



ST. COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

December 8, 2024

8 am in the Nave
9 am in the Nave
9:15 am in the Great Hall
10:15 am Formation Hour
11:15 am in the Nave

Healing Prayer is available during 9:00 and 11:15 liturgies.

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation at 10:15 am in-person in room 212 and on Zoom. All are welcome.

Sunday Forum: Ray Suarez Advent Forum 10:15am in the Nave



Columba.org/advent

Please join us for a special reception in the Great Hall after the 11:15 AM service to learn more about the capital campaign.

Can We Pray For you?

Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:
Columba.org/pray-for-me

Receiving Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer Ministers can pray with you on second and fourth Sundays during communion

Pastoral Care

If you need to speak to someone directly,
email: pastoral@columba.org or please call 202-669-4856

Please keep in prayer:

Clarion, Mark, Fran, Walt, Casey Krepps, Fred Warnecke, Mary Combs, Chip Jardeleza, Ann, Donna, Jeff Flanzer, Lance Elliott, Paul, Jane North, John Wakefield, Ann Wakefield; for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Haiti, Sudan, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

For St. Columba's Nursery School, its Board, Staff, and Students; and the faith story of Elise Drucker

Those who have died:

Donna Thompson, Lenard Allen, Lance Elliott

Upcoming funerals:

<https://www.columba.org/upcoming-funerals/>

Are you new? Welcome!

Contact Courtney Hundley
Minister for Member Engagement
chundley@columba.org
for info on how to get involved!

Giving Questions

Contact Heather Beck
Director of Stewardship and Development
Hbeck@columba.org

Scan the QR code to give now!



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sito Sasienta, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator and a community member from L'Arche (L'Arche is an inclusive community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life and build friendships), Nancy Schwartz, Inclusion Specialist at St. Columba's Nursery School and Courtney Hundley, parent and advocate for a neurodiverse young adult, and a staff member at St. Columba's Church will join the Community Conversation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 7 PM

**ST. COLUMBA'S GREAT HALL
4201 ALBEMARLE ST NW | WASHINGTON DC**



ALSO JOIN US FOR SUPPER STARTING AT 5:30PM. BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

Environment Committee Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, December 8 12:30pm

Please join the Environment Committee's quarterly meeting on Sunday December 8 @12:30 in room 212. This is a great way to get involved in upcoming creation care projects and help shape the future of creation care at St. Columba's. For more information contact Karen Abrams (environmentleader@columba.org).

Father's Group

Sunday, December 8th 7:30pm

Join a community of fathers interested in fellowship and mutual support. Be the change you want to see in the world, take a short break, and join us once a month! Email Charles Molluzzo for details: cmolluzzo@gmail.com.

Mother's Group Christmas Party

Thursday, December 12th 7:00 pm

Please join us on Thursday, December 12th at 7 pm for an evening of fellowship, food, caroling and Christmas cheer. We will gather at the home of Anne Davenport. Baktash and Maryam Amini will cater the event again this year. Cost of the event is \$20, register in Realm.

Parents of Young Adults Experiencing Challenges

Tuesday, December 17th 6:30 pm

Are you the parent of a young adult between the ages of 22 and 35? Does your young adult live with a chronic illness, disability, mental health or substance use disorder, depression, anxiety or low employment? Are they living in your home? Is it difficult to find joy in your own life? Join this monthly meeting of similarly challenged parents. We share our stories and experiences and offer support (not advice) using time-tested guidelines regarding privacy and shared discussion to create a safe and supportive space. Interested? Please join us! We meet on the 4th Tuesday in Room 202 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Next meeting is December 17. Questions? Contact Michele Prince at mprince@columba.org.

LGBTQ+ Family Weekend

January 24-26th

LGBTQ+ Family Weekend at Claggett Center is an opportunity for families with LGBTQ+ children or parents to experience the transformative power of community! Learn together, enjoy camp activities, and celebrate the beauty of each person! Rev. Adelyn will serve as Retreat Chaplain. Registration is open, scan the QR code.



Advent Olive Oil Ministry fundraiser- Deadline to order 12/10

St. Columba's is again holding its Advent Olive Oil Ministry fundraiser. All earnings will go to support medical services in Gaza and the West Bank. The olive oil is Fair Trade, extra virgin and organic harvested from indigenous trees and cultivated using traditional methods. Purchase in Realm.

Orders must be picked up at St. Columba's on Sunday, December 15th between 9:00am & 1:00pm.

Shortbread Sales

Youth will be selling shortbread December 8, and 15, before and after the 9 am service in the Common, while supplies last. \$18 a box cash or check/\$19 by credit card. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bake.

Upcoming Forum

Songs of Advent: Songs as Sacred Story

Sunday, December 15th 10:15 AM

Led by Sara Curtain & Adelyn!

Songs of Advent: Mary and Hannah

Sunday, December 22nd 10:15 AM

Led by Adelyn!

