



Holy Spirit Anglican Church

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“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you, too, are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.” Eph. 2:21-22

INTRODUCTION

Holy Spirit Anglican Church, a parish in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes of the Anglican Church in North America, is seeking a new rector. We are sharing the following church profile with you to prayerfully consider as we introduce ourselves to you.

It is our firm belief that the Father is in charge of this process, having already selected our new shepherd. Our body is filled with Christ followers who have seen the life changing power of God’s love and trust in His guidance. We invite you to listen with us for Holy Spirit’s guiding voice of discernment. Know that we are praying for you. Where is He calling you to build?



WHO WE ARE

The family of Holy Spirit Anglican Church is just that, **family**. We believe that through Christ we have become members of Him and one another. We share our lives beyond Sunday mornings through small groups, intercession, outreach, ministering to one another and the community around us. We celebrate the rich life experiences and testimonies we all bring to Holy Spirit, coming together from varied walks of life. As a multi-ethnic urban congregation, we try to care for one another; we respect and value each member no matter their socioeconomic status, level of spiritual maturity, or age. Every person matters.



Holy Spirit Anglican was born out of a desire to see God change lives. Having experienced the transforming power of God's love, we desire to see others come to experience the same. We are a worshipping church exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit and built on the foundations laid by the Anglican church as expressed through the sacraments, strong Biblical doctrine, and the reality of a living Triune God. Worship is

foundational to all we do. We recognize that we are all in process and on a journey toward becoming like Jesus, and none of us have arrived yet.



MINISTRIES

The work and giftings of the Holy Spirit are welcome and embraced in the life of the church. Our lives bear testimony to the healing power of the cross. We serve a living God who still speaks, heals, and leads His people. Through lay ministry we reach into our local neighborhood with the love of Christ sharing meals, prayers and fellowship. We partner with Truly Reaching You (TRY) ministries to see men's lives rebuilt and reborn after incarceration.



Building on our rich history of transformative healing, we continue to walk beside people experiencing major transitions in life through mentoring, discipleship, counsel, and intimate fellowship. Our time in small groups, spiritual development programs, and one on one friendships move each of us to greater maturity.



As the Pro Cathedral for the Great Lakes Diocese, we are honored to host additional services for feast days and are live-streaming our Sunday services as well. In this changing world, our upgraded video and sound system allows

us to reach out via the internet.

All areas are undergirded by our intercessory team. This group of anointed prayer warriors meet to listen to the Holy Spirit and cover our staff and members.



OUR DIOCESE

Forward- *always forward*- speaks of the Anglican Church in North America. We, being the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes are blessed to be part of this momentum.



With the Ordination and Consecration of the Right Rev. Mark Engel as the third Bishop Ordinary of this Diocese since its inception in 2010, Holy Spirit Anglican Church in Akron, Ohio is humbled to welcome the establishment of the pro-cathedral and new diocesan offices.

The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes continues to be a missional diocese. It has been and must remain our foremost concern to preach the gospel, evangelize the lost, and make disciples of Jesus Christ within the Great Lakes region and beyond.



To this end, we set our eyes directly forward, and our gaze straight before us in the love and saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

Believing that transparency will lead to better understanding between our rector and vestry/congregation, we share some of our peculiarities with you. Our congregation is comprised of people from widely varying socioeconomic levels and geographic locations.



Perhaps stemming from that, we experience a gap between our lay leadership and the uninvolved of the congregation. Discipleship development needs to become more of a focus. Though a worshipping body, we do not currently have a full-time worship minister. We also seek ways to include more young families with youth. Our current rector has had a long tenure with us and is well-loved. Though we see these areas as potential challenges, they are also areas that could result in monumental growth.

