



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

November 10, 2024

Service Times:

8 am, 9 am and 11:15 in the Nave
9:15 am Wee Worship in the Great Hall

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

Healing Prayer is available at the 9:00 and 11:15 liturgies during Communion in both St. Aidan's Chapel and the Nave on the 42nd Street side.

Annual Parish Meeting in the Nave 10:15 am

Join us to celebrate parishioner's gifts of ministry, meet the staff, hear updates and plans from the rector, treasurer, and others, elect vestry members and diocesan delegates.

Today is the last day to vote in the Annual Parish Election

Ballots are available in the common

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, Marie Robinson, Ruth Jannuzzi, Casey Krepps; 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:

The Wardens and Vestry, Candidates for Confirmation and Reception and their families

Those who have died: Judy Evans, Brian Schoof, Claire Costello Cardella, John Allen-Gifford, Jack Guenther, father of John

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!



Welcome Bishop Budde on November 17!

On November 17th we will welcome Bishop Budde! She will be at ALL services. In light of this special visit, **we will welcome the Wee Worship community at the 9am service (in the nave)** to ensure all may have a chance to welcome her. The service will start at 9:15 am. There will be an abundance of great music beforehand starting at 9am.

Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on the U.S. presidential election

"Regardless of our political allegiances, we must remember that God has called us in The Episcopal Church to seek and serve Christ in all persons."

Scan to read the full letter:



Community Conversation

Wednesday, November 13th 7:00 pm

Our November Community Conversation topic is Politics and Poise: Managing the Heat in Hard Conversations. Parishioners will share their wisdom and skills for challenging conversations especially as we consider our political moment and the upcoming holiday season.

Mother's Group

Thursday, November 14th 7:00 pm

Join other Moms next Thursday, November 14th for a Service for the Departed in the courtyard at 7 pm (room 212 if weather is inclement). Bring a dessert to share. We will not be having dinner for this evening.

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

This Sunday pledge packets for the capital & stewardship campaign will be available in the Common.

Thank you to all who attended the Campaign Launch Party last Sunday. Visit <https://www.columba.org/brochure-and-video/> to learn more and pledge. Thank you in advance for your generous pledges and continued support as we continue on the mission to live God's love.

St. Columba's in Transition

When we first announced Ledlie's intention to retire, we spoke of the importance of a healthy transition. At that time, we did not specify precisely what would constitute a "healthy transition", but this has been the focus of our prayers and efforts in these intervening months.

Read more: <https://www.columba.org/blog/frd-st-columbas-in-transition/>

Upcoming Forums

Bishop Budde

Sunday, November 17th 10:15 am

Join in conversation with Bishop Mariann Budde of Diocese of Washington who joins us for confirmations.

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.

A quick Wednesday Worship Service takes place at 6:00 pm following supper if you wish to attend. Across the year we have a few special Wednesday worship services that begin at 6:00 pm following supper (Blessing of the Animals, St. Nicholas, Epiphany). A weekly 10 minute Evening Prayer (kid friendly!) takes place at 6:00pm on Wednesdays without a special service.

Mysticism class

Wednesdays 6:45pm - 8:00pm Rm 212

Can the limited nature of our language ever truly express what we call "God"? That God is both beyond us and also, somehow, within us is a mysterious claim deeply rooted in two thousand years of Christian writing and practices. God is always known and unknown. Both sown into the very fabric of creation and just beyond our grasp.

Beginning September 11th, after nearly every Wednesday Night Supper, Joshua Daniel will host a small group that will explore tradition. The group will use a collection of texts to orient and launch the discussion - though reading is not required to join. The group will open and close each week by practicing some of the ancient techniques that mystics have used to "know" God (mostly: silent and contemplative prayer!)

Contact Joshua Daniel at jdaniel@columba.org.

Pastoral News

There will be a memorial service for Jody Schwarz on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 pm with a reception to follow in the Hefner Auditorium, Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, MD. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Katie Schwarz, kts@panix.com or (510) 220-5356.

Jack Guenther, father of John, died on November 3. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.