



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Feb 5, 2026)

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Chicago

342 E. Wood St., Palatine, IL 60067, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 03/31/26.

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Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
46	1	1	
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
	\$56232		
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$56232		We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Negotiable	Yes		
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
One month, including 5 Sundays (standard)		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$501-\$1000/year	Yes	Yes	No

Position is 3/4 time; SECA included in cash compensation

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

There have been several fulfilling moments in our church, but one recent event that stands out was our Pet Blessing in October. We set up chairs on the front lawn, and a reception for people and their pets was held in the parish garden with lots of treats. Unexpectedly, some visitors were even moved to make donations to AniMeals, a Chicago-based rescue animal charity. We are actively looking for ways to make our church more accessible to our neighbors, and the popularity of the event and the attraction of the youth and local community were an important reminder of how even small events make a big impact.

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

We are becoming more proficient with technology and are looking to use it to enhance our mission and ministry, such as by streaming our services and events, updating our website, and using social media. In addition, we wish to provide a space for everyone to grow spiritually and emotionally and to support each individual's well-being. This means we want to appeal not only to those who grew up in the Episcopal church, but to anyone seeking guidance, refuge, healing, and community. We are specifically looking for a forward-thinking and flexible priest to lead us to new possibilities and to help us meet those needs. We have prepared our church for growth in practical ways, by outfitting our building with an elevator and adding reserved parking spaces for those who need them, as well as refurbishing our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd rooms. We recognize that further preparation for the future will require us to avail our members of the current positions and missions of the Episcopal church and the Diocese of Chicago.

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

pastoral, flexible, communicative, engaged

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

We are Eucharistically-centered, with our liturgical norm being a full sung Eucharist each Sunday morning. In the past, we offered a lay-led Morning prayer service and we are prepared to offer this in the absence of a clergy member. We are comfortable with both Rite I and Rite II. We have, at times, celebrated a solemn Eucharist on greater feasts. Our services are family-friendly, and the Sunday Eucharist is always a place to welcome the praises and cries of our parish children. Children participate in the peace, in the Communion (where they often receive a blessing for a truck or other beloved toy), and in special services (for example, bringing up items of the Creche at Christmas).

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Because we are a small, intimate congregation, we know each other's gifts and interests very well. We often recommend others to ministry positions through personal invitation, with consultation and approval by the Rector.

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

All of our fellowship programs, such as Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Green Thumbs, and Tai Chi, naturally support spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being and growth because they are community gatherings. We have also offered special talks and meetings for our church and community members on topics varying from health to cybersecurity. Providing support to our members is so integral to our identity that even during COVID we participated in celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries with car parades.

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

We believe that even informal events can become opportunities for care and connection. For example, during our town's Independence Day celebration, we offer our parking lot for a "Park and Prayer", in which people can request a prayer for a loved one. Additionally, we offer a Pet Blessing for all local community members, which is an opportunity to connect with our church. We have a Book of Intentions in which parishioners can write the names of people who are in need of prayer. Our doors are always open, but we have specifically invited community members to special services, such as Evensongs.

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

We have members who participate in the Antiracism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, as well as members who participate in the National Episcopal Church Women, and members who are delegates to the Diocesan Convention of Chicago. Our Mission and Outreach programs serve the local geographical region through our Angel Tree Project (Christmas gifts), Apple Tree Project (school supplies), Thanksgiving Project, and Feed My Starving Children. We also have a committee that oversees the distribution of charitable funds each year.

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

Our parishioners are hungry for more adult spiritual formation opportunities, and we have recently begun to offer two separate formation programs. One is Spiritual Awareness, which is a monthly gathering guided by our Deacon Dan Hughes. The other is Real Talk Theology (Theology on Tap), which is a bi-monthly dinner and discussion for 20 and 30 year olds guided by our supply priest, Father John Heschle. We hope to continue these programs, as well as offer others in the future.

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

We currently practice a traditional annual Fall Stewardship Campaign. Our parishioners have always been very generous with their yearly pledges, but we are looking to expand stewardship awareness and opportunities throughout the year.

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

We experienced conflict amongst our parishioners leading up to the departure of our previous Rector. We remain a strong and loving community, but we recognize that we are still in need of healing, and more direct conversations need to be had. One significant step that we have taken to address this conflict was when a member of the Bishop's staff and our supply priest, Father Heschle, offered a Communal Reconciliation Service last July. We seek a Rector who can guide and support us in navigating conflict in a healthy and productive manner, and to continue our community's process of reconciliation and finding a "middle way".

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?

While our CAT survey indicated that change in general can be challenging, our members welcome changes in our Liturgy, such as new music. Post Covid, we transitioned from two Sunday services to one Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am. This was an adjustment for many but generally successful.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. John Heschle	Supply	2023-01	2025-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Jim Stanley	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2017-01	2022-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. James Swarthout	Supply	2015-01	2017-01

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	2	3

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
		1	10

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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Media Links:
> <https://episcopalchicago.org>

Online References:
> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cdpPrrj6vg>

Languages Significantly Represented:
English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

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