

Who We Are

We are a community of Christians seeking to deepen and grow in our relationship with God, through our life together in the Spirit and our care for the world in Christ's name. The Church of the Holy Spirit is a mid-size Episcopal church serving Wayland and its surrounding MetroWest communities. Our church building is set amidst the rural beauty of woodland on picturesque Rice Rd. in Wayland, between Rt. 30 and Old Connecticut Path.

We are a parish of about 100 families, many of whom have come to the Episcopal Church from a broad range of backgrounds. We are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, which includes eastern Massachusetts westward almost to Worcester. Our parish has been incorporated in Wayland since 1961.

About the Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church in the United States of America is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of churches with ties to the Church of England. We are a catholic, liturgical church influenced as well by Protestant, reformed traditions. We uphold the

ministry of all baptized Christians, and have three orders of ordained ministry: bishops, priests, and deacons. Our name, "Episcopal," indicates that we are a church "overseen" by bishops.

Our principal service of worship on Sunday is the Holy Eucharist (Communion), and all baptized Christians of any age or background are welcome to receive Communion in our church. Our worship comes from our prayer book, the Book of Common Prayer.

More about us, The Church of the Holy Spirit

Our parish is led by our Rector (a priest), and by an elected group of laypersons called the Vestry. Our two Wardens are the elected lay leaders of the parish. The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry meet monthly to guide the parish's ministry. We are also served by two staff persons: our Organist/Choir Director and our Parish Administrator.

Worship, education, and outreach are very important to us; they are the principal foci of what we do, our ministry. Through them, we work to bring God's love and hope to others.

We offer creative worship with excellent music throughout the year, and for holy days and special seasons. Our adult choir is all-volunteer. Children are always welcome in our worship, and frequently participate when they are not otherwise engaged in Sunday School. Our church's beautiful setting lends itself as a natural place of spiritual sanctuary. From here we are sent out week by week to serve Christ in the world.

We offer Sunday School for grades pre-K through 5 September through June. Childcare for very young children is also provided during this time. Older children assist in worship, help with other Sunday ministries, participate in outreach activities, and meet for discussion and occasional fellowship events.

Adult Christian education is offered throughout the year on various Sunday mornings after Coffee Hour and during the week. We have classes on the basics of Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, Bible study, theological reflection groups, and occasional programs on a wide variety of topics.

Through our parish's ministries we seek to reach out to people in need locally and around the world. We strive to be

a caring community, responsive both to each other and to the world. We serve meals at a soup kitchen in Boston, knit baby blankets for infants in hospitals, contribute to the Episcopal Church's international relief agency (the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund), provide summer camp scholarships for children in need, and host Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, to name a few.

Our Ministry, and Our Invitation to You

Our ministry in the Church of the Holy Spirit is summarized by our Mission Statement, which says:

"The mission of the Church of the Holy Spirit is to offer a community of God to people in Wayland and MetroWest. Through creative worship, engaging Christian education, and outreach to those in need we invite others into a deeper relationship with God as known through Jesus Christ and lived in the Holy Spirit. The natural setting of our sanctuary in the woods inspires us to embrace God's call to be stewards of all God's gifts, the world and all that fills it."

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday. Our service is at 10:00 in the

morning, when Sunday School also begins. We will welcome you warmly, and be eager to know more about you and how we might serve you and those you love.

Please contact us by any of the ways listed below. We are on the Web too, and would also be happy to have you to visit there!

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more about us.*