Wednesdays

Community Conversation on Inclusion

Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm

New Wednesday Night Class

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

In Chapter 13, Mark prepares the early Christian community for political violence at the hands of Romans. No other chapter in the Gospels has received more speculation and intrigue. Themes of Chapter 13: Jesus' last sermon before his crucifixion; his warning about the coming political and religious violence; the threat of religious nationalism; the singular threat of propaganda and the spiritual discipline needed to both prepare for it and challenge it. For more information email Joshua (jdaniel@columba.org).

Donate or Volunteer for the Water Ministry's Annual Christmas Lunch

Planning for the Water Ministry's Christmas Lunch for the homeless and vulnerable in our community is well underway. Thanks to the many parishioners who have already volunteered. The lunch will be held on **Thursday, December 19th**.

There are a few opportunities left to help with cooking and serving. **We especially need donations of pies and cakes.** To sign up to provide a pie or cake and receive instructions, contact Susan Absher susanabsher@gmail.com.

Winter Coats

Men's coats from the clothing drive have been very popular with Water Ministry guests. More warm winter coats for men are needed, L, XL, and XXL. If you can spare one, please drop it off at the Butterworth Street Entrance between 10:30 and 1:00 Tuesday, Thursday or Friday this week or next; or call or email Jeff Moore to arrange a drop off. (202) 257-7251; jeffclarkmoore@gmail.com.

St. Columba's Annual Christmas Bulletin Cover Contest December 1-8

Folks of all ages are invited to submit a drawing for one of the Christmas or Epiphany Bulletins. Forms will be available in the Common and at the Advent workshop on December 1 and 8. It must be submitted by 9am Monday December 9. Submissions may be left in the tray near the blank forms, put under Katie McGervey's office door, or emailed to her at kmcgervey@columba.org.

Learning to Talk About Race in America: Participate in a Sacred Ground Circle Dialogue Beginning in January 2025- Registration Opening Soon!

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a Sacred Ground Dialogue/Study Group in 2025 where you will expand what you know about multiple racial groups, including whites, be exposed to facts uncomfortable but essential to acknowledge, and discern systemic patterns of race discrimination that cross time and groups and have legacies that haunt communities and individuals today. In this film and readings-based course, each class typically involves 8-10 people who meet for 11 sessions every other week to discuss the assigned materials and their own experiences.



Thank you to everyone who has pledged to support the ministries of St. Columba's to help us live God's love.

Here is a list of parishioners who have given to one or more of the following campaigns (as of December 3, 2024):

Leap of Faith Capital Campaign
Nave Repair Capital Campaign
Living God's Love: 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign
2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Karen & Tim Abrams
Beth Alexander & Ryan Berg
Abbey Allen & Amanda Schack
Nathaniel Allen & Emily Orler
Betty Arbuckle & Chuck Taylor
Richard Ashford
David Aufhauser & Jane Dana
Matt & Elie Avero-Sturm
Jim & Susanna Barnett
Paul & Marcea Barringer
Tom & Gladys Bauder
Margaret Bauer & Lane Heard
Susan & Ashby Beal
Henry Beale
Katie Beck
Azucena Beckerman
Mary Beth Campbell & Mark Sistek
Jim & Jeanne Blackburn
Inga Blust
Dawn Booth
Joy & Paul Boyle
Matt & Sarah Braughler
Bob Bremner
Bob Broeksmit & Susan Bollendorf
Andrew & Robyn Brown
Steven & Denise Brownlee
John & Nancy Bryson
Tom & Kristy Bulleit
Bob & Suzanne Burrows
Tom Calhoun & Thelma Triche
Lawrence Camp
Nicole & George Cannizzaro
Tamara Carrera & Carlos Diaz
Diana Cashen
Eric & Cynthia Cathcart
Margaret Chanin
Patty Chu & Lee Ewing
Peter & Adrienne Clamp
Rev. Joseph Clark & Meredith Myers
Carol Clausen
Peter Coe & Betsy Finch
Joanne Cogar
Deborah Kennedy Coster
Scott & Rynnie Cotter
Lauren & Robert Counts
Mike Crabtree & Penny Ray
Peyton & Ashley Craighill
Marcia P. Crandall
Jon & Dana Crepeau
Helen Darling & Bradford Gray
Anne & Rory Davenport
Henry A. (Hal) Davis
Mike & Liz Davis
Russ & Marina Davis
Charlotte & Peter Dean

Florri & Ken DeCell
Brian & Kimberly Deobald
Nancy-Ann DeParle & Jason DeParle
Reid Detchon & Louise Moody
Bill & Cynthia Deutermann
Carolyn Donnelly
Cindy & Michael Dopp
Dick & Terry Dowd
Betsey & Rob Drucker
Norma B. Dugger
Richard C Dulaney
Bob & Mary Eager
Catharine Ecton
Mary Elcano
Lance & Susan Elliott
Evans--Philpott Family
Joe & Sara Evans
Lee Ewing & Patty Chu
The Fitz Family
The Rev. Susan Flanders
Tom Frail & Jan Schaffer
Gardell Gefke & Elizabeth Pyke
Anna Gerrity
Denise & Peter Glassman
Sara Glenn
The Golub Family
John & Alice Goodman
Patrick & Abigail Gorman
Supriya Goswami
Carol Tyrance Graves
Rich & Tiggy Green
Lynne Greenwald
Alice Gregal
Sarah Griffin
John Guenther & Betsy Oster
Elizabeth & Chris Haile
Brian Hale & Lara Oerter
Marjorie & Christopher Hale
Karen & Roger Hammons
Alison & Jim Harris
Beth & John Harrison
Linda Haslach
Ellen C. Healy
Diane & Melvin Heath
John Herren
Gay Hollahan
Cynthia A. Hoover
Katharine Huffman & John Rusciollelli
David & Eve Ignatius
Charlotte Lee Jackson & Shin-ho Bang
Jean Jeffress
Bill & Patty Jensen
Gretel & Ashley Johnston
Heather & Fletcher Jones
Lanese Jorgensen & Bob Huebner

