occurred between individual members, affecting not only their relationship but parish life at large. In these instances, the rector and leadership have sought to facilitate reconciliation, balancing the need for openness with that for discretion and privacy. To this end, we are committed to complying fully with the Diocesan requirement that parish leaders keep current with Safe Church Training.

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?

The biggest change in the life of this church was brought on by the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic which temporarily ended indoor Church services and programs such as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. This challenge was met with the innovative idea of holding worship services outdoors on the jousting field. Also, out of necessity, the pandemic gave a tremendous boost to our use of digital technology. Now, services are shared regularly over Zoom and the church has an increasing on-line presence. Another change, faced by many churches today, is the challenge of an aging church population. But our particular church, because it has been well established in this once rural area over generations, has great consistency and stability. We learned through the COVID-19 experience and a recent church-wide survey, that our population has the will and ability to implement new ideas for growth and outreach. This mature, stable, and well-adjusted community is interested in growing our parish and bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the world.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Christopher Garcia	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2017-10	2024-09

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
John Howanstine	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1984-07	2014-12

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
William M. Plummer Jr.	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1949-01	1984-06

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

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
		1	23

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: www.ChristChurchCalvert.org

Media Links:

Online References:

> <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcalvert>

> <https://www.facebook.com/calvertjousting>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Diocesan Transition Minister

The Rev. Canon Kristin Krantz

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