



A community of faith seeking spiritual renewal and deeper discipleship in the heart of Wyoming



Parish Profile

2026

A Letter of Invitation

Christ Episcopal Church in Cody, Wyoming, stands at an important point in our journey. We are a congregation with deep roots in our community, a proud tradition of service and worship, and a genuine hunger to deepen our faith.

We seek a rector who will walk alongside us, challenge us, and guide us toward renewed spiritual growth. Our congregation has spoken clearly through a recent parish-wide survey: we yearn for worship that challenges us, leadership that models discipleship, and guidance in taking the next steps in our walk with God.

We offer a community full of warmth and service, and we are eager for a leader who will help us embrace our call to love God and neighbor more fully.



Our Call

A congregation ready for spiritual growth, seeking a rector to guide us more deeply into faith and discipleship.

About Cody, Wyoming



Community Size

10,400 residents nestled near Yellowstone National Park's East Entrance and the Shoshone National Forest.

Outdoor Paradise

Unmatched access to hiking, cycling, fishing, hunting, skiing, rafting, and the legendary Cody Stampede Rodeo

Essential Services

Full-service hospital, Search and Rescue, K-12 school system, and mix of local shops and restaurants

The town is large enough to provide essential services, including Cody Regional Health (a full-service hospital that attracts top medical professionals), three elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and an alternative high school. Cody also supports a mix of locally owned shops, restaurants, and small businesses alongside larger retailers. Yellowstone Regional Airport is located in Cody and serves all of northwest Wyoming.

Cody has a vibrant cultural community including several museums, public library, recreation center with an indoor ice rink, local community theaters, as well as a variety of lively music venues.

The community is friendly, safe, and family-oriented. Billings, Montana, is 90 minutes away, offering expanded medical and cultural resources and additional air service. Cody is known for its Western heritage, welcoming atmosphere, and quality of life. Our parish reflects that character: independent, resilient, and deeply connected to the land and to each other.

Our Church and History



Christ Episcopal Church has been a spiritual home in Cody for more than a century. Our campus reflects our rich heritage and commitment to worship:



The Main Church

Where most Sunday services are held, supported by a vocal choir, bell choir, and pipe organ, serving as the heart of our worship life.



The 'Poker Church'

A smaller, historic chapel often used for seasonal Taizé services, offering intimate worship experiences.



Wayfarers Chapel

Located along the stunning Northfork Highway, Wayfarers offers outdoor worship during the summer months and welcomes all travelers.



Memorial Garden

A landscaped space for prayer and reflection that provides interment for parishioners and their families.

Over the years, our parish has been known for strong community involvement, innovative ministries, and a spirit of hospitality.

Worship Life



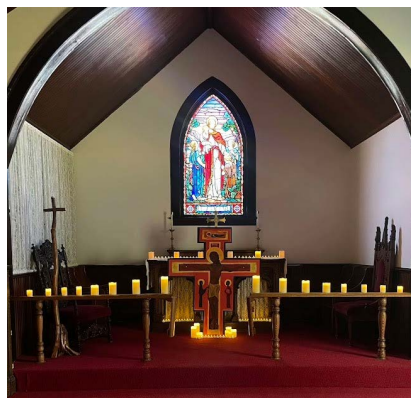
Our worship is rooted in the Book of Common Prayer and enriched by music, scripture, and sacrament. Throughout the year, variations in the service occur and special programming often is added, such as our Recovery Eucharist, Holy Eucharist for the Prevention of Suicide, and Season of Creation.

Sunday Services

Traditional worship with choir and organ music, grounded in Episcopal tradition

Seasonal Taizé Services

Contemplative worship in our historic Poker Church



Weekly Healing Services

Tuesday services focused on prayer and healing ministry

Assisted Living Eucharist Services

Bimonthly services held at the local assisted living facility

Survey Findings

Many parishioners expressed gratitude for the variety of worship opportunities. At the same time, they voiced a desire for worship that is **more challenging, thought-provoking, and spiritually engaging**. A new rector will find both a strong worship tradition and a congregation eager to go deeper.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

We care for one another and for the wider community through comprehensive pastoral ministries:



Care Ministries

- Eucharistic ministry to homebound parishioners, nursing homes, and hospice
- Pastoral counseling by clergy
- Support for recovery ministries

Survey Findings

While members value community and care, they expressed a desire for leaders who not only provide support but also **model spiritual growth and help parishioners take next steps in discipleship.**

Fellowship Opportunities

- Coffee hour and church suppers
- Community picnics
- Small group gatherings



Outreach and Service



Service is a defining strength of Christ Church, reflecting our commitment to loving our neighbors:

Bargain Box Thrift Store

Through the Mission Committee, Bargain Box proceeds provide scholarships and support local nonprofits, creating sustainable community impact

Food 4 Kids

Providing weekend food for children in need, partnering with First Presbyterian Church

Community Partnerships

Hosting Narcotics Anonymous, community choirs, preschool and interfaith projects



✔ Survey Findings

Parishioners strongly support service and outreach, but they want **clearer connections between service and faith**. Opportunities exist to more intentionally link outreach with discipleship and scripture.

