

Rise Anglican Church in Portland, Maine – Rev. Dan and Carrie Wolf



Rise Anglican Church is inviting all people
to explore and follow Jesus

to bring life to the brokenness in ourselves, our city, and the world.

Portland, ME is the 2nd most post-Christian city in the USA. There are only 2 Anglican Churches in Maine. Rise Church reaches those who wouldn't call themselves Christians by giving them places to explore Jesus and experience community. Once they believe, they are disciplined and equipped to be sent out on mission to share Jesus with their friends and invite them into life in Christ.

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

- **Everyday life on mission.** All of our team members are trained in how to share their faith and live on mission in everyday life where they live, work, and play
- **Alpha.** Cultivating a culture of prayerful invitation and hospitality through hosting Fall and Spring Alpha Course at a local coffee shop
- **Discovery Bible Studies.** Multiplying simple, reproducible groups to give seekers a place to read about Jesus in the Bible and ask their questions, while experiencing community.
- **Children's Ministry and Outreach.** We provide formation for children to ask their questions, learn about Jesus and God's story in the Bible, and experience community with other Christians.
- **Story Groups for Discipleship.** We have discipleship groups of 3-4 people where people share their story, grow in understanding God's grand narrative in Scripture, and discover their gifts and the part they play in God's story which equips them to share and live out the Gospel with others.
- **Worship and Prayer.** We worship God through Anglican formation which nourishes with the Gospel, re-stories us, and equips and empowers us to live on mission.

Financial Needs:

- **Alpha.** In order to set a table for unchurched people to explore Jesus, we trust God to provide the meals, drinks, rental fees, and scholarships for those in need for the Alpha Weekend away.
- **Church Plant Partners.** Because Portland is so unchurched, the local giving takes longer to develop. Therefore we fundraise 85% from generous individuals and church partners.

Prayer Needs:

- **Spiritual protection and perseverance for the Wolf family and Rise Team.** Portland is a spiritually dark place and a challenging place to do ministry. Pray for God to empower them and give them wisdom and patience to make disciples as God builds in church.
- **More laborers.** God is building a great team. In this season, we are specifically praying for laborers with a passion for youth ministry, worship, and administration and event planning.
- **Financial Supporters.** In this coming year, we are asking God for 7 more monthly financial partners and 3 more partner churches in New England.
- **More Church Planters.** There are only 2 Anglican Churches in Maine. We want to be a church that plants churches, so we are praying for a church planting resident to spend a year learning with us to send to plant another church in a nearby community.

Short-term Mission Opportunities: YES!

- **Prayer Ministry Mission Trip.** Do prayer walks over the city and pray for and with our team.
- **Help Host an Alpha Weekend.** Bring a team up for a long weekend to experience the beauty and culture of Maine and help us host unchurched people to experience the power of the Spirit.