



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Feb 26, 2026)

Christ Church, Greenville, Albany

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Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time) | Receiving Names until 06/01/26 | whinrichs@albanydiocese.org

Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
30	1		
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
\$36000	\$36000	\$0	\$0
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$24000		We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Clergy+1	No		
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	No	Yes	Yes

1/2 SECA reimbursement \$1836

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

Depending on when we have a priest, the first or second Sunday in October is the Blessing of the Animals. The Sunday school puts together goodie bags for the cats and dogs. They write blessings on cards. Many congregants help out with greeting those who come with their furry friends. Many are visitors but known to many in the congregation. We have had quite a few animals join us on the lawn. Last October, due to weather, we were not sure if we would have any animals. We ended up with 3 or 4 cats. They were all blessed and some stayed for the next service.

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

As a small Church, we see the potential to reach out to the community by bringing weekly services to those who can not make it to Church. We live stream our services every week and lately we have an average of about 100 people looking at the service. We are seeking a Priest who is excited about the mission and our Church and seeks to expand the role of our Church in the community.

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

good preacher, pastoral care, spiritual teacher, Accessible/relatable

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

The people of Christ Church follow the Episcopal liturgical calendar using the Revised Common Lectionary, observing many Holy Days, Holy Week and the Easter Vigil. We use Rite II for all services. We want families and single adults to feel both welcomed and accepted into our congregation. We encourage everyone, both young and old, to try new roles within the Sunday service. We are strongly rooted in the music of worship and are blessed to have one manual pipe organ and a baby grand piano in the Church. Our service music and hymns come primarily from the 1982 Hymnal, but we also use more contemporary music when the occasion calls for it. We currently have two (with a third learning) who play the piano Sunday mornings.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Christ Church encourages the involvement of its parishioners in the following ways: Eucharistic ministers, lay readers, altar guild, acolytes, prayers of the people, organist and choir, church school, and coffee hour. All of these ministries serve to bond us to the church and to one another. Christ Church Greenville is small enough to start programs that interest just a few or families without a lot of red tape and cumbersome paperwork and committees.

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

Our Church here in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, is alive and well. Many of our congregants are "cradle Episcopalians" while others have been attracted to our Church because of our strong welcome, sense of community and fellowship. We support each other in times of sorrow and uplift each other in times of joy. Phone calls are made to emotionally support parishioners who are isolated or alone. Some of our parishioners have sought further knowledge of the church and its teachings through on-line courses. One member has completed a course through EFM. We have had an active book group with lively discussions, movie nights and game nights for recreation. We are slowly getting back to our movies and game nights since covid. But it's fun to watch the oldest in the room and the youngest playing scrabble with two others and the youngest has won the game.

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

We are taught from a young age that we should always take care of family and friends. The Church teaches us, "love thy neighbor as thyself". It is these teachings from our parents, and from our God, that drive us to reach out and provide various forms of care to one another. Christ Church Greenville is blessed to have many wonderful parishioners who volunteer to help. We have supported AA and Alanon by giving them a place to meet. We have volunteers who visit shut ins, people in the hospital, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers. We have held support group meetings in our Parish house. We have held or donated to fundraisers to help groups that provide care to people around the world. We sponsor Karter through Children's international. We send out weekly emails and/or paper mail to the whole congregation, Priests and anyone who has visited and wanted to continue to hear what we are doing.

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

Christ Church is active and attentive to the needs of the community of Greenville and the surrounding areas in which all our parishioners live by donating to and working with the school Adopt-a-family program and the local food pantry. As needs arise, we are there to help; as evidenced by the "Stone Soup Kitchen" program's transition from "in-person gathering" to delivery to homes, school and the food pantry during the pandemic.

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

One ministry of Christ Church is to feed people. In January of 2020 we started the "Stone Soup Kitchen". Our goal was not to make money but to bring people in for a meal and companionship. When we were told to close our doors we changed our goal and delivered our food to our most vulnerable parishioners. During our 5th year health problems had us closing our doors on this chapter. Last year we started a fundraiser for kids. Calling it "Kids 2 Camp". We hope to be able at some point to help others in our community to be able to go to camp. Stephen Walenta is the person to speak to for K2C- 518-937-4154. Joyce Pizzigati is the person for the soup kitchen- 838-200-3612.

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

Christ Church exists due to the generosity of our parishioners, who pledge yearly to give of their time, talents and treasures. People also donate to the Greenville Food Pantry, which serves the town of Greenville and its surrounding areas. Our Parish and Vestry feel that as we are given so shall we give. We have made contributions to many worthy causes over the years, and our congregation will continue to come together to support those in need.

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

For the past few years that I have been a member of Christ Church Greenville I have witnessed what might have been a conflict on a wide scale only once. This was the time when Bishop Love wrote a letter to the diocese explaining his thoughts and decision regarding the Rite of Marriage for same sex couples. He was letting the people of the Episcopal Church know that he was against such rites and that he was not allowing ministers to perform this ceremony in their churches. Father Mark read this letter during his sermon and then invited anyone who wanted to come to the parish hall after church to have a talk about it. I characterized this as "what might have been" because there was no uproar, no angry outbursts. The people that gathered were respectful, willing to listen to others and have a meaningful discussion. I know not everyone agreed in that parish hall. I do know that we respected each other's differences and opinions. There was no obvious conclusion as to how to proceed at that point. We had a wait and see attitude. I feel that our Church has a history of working through disagreements and the people who go to this church have a special bond worth preserving.

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?

2020 saw changes that no one was ready for. The biggest was closing the doors to the Church due to the pandemic. We tried a few apps before finding zoom. We were able to see and hear a real service even if we couldn't be in the same building together. The hard part for all of us at home was when the internet decided to slow down or not work at all in the middle of the service. As time went on a virtual coffee hour was added at the end of each service so we could see and speak to each other. Beginning in August, we began to meet together outside on the lawn behind our church. Despite the need for masks and social distance, people were happy to be able to celebrate together. Finally we were able to open our Church doors safely in September. Unfortunately, not everyone has been able to join us. We now stream the service on facebook so the service can be watched anytime. I think we all learned we are a family and we can be together even if we aren't in the same room. Also that we can look out for those who are still vulnerable and not yet able to attend church in person.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Mark Diebel	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2010-01	2020-06

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Bill Clark	Deacon	2003-01	2010-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. T. Kyle Grennen	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1990-01	2002-01

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
	2	10

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

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: christchurchgreenville.com

Media Links:

Facebook page: Christ Episcopal Church

Online References:

> <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84890606813?pwd=dHVZd0Y4TVduYTlVWWelluekF2Zy80QT09>

> <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/446009729?pwd=SVp3dkFpSm16M0N5TzU2MkQyRVR0dz09>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

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