OUR STAFF



PAID STAFF

dean of pro cathedral/rector
1 deacon/administrator, part-time
2 assisting priests, part-time



KEY VOLUNTEER POSITION

2 vocational deacons
senior warden
junior warden
treasurer
vestry



OUR NEW RECTOR (DEAN)

A godly leader has committed himself to the Lord and seeks Him first, trusting that He will direct his steps. God has ordained shepherds among His people to guide and serve them. The Rector (Dean) of Holy Spirit Anglican Church should aspire to be its leader and its shepherd, a parish priest of 5-7 years of experience preferred. Our rector should devote himself to prayer, alive with God's Spirit. This would be evidenced by his eagerness to care for those entrusted to him. We pray our new rector will grow along with us in "love for one another and all people." (I Thess. 3:12)

Preacher/Teacher

"Be filled with a passion to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures."
(Collect, Proper 28, BCP)

Possesses an anointing to impart the life-giving Word of God

Leadership

Position to transition from associate rector to dean/rector within a period of no longer than 6 months

Understands and submits to authority while standing in his own God-given authority

As a team builder is able to recognize and raise up new leaders

Able and willing to delegate responsibilities

Pastoral Qualities

Called to humbly shepherd individuals within our body as well as the neighborhood

Candidate to be personable and welcoming, a good listener and comfortable providing spiritual guidance and counsel to those experiencing brokenness.

Evangelism Leader

To follow Jesus' heart to seek and save that which was lost

Able to train or delegate others to train in relational evangelism and servanthood

Develops discipleship that calls people to their giftings and deploys them

Visionary

Possesses a familiarity with and a passion for inner-city ministry

Has a growing ability to discern culture and climate within the church and the surrounding community

Able to formulate future direction, experience with building campaigns and facility expansion helpful

Character Requirements

Like King David, must be a man after God's own heart (Sam 13:14)

Life displays the Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

Walks in humility and integrity (Phil 2:5-7)

OUR SPACE

Holy Spirit Anglican left the Episcopal Church in 2005 and consequently lost our building in the ensuing court battle. It is a testament to God's faithfulness and His purposes



through us that at this time we own a 12,000 square foot, largely renovated, handicap accessible property. Wiring, plumbing, flooring, paint, heating, and A/C have been addressed in the last couple years. The renovations for the new Diocesan offices on the second floor was recently completed. On the first floor are the administrative office, nursery, meeting room, and a dedicated sacristy. The sanctuary, which seats 130 comfortably, has

been remodeled, including new sound and streaming capabilities along with a sound booth. Our parking lot can handle approximately 85 cars. We have come a long way from our early days and believe that we are being prepared for more growth and regional influence as the Diocesan Center. We welcome God's plan for the growth of our facilities.

OUR COMMUNITY

The original vision of Harvey S. Firestone was to create a family friendly community where people could live in peace. Because of job outsourcing, Firestone Park has evolved to a



Vintage Akron 1947

community of 15,000 diverse residents living in primarily lower socioeconomic housing. The outer borders of Firestone Park continue to see more middle-class housing.



Akron Today

Akron is home to the Inventor's Hall of Fame, Akron

Rubber Ducks baseball, the Akron Zoo which houses over 1000 animals, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park system, and numerous and varied museums. The University of Akron brings culture and sporting events to the area. Go Zips!

With easy freeway access to State Route 77 and State Route 8, our building is minutes from many fine restaurants and storefronts .

Akron boasts excellent health care systems including Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Akron Children's Hospital, and Summa Health Systems, all are complete with assistance programs for those with financial needs. That care extends through parachurch organizations like Truly Reaching You, Rahab Ministries, YWAM Akron and Akron Pregnancy Services.



Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Chuckery Trail Loop Cascade Valley

Plans are in the works for attracting families to once popular areas of the community with new

local businesses and other amenities. The vision of Harvey Firestone is being revitalized as local government in partnership with churches and other organizations seek to enrich our community.

INQUIRY PROCESS

If the Lord is calling you to enter into our discernment process please contact us to discuss this position.

Alternatively, you may know someone you wish to recommend for this position.

What to Submit

- Resume outlining your experience and relevant qualifications.
- Written testimony and description of spiritual journey.
- Upon familiarizing yourself with Holy Spirit Anglican Church, describe ways your personal theology and experiences may be in alignment.
- References (3-5 references including previous supervisor/judiciary leader and subordinate/peer).

Submit these responses (in Word or PDF format) and inquire to:

Email: holyspiritsearch@gmail.com

If you have additional questions, you may contact:

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