St. Columba’s Mission, Values and Vision
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MISSION

Tagline:  Live God’s Love.

Statement:  St. Columba’s Episcopal Church is a welcoming Christian community of all ages that encourages spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world in the spirit of God’s justice and love.

VALUES

Our values inform our parish life, guide us in our mission, and lead us to realize our vision for the future.

We are:

1. Open-hearted

Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at St. Columba’s.

Jesus said, “Come, follow me.” ~ Matthew 4:19

2. Growing In Faith

We are growing in Christ’s love through worship, song, study, prayer, and celebration.

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” ~ Matthew 17:20

3. Grateful Stewards

We approach our relationships and ministries with integrity and humility, and we preserve, protect, and restore God’s creation and all resources entrusted to our care.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ~ Philippians 4:8
4. Innovative

We are forward-looking and creative, as we seek to embody and share God’s love in a changing world.

*Jesus said, You are the salt of the earth [and] the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God. ~ Matthew 5:13-15*

5. Called to Bold Action

We practice Christianity to create a just society; seeking allies and nurturing partnerships to serve our neighborhood, our city, and the world.

*Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. ~ St. Teresa of Avila*

VISION

As a beloved community and disciples of Christ, our vision is to:

1. Practice faith in daily life, equipping parishioners to embrace discipleship and personal growth in relationship with God.

2. Strengthen the bonds of our intergenerational community by emphasizing fellowship in our ministries, programs, and parish life.

3. Embrace our city and our world, leading through acts of service as a beacon of God’s justice and love.