Music Ministry

Music is a vital part of our identity, enriching worship and connecting us to the wider community.



Vocal Choir

Our dedicated choir sings most Sundays during the school year, bringing beauty and reverence to our liturgy.



Bell Choir

Popular with both parishioners and community members, performing during holidays and special services.



Historic Pipe Organ

Our Moller 10291 pipe organ, enriched over the years, supports congregational worship with majestic sound.

Music brings life to our liturgy and extends our reach into the wider community, creating bridges between sacred and secular spaces.

Youth & Spiritual Education



Education for Ministry (EFM)

Comprehensive adult formation program fostering theological knowledge and reflection



Ecumenical Youth Groups

Participation in community-wide youth ministries building interfaith connections



High School Pilgrimages

Including biennial trips to the Taizé community in France for transformative experiences



Christian Education & Youth Groups

Year-round opportunities for learning and spiritual growth across all ages

Rite 13, J2A, 4Ward as well as well as Godly Play meet during the school year



Our long-term challenge is nurturing and retaining children, youth, and young families. This is a priority for our future.

The Voice of the Congregation: Survey Results

The RenewalWorks Spiritual Life Inventory revealed both strengths and challenges.

Strengths

- Strong commitment to prayer, especially intercessory prayer
- Service to those in need is highly valued
- High hunger for spiritual growth – members want to go deeper in faith



Opportunity

The survey made clear: our people are not complacent. They are eager for a rector who will inspire, challenge, and guide them. Bold, church-wide initiatives – such as **Bible engagement, Morning and Evening Prayer, and teaching about the Eucharist** – would be welcomed.

Challenges

- Increasing church's role in spiritual growth
- Identifying pathway for spiritual growth or next steps
- Providing increased challenging and thought-provoking worship
- Encouraging scripture engagement outside worship
- Generational renewal concerns



Strengths of the Parish



Worship Tradition

Strong worship tradition in multiple settings, from traditional services to contemplative Taizé

Community Presence

Active outreach and strong community presence through service ministries

Music Program

Enriches worship and connects us to the wider community through choir and bells

Financial Stewardship

Responsible financial management of the church and its endowment that supports our ministries and mission

Welcoming Spirit

A warm, friendly, and welcoming congregation that embraces newcomers

Wyoming Service Corps Success

The church had four years of successful engagement with Episcopal Service Corps, bringing vitality and new leadership to the church

Challenges of the Parish



Worship Depth

Desire for worship that is deeper and more engaging, moving beyond comfortable familiarity



Discipleship Pathways

Improving discipleship pathways for spiritual growth and next steps in faith



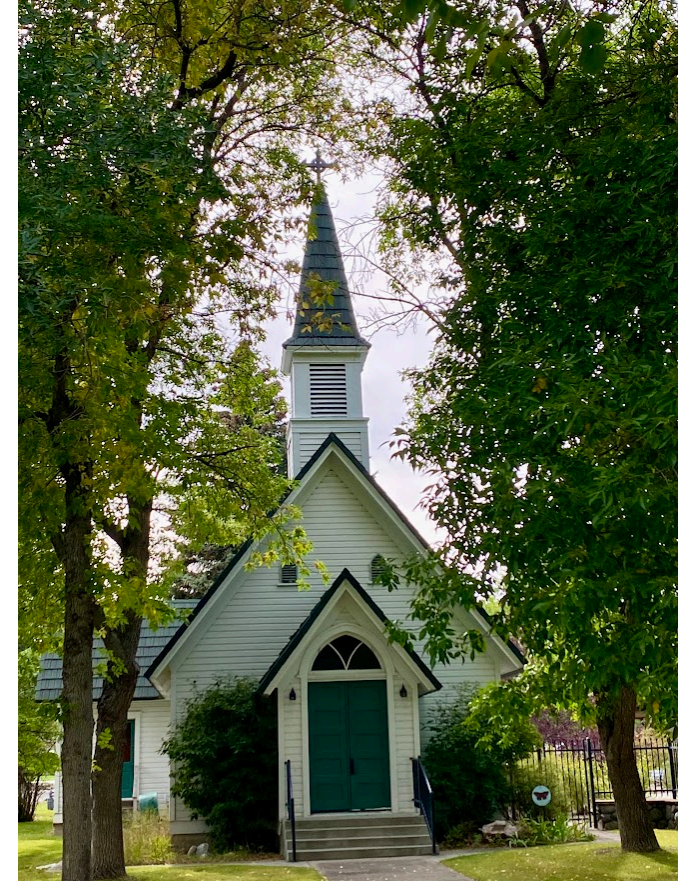
Generational Renewal

Growing an inter-generational congregation



Post-COVID Stability

Restoring and renewing attendance and stewardship in the aftermath of pandemic disruption.



