

## **The Liturgy**

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at CHS at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. We generally use the Holy Eucharist, Rite II. In addition to the Sunday Eucharist, we also offer special services to mark High Holy Days throughout the year. Children are always welcome at all our services.

## **Order of Service**

The order of service is printed in the bulletin, which you will receive from an usher upon entering the church. The bulletin provides an easy way to follow the service. Portions of the liturgy may also be found in the *Book of Common Prayer* (the red book with a cross on the front) in your pew.

## **The Music**

Music for our service may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* and the green paperback *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. Hymn numbers are listed in the bulletin and are posted on the two boards at either side of the church. During the school year, our excellent choir leads the hymns and psalms and offers special anthems.

## **Children's Programs**

Childcare is offered every Sunday from September through mid-June. The nursery is staffed from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. by a professional childcare provider

and is found on the lower level of the Parish Building.

For children ages 3 and up, we offer Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. most Sundays of the school year. All visiting children are invited to participate as well. Sunday School runs for about 45 minutes, and children then rejoin the congregation for Communion. When Sunday School is not offered, we often have a short children's sermon before the adults' sermon. Activity bags are also provided in the narthex for little ones.

If you need to tend to a small child during the service, you will find a bathroom with changing table through the double doors leading to the Parish Hall, and a small sitting room with a monitor to let caregivers follow the service while nursing. Parents should feel free to come and go during the service as needed.

## **Kneeling vs. Standing**

Where the *Book of Common Prayer* provides this options, the choice is left to you. Our wish is for you to feel at ease and continue your own tradition.

## **Prayers of the People**

We use the form of the Prayers of the People found in the *Book of Common Prayer*. There are appropriate places in the Prayers to offer special concerns and

thanksgivings aloud or in silence, as you choose.

## **The Peace**

We exchange the Peace throughout the congregation by word and gesture. It is appropriate to shake hands or exchange hugs with your neighbors and pass along a greeting such as, "The peace of the Lord be with you" or simply, "Peace."

### **The Offertory**

Plate and pledge offerings provide financial support for the ministry of this parish in the MetroWest area, the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the world. Your offering will be gratefully received.

### **Communion**

At the time of Communion all baptized Christians, *of any age or background*, are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Children are welcome to receive Communion as early as their parents wish. Anyone not taking Communion may receive a blessing.

### **Coffee Hour**

Please join us for refreshments and conversation immediately following the service. Coffee Hour is held in the Parish Hall, through the double doors on the left side of the sanctuary. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself if we haven't greeted you first!

### **Visitors' Book**

We invite you to sign our Visitors' Book in the narthex. This helps us make sure we have greeted all visitors and provided them an opportunity to learn about our parish. Please tell us how to contact you, and let us know of any questions you may have.

### **To Learn More**

If you have questions about the Episcopal service at CHS, please speak to our rector, or contact us at 508-358-7397 or [CHSWayland@aol.com](mailto:CHSWayland@aol.com). Please also visit our website, [www.CHSWayland.org](http://www.CHSWayland.org).

# **The Church of the Holy Spirit**

## **Wayland, MA**

# **A Guide to Our Service of Worship**

*The Church of the Holy Spirit (CHS) is an Episcopal parish serving approximately 100 families in Wayland and other MetroWest communities. Our members come from a variety of faith traditions, including Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and a broad range of Protestant denominations.*

*We invite you to use this booklet to become familiar with the Episcopal service of worship at CHS.*