Liina Keerdoja
Margo Kingston
James & Sophie Knight
Kathy Sullivan Kolar & Joe Kolar
Scott Kragie & Barbara Woodall Kragie
Grace Kreher & Austin MacDougall
Kathleen & Andrew Krepps
Gina Lagomarsino & Ken Johnson
Pru Lake
Suzanne Laporte
Phil & Pat Larson
Polly Larson
Ledlie & Sarah Laughlin
Leslie Lawson
Mark & Prentiss Lay
Joseph & Barbara Levitt
Mally Lloyd & Katherine Ragsdale
Tricia J. Long
Melissa & Chris Lockett
Ann Hutchinson Lung
Austin MacDougall & Grace Kreher
Paul & Annie Mahon
Stacey Marien
Tom Martin
Timothy Massad & Charlotte Hart
Joseph & Maren Matal
Douglas & Christina McAllister
John & Adele McGovern
Barbara & John McGraw
McNavage Family
Selby McPhee
Sondra Mills
Charles Molluzzo & Alecia Brinkerhoff
Lindsay & Richard Monte
Kris & Jeff Moore
Susan & Paul Mordan
Kathy Morisse
Mark Morris & Yvette Herrera
The Morton's
Stacy & Scott Murphy
Bob & Caryn Musil
Dale & Lisa Nelson
Tom & Pam Nelson
Lou Nickerson
Niels Nielsen
John & Joyce Nolan
Jane North
Angela Nugent
Neil Orlando & Liz Madden
Stephanie Mathews O'Keefe
Emily Ornstein
Barbara K. Orski
Joe & Tara Palmore
Greg Parker
Joe & Karash Payne
Gregg & Julie Petersmeyer

Lee Petty
Jan Piercy
Keri Piester & Ron Wisor
Richard Podolske & Diane Waters
Vicki Porter
Michele B. Prince
Scott Pritchett
Shirley McLane Putnam
Marion Rawson & Mario Urdaneta
Kevin Reese & Mary Hall Surface
Molly Reynolds & Joel Ruhter
Richard & Diane Waters
Marc Rigas & Rebekah Dawson-Rigas
John & Jessie Righter
Markley Roberts
Phyllis Robinson
Rebecca & John Robuck
Jim & Emily Rowan
Joel Ruhter & Molly Reynolds
Rosemary Ryan
Dana Sands
Mattie Schloetzer
Renee Schoof
Chris Schumann & Cathy Wiss
Susie & Jeff Scott
David Searby
Joan Searby
Ana Serra & Karl Driessen
Jennifer & Randy Seybold
K. Edward Shanbacker & Noreen O'Meara
Lauren & Michael Sion
Elsa Skaggs
Kathy Slobogin
Stephen Smith
Christina Sprague & Roger Rihm
Carolyne Starek
John Steele & Julie Tippens
Marie Stevanus
Patti & Ben Steverman
Charlotte & Blount Stewart
Meg Stillman
Mark Stumpf & Betsy Bruce
Emil & Judy Sunley
Carole & Rafael Suarez
Marjorie Swett
Paul & Chandler Tagliabue
Kay & Richard Tatum
William & Susan Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor and David DeBruin
Sara Thornton & Robert Oetting
Julie Tippens & John Steele
Claudia Townsend
Peggy Treadwell
Frank & Margie Trinity
Woody & Jennifer Turner
JoAnn Turrentine
Nancy and Russell Twist
Christopher & Elizabeth Vaden
Reeve & Jane Vanneman
Jim & Elinor Vaughter
John Wagner & Bethany Nickerson
Barbara Wanner
Jane & Rick Ward
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Barbara Wolanin
Sue Womack
Brendan Woodbury & Margaret Horn
Judy Woodruff & Albert Hunt
Veronica & Haime Workie
Linda Yangas
Van & Shelley Yeutter
Ellie Zartman

Thank you! Thank you!
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If you have not yet made your pledge to the annual stewardship campaign, please do so today.

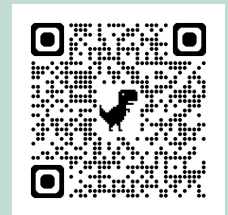
There is still time to pledge!

Gifts of any size make
a difference in the life
of a church.



Scan to give today!

What is pledging and why is it important?



Scan to learn more!

Questions about pledging?

Contact Heather Beck
hbeck@columba.org

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