

*An Invitation to Join St. Columba's Church
and Participate in a Special Service of Welcome
on Sunday, February 21, 2016*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I invite you to become a member of St. Columba's Church and to participate in a special service of welcome. You have been coming to St. Columba's for several weeks or months. I hope you are starting to feel comfortable, finding a place for yourself in this congregation. St. Columba's is a lively community of people seeking to grow in faith, each of us journeying the best we know how. I hope you will join with us.

What is involved in joining?

- ◆ Decide this is the community of people with whom you would like to share your journey of faith at this time;
- ◆ Participate in one of our ministries so you can get to know others and feel like this is your community;
- ◆ Make a financial commitment to the ministry of St. Columba's Church in the form of a pledge (an invitation to pledge will be forthcoming);
- ◆ Celebrate your decision by participating in a service of welcome!

Our liturgy at each service, including the Great Hall services on February 21, is a ceremony to welcome you – whether you are familiar with the Episcopal Church or come from a different denomination or faith.

Not sure?

- ◆ Do you have questions or concerns you would like addressed? If you wish to learn more about the Episcopal Church, ministries at St. Columba's, or how you can participate in the life of this community, please join me for conversation on Sunday, February 14th at 10:15 am (under the balcony in the nave) or at 12:30 pm (Rm 205) – or contact me directly. I would be delighted to get together and/or speak with you.
- ◆ If you don't want to make the commitment of joining at this stage, please take your time, join us for worship and ministry as you wish, and know that we will be celebrating this welcome service again in the months ahead.

Please be in touch with me during the coming weeks to let me know your thoughts.

Peace!

Ledlie I. Laughlin, Rector