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Join us in the service
of Christ in the
Flathead Valley

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HELLO!

... and welcome. We're thrilled and grateful that you've found and are considering joining us at Christ Church, Kalispell! Christ Church Episcopal (CCE) is excited and eager to learn about you and explore the opportunity of working together. There are so many changes currently going on all over the world and here at home too. CCE is a spirited community, always open to the challenges set before us. We are looking for an energetic and dynamic leader to accompany us into the future.

If you are not familiar with Montana, you are in for a real treat! The Flathead Valley is tucked into the mountains, 30 miles from Glacier National Park. We tick most of the boxes for the outdoor enthusiast—hiking, biking, skiing, and hunting, etc. We are a short drive from Flathead Lake, the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi, great for boating, fishing, kayaking and more!

Check out our profile, we are looking forward to sharing all the great things in the Flathead, the only thing that's missing is you!

Colby Wood, *CCE Search Committee Chair*



WHO WE ARE

Worship

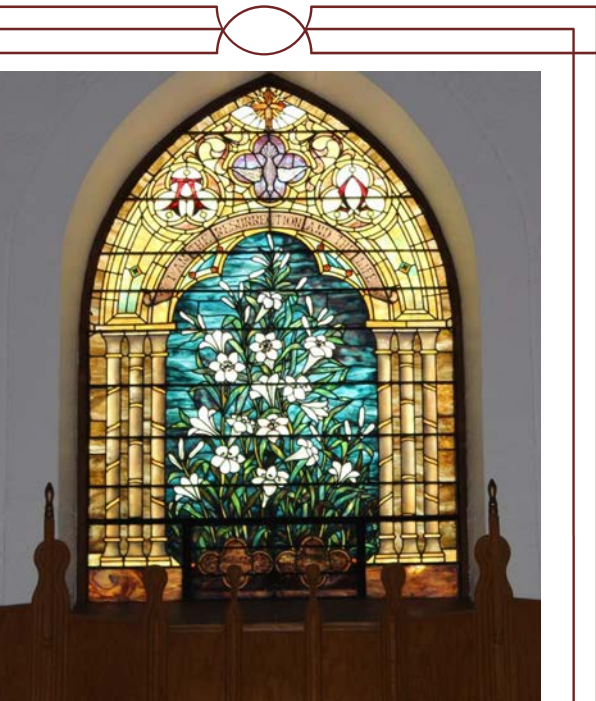
Our worship style is traditional, yet flexible. We deeply value well-prepared prayer book services, but we've been known to shake it up a bit too.

Formation

We are committed to Christian formation and education for all ages, offering ministries in the form of retreats, bible studies, Godly Play, and youth group.

Outreach

As a charter member and host site for our region's seasonal homeless shelter, we value service to our community. This includes church-organized service through the Red Door Pantry and partnership with the St. Nicholas School in the mountain region of Haiti, as well as aiding local programs that work, like the Sparrow's Nest and Feeding the Flathead.



OUR MINISTRIES

Music

Our worship is made more complete and beautiful through the excellent ministry of our choir and music team.

Pre-pandemic, we offered Nightcap for the Soul, a bi-monthly contemplative Compline service featuring polyphonic music. This offering was known to attract 75 people, most of whom were new to the Episcopal Church.



Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild is the best, bar none! Thorough, collaborative, and knowledgeable, this team equips clergy and parishioners to worship God in the beauty of holiness.



Community Garden

Our courtyard houses four large raised beds in which grow squashes, tomatoes, beans, peas, cucumbers, pumpkins, and eggplants. This ministry is inclusive of all ages, and provides to anybody walking or driving by the church.



OUR YOUTH

Godly Play

During worship, our youngest parishioners hear the Gospel through in Godly Play.



Currently, we have 4 trained instructors and average 6 students per Sunday.

Youth Group

We have the most vibrant youth group in the Diocese, which meets weekly under the leadership of Janelle Willett, who ardently proclaims God's love for all God's children through

games, theological reflection and adventures.



A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Flathead Warming Shelter

Christ Church is proud to have been the first home to the Flathead Warming Shelter, and continues to partner with organizers to ensure safe and warm lodging for all during the coldest months.



The Red Door Food Pantry

The Red Door began 10 years ago as a no barrier food pantry, providing simple, shelf-stable foods for all in need.



Camp Marshall

Our diocesan camp sits just 42 miles "down the lake" from CCE (just around the corner by Montana standards). This proximity has allowed for a fruitful and collaborative partnership.



K A L I S P E L L - M O N T A N A

Come grow with us!

Our small city has grown 25% in the last decade, as people migrate from urban areas and seek out places of beauty to work remotely. This comes with some real growing pains and some opportunities.

We seek to grow and engage in significant ministry that makes us indispensable for the health and welfare of the Flathead Valley.

Kalispell is the regional hub of Northwestern Montana. As such, we house a 288-bed research hospital, the Montana Children's Hospital, many shopping options, a community college, and an international airport.

Additionally, we boast the launch point for Glacier National Park and all the eco-adventure you could ask for. If culture is more your bag, there's always the Hockaday Museum of Art, the NW Montana History Museum, the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, and a historic downtown district.



THE CROWN OF THE CONTINENT LIFESTYLE

With Glacier National Park just up the road, life is grand!

What can you do way up here?

Take a day trip to Canada

Boat on Flathead Lake

Kayak Lake McDonald

Golf at one of our 6 local courses

Ski Big Mountain or Blacktail

Check out the Rodeo

Hike 700+ miles of trails in Glacier National Park

Fish the North Fork

Discover the Hockaday Art Museum

Whitewater raft down the Flathead River

Bike Going-to-the-Sun Road

Find a new favorite brew at one of 15 area breweries

Enjoy the Glacier Symphony

Indulge in a huckleberry bear claw at the Polebridge Mercantile

Explore the art scene in Bigfork

Learn what skjoring is at the Whitefish Winter Carnival

Did you know...

Glacier International Airport serves 8 major airlines, with 16 direct destinations.

The Flathead Valley is a fertile and productive agricultural hub in Montana. With plentiful area farmers, ranchers, and artisan food creators, it's surprisingly easy to eat well and eat local.

OUR NEXT RECTOR

"... is a creative traditionalist,"

"... will walk beside us,"

"... nurtures and utilizes our gifts,"

"... takes delight in Jesus Christ,"

"... has been called 'compassionate,
open-minded, and energetic,'"

"... and desires to expand our community."





ARE YOU OUR NEXT RECTOR?

If you'd like to continue discernment with us,
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