

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PARISH**



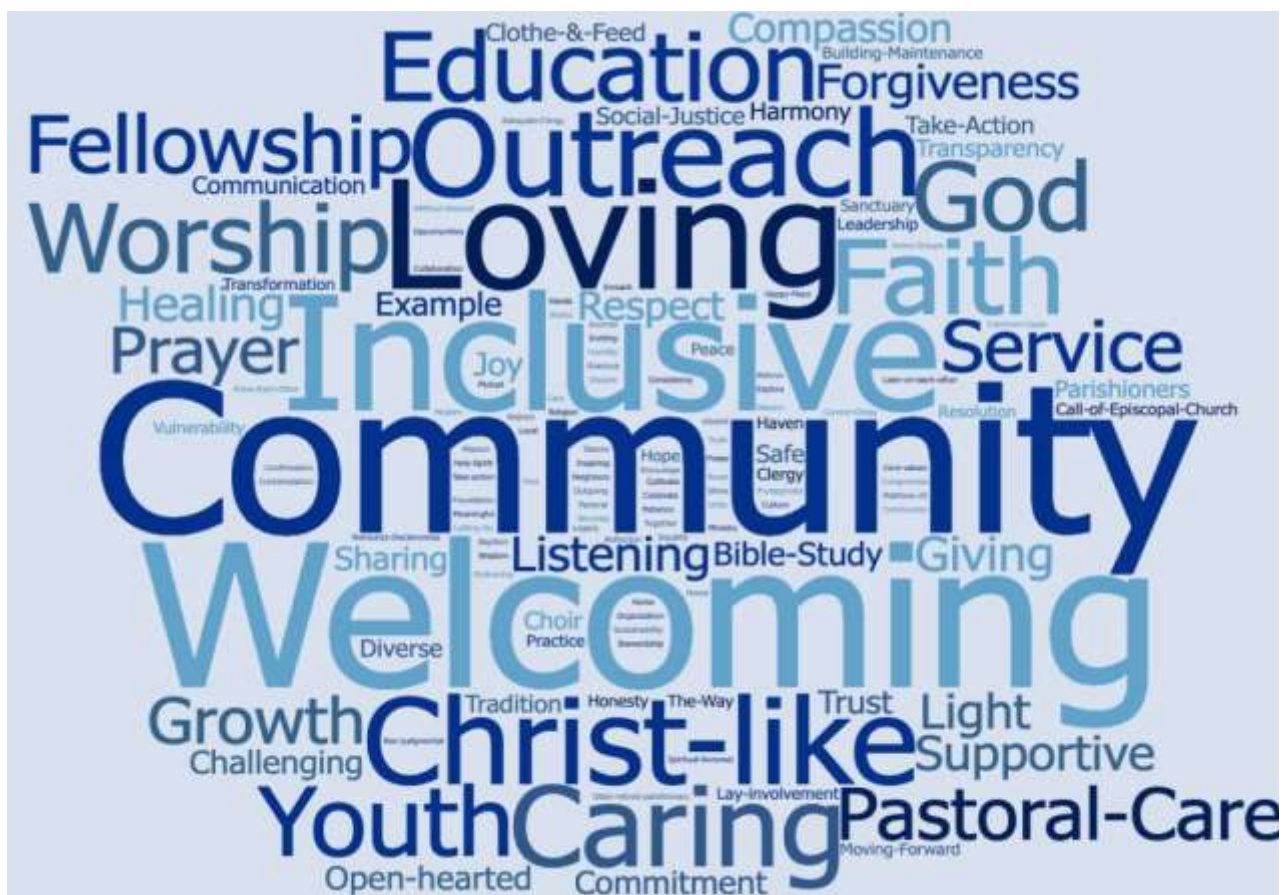
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## Our Mission

Christ Church Episcopal Parish welcomes all families and every person to a community of rich tradition and contemporary social awareness. We thrive in communion with God and fellowship with one another.

# Our Vision





# Our Core Values

## WORSHIP

Gathering together for Holy Eucharist, fellowship, and reflection, we aspire to encounter God, to enable spiritual transformation, and to embrace our life in Christ.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## COMMUNITY

Coming together in our desire to see Christ in all people, we welcome, include, and celebrate every person in an environment of love, support, and open communication.

