



**ST. COLUMBA'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

**November 24, 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

*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. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact the Rev. David Griswold at [dgriswold@columba.org](mailto:dgriswold@columba.org)*

Sunday Forum: Celtic Spirituality 10:15am in the Nave



### 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](mailto:atimpane@columba.org)).

### 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.



## Can We Pray For you?

### Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:  
[Columba.org/pray-for-me](https://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](mailto: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, Fred Warnecke; 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 partnership with Friendship Place, the wedding of Will Comiskey and Alex Boyea

### Those who have died:

Jack Guenther father of John, Marie Robinson, Vi Lund, Janelle Goetcheus, Uriah Brown, Jack Fickling

### Upcoming funerals:

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

## Are you new? Welcome!

Contact Courtney Hundley  
Minister for Member Engagement  
[chundley@columba.org](mailto:chundley@columba.org)  
for info on how to get involved!

## Giving Questions

Contact Heather Beck  
Director of Stewardship and Development  
[Hbeck@columba.org](mailto:Hbeck@columba.org)

**Scan the QR code to give now!**



## Welcome Newcomers: You Can Help!

St. Columba's is now sponsoring the Mahmoodi family from Afghanistan & Ahmed from Somalia. Furnishings are needed for their apartments. In gratitude for our many blessings, consider donating an item to support the resettlement of these refugees building a new life with us. Many thanks from the Refugee Response Ministry.



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## 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.

## 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 so we have enough food. The 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](mailto: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 November 24, December 8, and 15, before and after the 9 am service in the Common, while supplies last.

## 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](http://www.columba.org/baptism) for more information and a link to the registration form or contact Katie McGervey, [kmcgervey@columba.org](mailto:kmcgervey@columba.org). Please register for baptism by December 9th.

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

We are grateful for you and your continuous support of St. Columba's, through your time, love, prayers and gifts.

Questions About the Campaign??

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](mailto:hbeck@columba.org).



## Upcoming Forums

### A Reading of A Christmas Memory

**Sunday, December 1st 10:15 am**

Enjoy a reading from Ledlie of A Christmas Memory, written by Truman Capote.

### 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

### 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 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](mailto: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 sign up. Or contact Charles Taylor ([crhtaylor1@gmail.com](mailto:crhtaylor1@gmail.com)).

### Please Note:

Please note that Wednesday, **November 27th**, the parish office will close at **noon**. The office will remain closed the **28th-29th**.