

PARISH PROFILE

At Church of the Incarnation, we welcome all to join in the beauty of timeless ritual, seek Christian connection, and share God's abundance.





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Church of the Incarnation Episcopal · Great Falls, MT

Sunday 10am Wednesday 12pm Communion offered at both services

OUR TIMELESS RITUAL

At Church of Incarnation, we invite you to join us for worship, service, and fellowship.

Our liturgical style is flexible and of moderate formality, with an aim to spark joy and refection. We are devoted to worship and seek to study and practice the teachings of Jesus through our Sunday and Wednesday services, Bible study, active Fellowship and community involvement.

Currently, Rite II is practiced on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 12 p.m. Everyone is invited to receive the Eucharist during each service, at the altar, and at the level of our pews for those who cannot manage the stairs to the altar. Our committed parishioners serve as lay readers, ushers, altar guild, and acolytes. The worship services make good use of the Book of Common Prayer and the book "Enriching our Worship."

Sunday's bulletins have most of the day's readings printed in them for ease of reference. Bells are used during the Eucharist. Organ, piano and, on occasion, other instruments enhance our hymns. Our newly restored carillon bells ring as a call to worship and the service is followed by a short musical recital.

Hearing devices are provided for those who need them and the services are available via Zoom. The church, parish hall, grounds and parking lot have provisions for wheelchair use.

OUR CONGREGATION

We observe the teachings of Jesus Christ and use the unique and personal spiritual gifts we have received to demonstrate His love. Our emphasis is on strengthening and deepening relations with Jesus Christ. We participate in faithful worship and formation, which includes weekly Bible Study, Formation following Fellowship, and we review and embrace our baptismal covenant.

We give newcomers time to get comfortable in our community and we get to know them in order to match their gifts with parish needs.

There are multiple opportunities for parishioners to use their individual gifts such as leadership, Altar Guild, decorating, grounds helpers, choir, shopping for supplies, memorial services and receptions, website updates. **Personal** invitations to get involved are found to be effective. Opportunities are shared at Sunday announcements and in our monthly newsletter, but people are more inclined to step up from a personal invitation or request.

We keep our homebound parishioners connected and spiritually nourished with regular visits from our pastoral visiting team. Many members are certified by our bishop as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Elected church members serve on the vestry and lay congregational members are lectors, intercessors and worship leaders.

We are committed to stewardship and as a spiritual discipline, strive to grow awareness of its year round importance. We have seen significant increases in donation of time, talent, and treasure in the past three years, leading to our ability to call a full-time rector and a sense of support, optimism and prayerfulness.

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The healing/laying on of hands is spirit-filled and deeply meaningful. Many find it nourishing spiritually, emotionally and physically... It adds another dimension to the Wednesday service.





FISH is a vibrant outreach coalition with local churches. It directly serves those experiencing food scarcity in our community.







OUR OUTREACH



Social Concerns Committee

This ministry team plans to sponsor a monthly community speaker series to increase knowledge of community strengths and challenges doors.



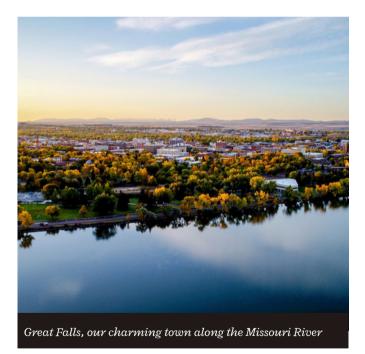
We open our doors and floors to local community groups such as Al-Anon, Girl Scouts, Great Falls Rising, and a music studio.

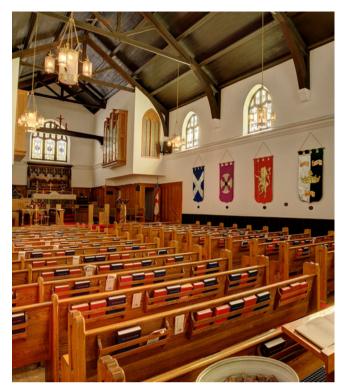
OUR SPACE

Our historic, well-maintained church and parish hall are in the heart of downtown Great Falls and feature (in addition to the sanctuary) an auditorium, office spaces and classrooms, ample parking, and a large courtyard for events. Girl Scouts, Al-Anon, and a local guitar teacher currently use our facility. Two forums on homelessness in collaboration with a civic organization drew between 75 and 90 attendees. Conversations with a childcare provider and a

Gamblers' anonymous group, both huge needs in our community, are underway.

Our call is to respond to the needs of a world that is increasingly loud, divided, and secular. We have a beautiful and holy space to share with those who long for spiritual respite from all the flash and noise of our culture.





OUR HOME

Great Falls is often referred to as Montana's basecamp as our city of just over 60,000 people is centrally located and home to an international airport. Nestled in between 4 mountain ranges, 3 rivers, 2 wilderness areas and 1 wildlife refuge, adventure is easily accessible in every direction.

Did we mention we're about halfway between Glacier National Park and Yellowstone National Park? Stretch your legs on the picturesque 53 miles of trail that runs along the famed Missouri River that goes right through town. Great Falls offers 11 museums and over 25 wall murals that make our downtown Montana's biggest art gallery.

We've got all 4 seasons here (some are just shorter than others). Spring is a secret, but worth the wait! Summer is phenomenal and has most everyone enjoying the epic rivers, lakes, and streams that dot our landscape. Fall? We're never sure when it will arrive or how long it will stick around, but you'll find us enjoying the great outdoors whether we're hiking, fishing, biking or hunting. Snow dreams are realized come winter in Central Montana! But don't let the cold weather deter you—we've got some of the best landscapes to enjoy the winter months.



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OUR COMMUNITY