Our Hopes for a Rector

We seek a rector who will serve as our spiritual leader and guide us into deeper discipleship:

Chief Spiritual Officer

Modeling discipleship and leading us deeper into our faith through personal example and teaching

Inspiring Preacher

Preaching with depth and conviction, inspiring us to grow in our relationship with God

Intergenerational Nurturer

Nurturing children, youth, families, and seniors as essential to our future vitality

Community Builder

Building community with warmth, authenticity, and vision for our shared future

Leader Developer

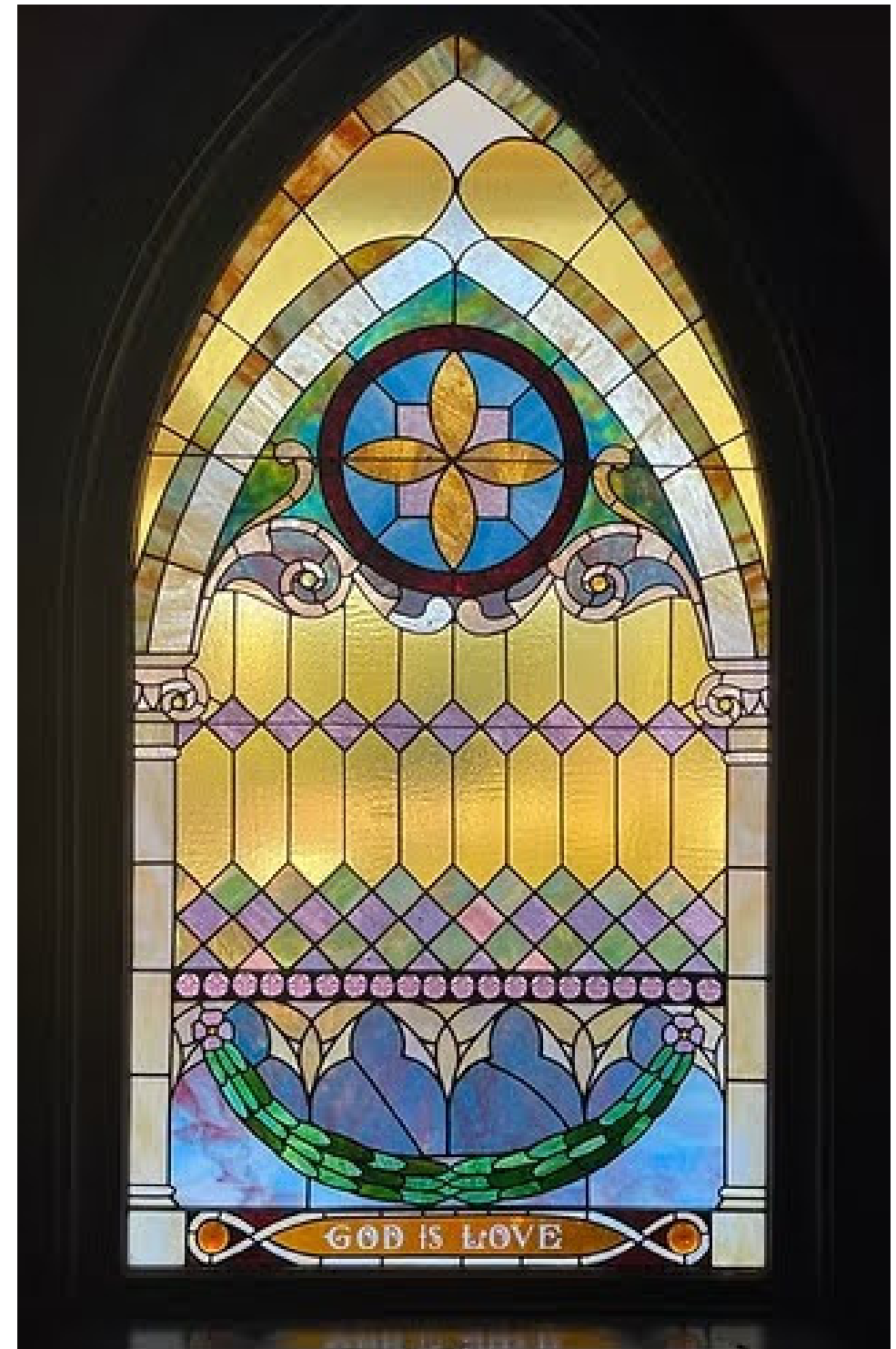
Equipping lay leaders and empowering ministry throughout the congregation

Ministry Connector

Strengthening connections between service, scripture, and discipleship

Growth Facilitator

Helping us embrace both our strengths and our opportunities for growth



Conclusion

Christ Episcopal Church is a parish full of heart

Committed to service, grounded in tradition, and eager for renewal

Our survey results reveal both honesty and hope — parishioners are hungry for more, ready to be challenged, and open to bold leadership. We are not a congregation content with the status quo, but rather a community yearning to grow deeper in our faith and more intentional in our discipleship.

We pray for a rector who will join us in this journey, weaving together our love of God, our love of neighbor, and our deep desire to grow in Christ. Together, we can build upon our strong foundation while embracing the transformative work God is calling us to do.

Come and see what God is doing in Cody, Wyoming.



Our Prayer

For a rector who will walk alongside us, challenge us, and guide us toward renewed spiritual growth in the beautiful community of Cody, Wyoming.