



ST. COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

December 1, 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. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact the Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org

Sunday Forum: A Reading of A Christmas Memory 10:15am in the Nave



Columba.org/advent

Advent Workshop

Come to the Great Hall from 10:15am - 12pm to make your own Advent wreath. Bring cut greens from your yard or a friend's yard - bring extra to share! Also bring clippers if you have them. Suggested donation \$10.

Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm in the Nave

St. Columba's choirs will offer their annual Advent Lessons & Carols service, weaving together scripture and song into a truly magical progression that carries us from prophecy to fulfillment, from Old Testament foretelling to a birthday celebration. A festive reception follows in the Common.



Thank you to our Vestry

Thank you to our members coming off the Vestry this year: Sara Glenn, Keri Piester, and Kristin Moore. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the new leadership of the Vestry, our new Senior Warden, Gina Lagomarsino and our new Junior Warden, Andrew Marshall.

Congratulations to the new Vestry members: Farleigh Earnhart, James Knight, and Kay Tatum, Jeremiah Williams.

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, Ruth Jannuzzi, Casey Krepps, Roger Rihm, Fred Warnecke, Mary Combs, Chip Jardeleza, Ann, Donna; 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 our Loaves & Fishes and Grate Patrol ministries

Those who have died:

Uriah Brown, Donna Thompson, Lenard Allen

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!



Advent Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, December 3rd 7:00 pm

As Advent begins, take a meditative walk on our indoor (Great Hall, 3rd floor) or outdoor labyrinth (weather permitting). In candlelight, both offer a peaceful place to pray, relax, and center down as Christmas approaches. Live music will be provided by the well-known local overtone singing and instrumental group, Harmonic Introductions. As always, the labyrinth warmly welcomes walkers of all ages, faiths, and abilities.

Christmas at the Brooks!

Wednesday, December 4th 6:00 pm

St. Columba's will be partnering again this year with the Brooks Family Shelter for a Christmas party. We will be collecting toys for 100 children ages 0-18. On Wednesday, December 4th at 6 pm, we will have a service celebrating St. Nicholas. Join us for Wednesday Night Supper on the 4th and bring a new, unwrapped toy which we will collect at the altar during the service and distribute at the Christmas party at the Brooks on Thursday, December 5th. There will also be opportunities to drop toys off at church before the event.

First Thursday Seniors' Group Christmas Party

Thursday, December 5, 2024 12:00 pm

Our December meeting will be a festive event with a catered lunch, a book swap, and a carol sing with Anne Timpane accompanying on piano! Please register (<https://tinyurl.com/1stThursChristmasParty>) so we have enough food. The \$15 registration fee offsets the cost of lunch. For the book swap, bring one book and take one book. Contact Michele Prince at mprince@columba.org if you need help with registration.

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.

Advent Olive Oil Ministry fundraiser

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.

Shortbread Sales

Youth will be selling shortbread December 8, and 15, before and after the 9 am service in the Common, while supplies last.

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.

Baptisms

Baptisms will be offered on January 12, 2025 on the Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus. If you would like to be baptized or have your child(ren) baptized, please visit www.columba.org/baptism for more information and a link to the registration form or contact Katie McGervey, kmcgervey@columba.org. Please register for baptism by December 9th.

Living God's Love: 150th Anniversary 2025 Capital/Stewardship Campaign

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generosity, prayers, and commitment to this important milestone are a testament to the strength of our faith and the love we share as a church family. Thanks to your pledges, we are not only celebrating 150 years of God's blessings but also paving the way for future generations to grow in faith, love, and service. Your support ensures that our church remains a beacon of hope and a place of worship for many more years to come.

Join us on Sunday December 8th after the 11:15 service in the Great Hall for a reception. RSVP to Heather Beck: hbeck@columba.org.

Upcoming Forum

Preparing to Hear the Just About Perfect Story

Sunday, December 8th 10:15 am

In this preparatory season of Advent, the beginning of the cycle of seasons of the church year, one thing we'll prepare for is Christmas. After his annual Advent talk, Ray Suarez will sign copies of his newest book, *We Are Home: Becoming American in the 21st Century*.

Wednesdays

Community Conversation

Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm

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 on Wednesday, December 11th at 7 pm following supper. We hope you will bring a friend or two and join us.

New Wednesday Night Class

Starting December 4th 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).

Sign Up to Help with the Water Ministry Christmas Lunch

This Christmas season, the Water Ministry, our ministry to the homeless and vulnerable in our community, will host its annual Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. Please join the Water Ministry's volunteers in making this celebration of our community a successful and joyful event.

The lunch will be held on Thursday, December 19th, preceded by several days of preparation. There are many opportunities to help with cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning in the days before the lunch and on December 19th. Scan to signup. Or contact Charles Taylor (crhtaylor1@gmail.com).



Signup to set up



Signup to cook