*"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"  
- Psalm 133:1*

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sharing God's love, we invite all ages to grow in spirit and be transformed through multiple opportunities for worship, education, service, and fellowship.

*"Guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long." - Psalm 25:5*

## PASTORAL CARE

Working in partnership, clergy and parishioners bring Christ's love and care to parish members who need support for body, mind, and spirit.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10*

## COMPASSION IN ACTION

Engaging our parish, we follow Jesus' call to love one another by working alongside and serving our greater community and the world to promote peace, justice, health, and sustainability.

*"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." - Matthew 25:35-36*

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers."  
- Psalm 24:1-2*



# Who We Are

Christ Church Episcopal Parish, Lake Oswego (CCEP) is a Christ-centered, active, multi-generational parish that seeks engages a in a life of prayer, worship, and outreach. We strive to be a compassionate community that embraces all people regardless of their color, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, political affiliation, education or age.

The parish survey demonstrates the a deep commitment from the parishioners who continue to call CCEP their home. Of the 146 survey respondents, 61% have attended CCEP for more than 11 years.

- 22% have attended 11 to 20 years
- 30% have attended 21 to 40 years
- 9% have attended 41+ years

We also have a good foundation of new parishioners who desire to make CCEP their home.

- 9% have attended 0 to 2 years
- 15% have attended 3 to 5 years
- 14% have attended 6 to 10 years

For more information about our survey results, please see the Appendix.



# *What We Offer*

CCEP is known for its extensive Outreach activities in the community, its beautiful Choir music during services, and a long-standing, successful Children's Ministry. These ministries continue to draw newcomers to the parish on a regular basis. In addition to building on our successful ministries, we are growing our Youth/Teen Programs, Governance, and Pastoral Care ministries. CCEP has a very active community of lay leaders who contribute their time and talent to the various ministries that make CCEP unique.











## Worship

### 8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

This service is a traditional spoken Eucharist that alternates between Rite I and Rite II. This service exclusively uses the service outlined in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. There is no music. This service is popular with many of our seniors and is held in the Nave.

### 10 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

The 10 a.m. service is usually the most attended Sunday service. This service is a Rite II Holy Eucharist, and while most of the service is drawn from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, other resources are used to enhance the liturgy, as well. Canterbury Choir presents musical offerings from September through May/June. Our organist accompanies the choir, plays hymns, and also provides other service music throughout the year. The 10 a.m. service is popular with a diverse group of parishioners: families, couples, and individuals of all ages. This service is held in the Nave.

[Listen to Our Canterbury Choir](#)

### 5 PM CELTIC EUCHARIST

The Celtic Eucharist is a contemplative service that is held in Maginnis Chapel. Music is provided by a rotating schedule of solo instrumentalists: piano, harp, guitar, and oboe/English horn.









# Our Ministries

## GOVERNANCE MINISTRIES

The leadership ministries for our community and to the diocese. The ministries include:

- ✕ **Vestry**
- ✕ **Finance Committee**
- ✕ **Investment Oversight Committee**
- ✕ **Diocesan Delegates**

## OPERATIONS MINISTRIES

Our operations ministries include:

- ✕ **Building & Grounds** Cares for our facilities and attends to issues of parish safety.
- ✕ **Memorial Garden & St. Fiacre's Guild** Maintains our Memorial Garden which continues a tradition of setting aside a peaceful place for the safekeeping of loved ones.
- ✕ **Front Desk Volunteers** Help make the office run.
- ✕ **Technology** Help with social distanced services, social media experience, publication design, and keeping ACS and Realm Technology database up to date.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Pastoral care ministers give personal witness to the presence of God in the church through the expression of their faith, care and concern. Pastoral care ministries aim to assist all who need a helping hand. Our pastoral care ministries include:

- ✕ **Prayer Chain** Prays for you or a loved one.
- ✕ **Prayers for Healing & Anointing** As scheduled.
- ✕ **Eucharistic Visitors** Bring communion and a friendly visit to those who are homebound.
- ✕ **Recovery Commission** As part of the Recovery Commission for the Diocese of Oregon, aspires to serve the community as a resource network for understanding addiction and its impact on others.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

Welcome ministries strive to demonstrate God's love from the moment people enter the front door and even after they leave.

