



ST. COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

December 15, 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

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

Sunday Forum: Songs of Advent: Songs as Sacred Story
10:15 AM
Led by Sara Curtin, Wee Worship Musician & Rev. Adelyn!



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANTS
11AM, 4PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
6PM, 8PM & 10:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
12PM

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:

Beverly Hudnut, Clarion, Mark, Fran, Walt, Kate, Casey Krepps, Mary Combs, Jeff Flanzer, Paul, Jane North, John Wakefield, Ann Wakefield; for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

For our Fathers' Group, Mothers' Group, and LGBTQ+ Parent Group; and for the births of Helena to Nathaniel Allen and Emily Orler, and Elliot to Kelly Crabtree and Mike Hitree

Those who have died:

Lance Elliott, Suzanne "Sooz" Mitchell, Fred Warnecke, Peggy Wilson

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!



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.

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 18 6:00 pm

A service to hold and recognize the emotional complexity of the holiday season. We will light candles and pray with those who grieve or need healing. The service will include Healing Prayer.

New Year's Eve Concert

Tuesday, December 31st 6:00 pm

Baroque to Modern, featuring Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano; Grace McFarlane, piano; Anne Timpane, organ; David Timpane, baritone; Michael Bard, guitar; Scott Ambush, bass and Ann Colgrove, harpsichord. The concert is approximately one hour long with reception to follow. The program includes works by Bach, Ravel, Duparc, Prevert, Balbastre, as well as selections from The American Songbook. \$20, the suggested donation, benefits the music program at St. Columba's Episcopal Church. Students are Free. Tickets at the door only.

Last Best Things: End-of-Life Planning For All Generations

Sundays: January 12, January 19, and January 26

12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Great Hall

A three-part series to help ground our thinking about death for ourselves and those we love in the sacred space of our deepest values. These meetings will prompt family discussions to help raise comfort levels about talking openly of these issues and honor death as the natural end of all lives. Anyone interested in preparing for their own death or for a family member's death is welcome. Parents and adult children are welcome to come together, but everyone must register.

A catered lunch will be offered, followed by the presentation and time for questions. The registration fee of \$60 covers lunch each week and some written materials.

Program Details

January 12: Beginning the conversations and overview of planning process, including funeral preparations and burial options

January 19: Financial and estate planning

January 26: Medical decisions and choices around end of life

Questions? Contact Michele Prince: mprince@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.

Upcoming Forum

Songs of Advent: Mary and Hannah

Sunday, December 22nd 10:15 AM

Led by Adelyn!

Wednesday Night Supper

There will be no suppers from December 18-January 1st. Suppers will resume January 8th

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).

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.



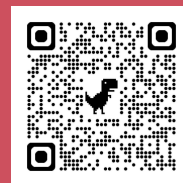
Thank You from the Brooks!

Through the generosity of this neighborhood and community, last week Christmas gifts were provided to 85 children at the Brooks, gift bags given to 55 parents and 40 staff that live and work at the Ward 3 Family Program. Thank you to the many volunteers who purchased and sorted gifts, stuffed bags, made pancakes, played games, provided crafts, took photographs, and supported parents as they shopped for holiday gifts for their children. Thank you to the St. Columba's clergy, staff, verger, ushers, and youth for their support in communications, planning and holding the St. Nicholas service and helping with odds and ends to get ready for the day. Blessings,

Christmas at The Brooks Committee

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time to pledge!**

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a difference in the life
of a church.



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