



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

November 17, 2024

8 am in the Nave
9 am & 9:15 am joint service in the Nave
10:15 am Formation Hour
11:15 am in the Nave

No Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation

Meetings will resume Nov. 24 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.



Welcome Bishop Budde

Be sure to join Bishop Budde for a forum in the Great Hall at 10:15.

Note about today's music:

At 11:15 am, the St. Columba Orchestra, along with cello soloists Mo Gruber, and Vlad Popov, will share Vivaldi's Concerto for two cellos. The three-movement "double" cello concerto is a vigorous and expressive masterpiece, exploiting the deep richness and resonance of the instrument, while celebrating its ability to challenge the violin in virtuosity. In the outer movements, Vivaldi solves the challenge of balancing two cellos against the larger string group by framing extensive passages for the soloists with shorter orchestral "tuttis". The slow middle movement is played without orchestra, the soloists supported only by harpsichord and cello continuo.

St. Columba's in Transition

Where are we in our search for a new Rector?

We solicited applications for the Rector position from Mid-August through October 28, 2024. We engaged in active outreach to contacts and potential candidates in 23 states, and we have received applications from individuals in 12 states and several other countries. To answer a question we have been asked: the pool of possible candidates includes women, men, people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and people who identify as LGBTQ.

The wardens and vestry are now interviewing candidates, hoping to move with some to deeper conversations as we develop our discernment.

Ledlie leaves St Columba's in March next year. Per diocesan guidelines, we are planning for an interim period of approximately three months between rectors. Our goal is to appoint someone in the first half of next year, and we will neither rush into a decision nor take so long that we miss good candidates!

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, Mary, Francesca, Christy Bemis, Fran, Walt, Ruth Jannuzzi, Casey Krepps, Roger Rihm; 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:

Our Advocacy Council, Candidates for Confirmation and Reception and their families

Those who have died:

Claire Costello Cardella, John Allen-Gifford, Jack Guenther father of John, Marie Robinson, Vi Lund, Janelle Goetcheus

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!



Note about suspicious emails

We have been made aware of fraudulent emails being sent which appear to come from Ledlie, addressed to you directly, asking for a favor. Please be aware, these are not legitimate emails. Ledlie, nor any member of the St. Columba's staff will not contact you in this manner asking for donations or gift cards.

If in doubt, please call the office and do not reply to the email; or confirm directly with the staff member any requests you receive through email. This type of scam usually becomes more frequent during the holiday season, so we expect this will continue to increase in the next two months.

Advent Workshop

Sunday December 1st 10:15 am

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

Sunday, December 1st 5:00 pm

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. Contact: Anne Timpane (atimpane@columba.org).

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.

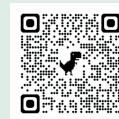
Baptisms

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

150th Anniversary Campaign
Your financial commitments make St. C's an active thriving community. Learn more about the Living God's Love: 150th Anniversary campaign and how it will help St. Columba prepare for the future and ensure operational stability year after year.



Pastoral News

The interment of Jack and Margaret Guenther will occur on Sunday, November 24 at 2:30 pm in the Columbarium. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Viola (Vi) Lund died November 12. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Upcoming Forums

Celtic Spirituality

Sunday, November 24th 10:15 am

Pilgrims who journeyed to Iona over the summer will share their experiences and lessons from Celtic spirituality especially as it relates to our connection with creation.

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Supper

Please join us for Wednesday Night Supper every Wednesday in the Great Hall. Supper runs from 5:00-6:45pm. Register in Realm.

New Wednesday Night Class

Starting December 4th 6:45 pm

In the decade of 60 AD the Romans attempted to overthrow the rebels in Palestine. They failed twice. Very likely, as the Imperial army prepared the final assault, the Gospel of Mark was written (sometime between 66-69 AD). The Temple Mount in Jerusalem was destroyed soon thereafter. Mark Chapter 13 addresses that specific Christian Community preparing for yet more violence by the state. 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).