Welcome ministries include:

- ✕ **Greeters & Ushers**
- ✕ **Coffee Hour Hosts**
- ✕ **Welcome Brunch**
- ✕ **Sunday Emmaus Meals** (seasonally)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

We partner with outside organizations and through our own local ministries to serve our community both locally and globally. Funding for Outreach is done through an annual auction. Our ministries include:

- ✕ **American Red Cross Blood Drives**
- ✕ **CCEP Food Pantry**
- ✕ **Good Samaritan Ministries (Sam's Attic)**
- ✕ **Habitat for Humanity Willamette West**
- ✕ **Health Bridges International Peru**
- ✕ **Holiday sharing/giving tree**
- ✕ **Lake Oswego Meal Network**
- ✕ **Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter**
- ✕ **Masaka School – Uganda**
- ✕ **Potluck in the Park**
- ✕ **Sams Attic**
- ✕ **TLC/TNT (Tender Loving Care/ Think 'n Try)**
- ✕ **William Temple House**

## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For adults, Christ Church offers:

- ✕ **Women in spirituality**
- ✕ **Education for Ministry (EFM)**
- ✕ **Ageing and Sageing**





## YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We have a vibrant youth program through 5th grade with room to grow for middle and high schoolers. The nursery through 5th grade has 62 kids regularly attending.

Middle school has 16 kids and high school includes 5 young people. Our Christian Formation for youth includes:

- ✧ **Christ Church Episcopal Preschool**
- ✧ **Sunday School**
- ✧ **Nursery and Toddler room**
- ✧ **TreeHouse Youth Group (4th/5th grade)**
- ✧ **Youth Group (Middle/High School)**
- ✧ **Variety of Summer Camps**

### PRESCHOOL

The CCEP preschool takes seriously the responsibility to develop children's minds, while not distancing God from academics. Children are given the opportunity to express themselves through art, music, language and dance. They learn to cooperate and work as a team. The highlight of the week is chapel on Wednesday morning with Miss Susie. The school's enrollment is doing well. There are five teachers/staff.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

- ✧ **Worship Ministries** ensure Sunday services.
- ✧ **The Altar Guild** provides set up & clean up for Communion elements, candles, frontals, linens, and other items during any service that takes place in the church. The Altar Guild also cares for the church's vestments.
- ✧ **The Flower Guild** procures and arranges flowers for the High Altar in the Nave for Sunday services as well as feast and fast days.
- ✧ **Parish vergers** assist clergy before and during a service so clergy can attend to pastoral and liturgical concerns. At the clergy's behest, the vergers assist in helping plan large services and coordinate those serving in those services.
- ✧ **Eucharistic Ministers & Lay Readers** enrich and support the service during eucharist and the readings. During our Zoom services, frequently children have been the readers.
- ✧ **Acolytes** Assist primarily during the 10am Sunday service.





## **Building** *Partners*

Many churches today are looking for innovative ways to partner with the community and stay sustainable and relevant in today's world. Christ Church partners with Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation (LOPR) to share our building space because they focus on building a strong community through health and wellness.



# Our *Building*

Christ Church is located in downtown Lake Oswego at the corner of Chandler Road and Tenth Street. The building is situated on approximately 2.2 landscaped acres in an established residential area with many large native trees.

The Nave and balcony of the Church seat over 350 people. The Nave's interior is typical northwestern construction with open-beam ceilings, paneled walls, and symbolic stained glass windows on each side and over the sanctuary. The Christ Church organ is a three-manual combination Casavant (1969) and Walker (2004) organ. The choir is located behind the altar and in front of the organ. St. Joseph's Memorial Chapel is connected to the Chancel of the sanctuary.

Cummins Hall adjacent to the Narthex. is equipped with a sound system and video screen. It has versatile seating, with moveable tables and chairs. It is connected to a professional kitchen with commercial grade appliances. The lower level includes offices for all of the clergy and staff, a large conference room, and a work room. There is also a small meeting room (Guild Room) off the Narthex.

The Sunday school wing is a two-story structure that includes Canterbury Chapel, which seats approximately 100 people, multiple Sunday school classrooms, the church nursery, and rooms for the resident Preschool. This space was renovated in 2022.

