



Office for  
Transition  
Ministry

# Ministry Portfolio

*Full Portfolio (last updated May 24, 2022)*

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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, North Carolina

303 Eastchester Drive, High Point , NC 27262, United States

Contact:

### Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time)

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Weekly Average Sunday  
Attendance (ASA)

**34**

Number of Weekend  
Worship Services

**1**

Number of Weekday  
Worship Services

Number of Other per Month  
Worship Services

Current Annual  
Compensation

Cash Stipend

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for  
New Position

**\$16363**

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with  
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options

Dental

Housing Equity Allowance in  
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks  
**2 (standard)**

Continuing Education Weeks  
Details

Continuing Education  
Funding in budget

Sabbatical Provision

Travel/Auto Account

Other Professional Account

*This is currently a 1/4 time position*

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

During past 2 years of the pandemic and lockdowns, St. Christopher's has never stopped reaching out to our congregation and others. Whether it was worship outside or on Facebook Live. We also made good use of the grant given by the Diocese to upgrade and develop our ability to provide online worship to the community and beyond. Throughout this we have come through and regathered our congregation inside the church and still provide the online opportunities.

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How are your preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

Providing online streaming of our weekly church services. These videos are also posted on our YouTube channel. We are also living into our budget and trying not to use our savings account. We have many talents in our church and use them as much as possible so as not to incur needless spending.

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Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

gentle leader, love God and his people, share ideas

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Our worship is traditional in style. We use Rite 2 for Holy Eucharist and hymns tend to fit the church season. All hymns are from the hymn book, with only a few exceptions. While having a relaxed atmosphere, we still practice Episcopal traditions. Prior to the pandemic we also had a contemporary at 5pm on Sundays. This included praise music with guitar and keyboard. Since regathering in person the congregation from that service has combined back to the 10am. This blending has gone smoothly, as we are all very happy to be worshipping again in person again.

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How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Some are Lay Readers, Lectors and others are LEMs assisting during the service. We have a very active and faithful Altar Guild. Our outreach programs included Angel Tree, Shepherd for Lambs, Open Door Ministry dinners for the homeless, and others. Once established at St. Christopher's newcomers are made aware of opportunities to share in these ministries as they feel led. We are also open to new ministries suggested by newcomers. A good example would be a prayer blog by one who had attended St. Christopher for a while. Small groups would bring meals to those that are homebound while recovering from an illness. Another group that provides transportation to Sunday service. Others will transport someone to doctor visits. At one time volunteers took a list of 5 parishioners and called weekly to catch up. We try to have volunteer ministers who will do pastoral visits if needed. We have involved many of our community and our projects are seasonal as well as yearlong.

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As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

Ours is a small group, currently. As such we are in contact with each other often and offer help and comfort whenever needed.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

N/A

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Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

N/A

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Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

One of the local elementary schools has the highest percentage of Free-Lunch students in all of Guilford County. We provided supplemental food for Homeless families at the end of the school year so that the students have something to eat when school meals become limited. We also work with the Guidance Counselor to provide turkey dinners for ten families. Food and cash donations came from the congregation not from our budget. As a pleasant surprise the donations were double what was required so we able to also provide Christmas dinners as well. We have also gone to work on school supply drives for them as well. This program, Cheferds for Lambs, began as the summer feeding only, but the need is so great, more opportunities presented themselves. Jean Lauten is the contact person for this ministry.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Financially, we run a stewardship campaign every fall. We also emphasize the need for time and talents to support the church. Occasionally we have special offerings to support specific projects and the response is usually very good.

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What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We are blessed to not have had any serious conflicts in years. Conflicts that have occurred were resolved in one of three manners: (a) an individual may have decided to attend a different church (note: some of those individuals have come back to St. Christopher's within the past year]; (b) issues are brought to the Vestry for resolution; and (c) discussions occur between members to air and resolve their issues (sometimes with the assistance of a trusted member of the Parish).

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What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

St. Christopher's is usually willing to be accepting and flexible to change, if the change is for a good reason and not just for the sake of change. We are a welcoming and loving group and that sustains us through every day. But we have not made any radical changes during this time beginning 2021.

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Prior Incumbents

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*We are a small congregation, like many these days, comprised of a mature congregation with no school age children. We are limited in funding and will be able to afford a 1/4 time priest at this time. At the same time, we must remain flexible and are trusting that the Lord is sending us the proper person at the proper time. St. Christopher's is open to as many possibilities as may be available. Our membership has held steady with slight growth since we have regathered for in-person services.*

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://st-christopher.org/>

Media Links:

> <https://www.facebook.com/st.christophers>

Online References:

Languages Significantly Represented:

Provide Worship or Classes in:

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### References

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Current Warden/Board Chair

**David Routt**

Previous Warden/Board Chair

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