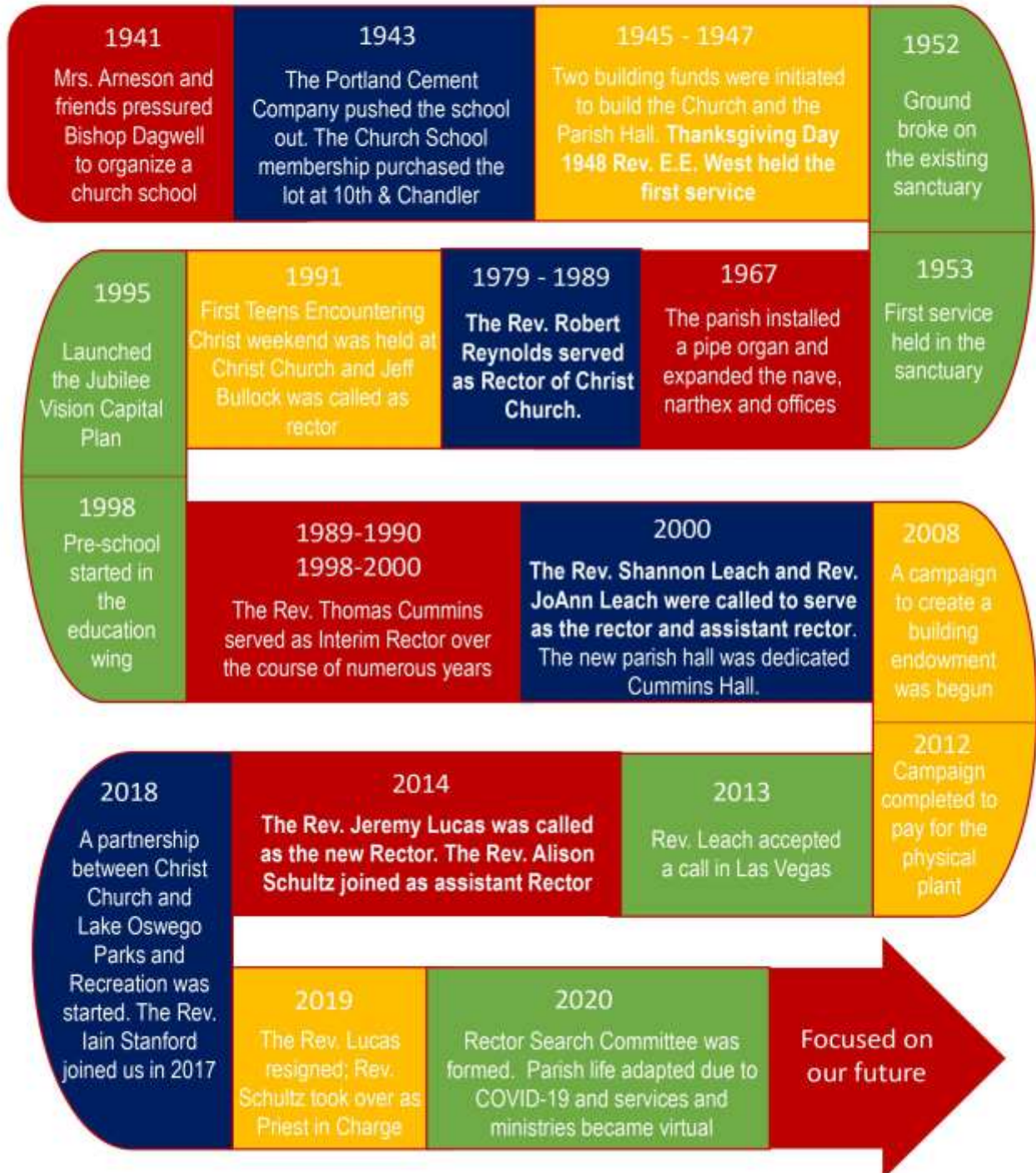
There is an enclosed playground surrounded on three sides by church buildings, with multiple play structures.

The Memorial Garden has a small fountain, 400 wall niches and 648 garden plots, of which approximately 215 wall niches and 577 garden plots remain available.



# Our History

## Our Beginning





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