



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ELECTION

2022 Candidates

CANDIDATES FOR WARDEN

Sara Glenn, Senior Warden

Gina Lagomarsino, Junior Warden

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Susan DeWitt

Emma Hersh

Ryan McNavage

Jane Ward

Josh Wilson

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Chris Schumann

Ann Wakefield

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Anne Davenport

Elizabeth Haile



CANDIDATES FOR WARDEN



SARA GLENN
SENIOR WARDEN

I am a long-time parishioner and have been involved at St. Columba's in many ways. It is an exciting time at St. C's, where the mission to Live God's Love can be felt all around us.

Parishioners are eager to engage and connect. Newcomers are coming through the doors. At Wednesday night dinners, courtyard concerts, labyrinth walks, Sunday services and more, our community is vibrant and strong. In the wider community around us, many Columbans are making the world a better place by addressing affordable housing, settling three Afghan families into their new life, and providing hot meals and showers to those at our doorstep.

Two major initiatives are underway - the Master Planning Committee and the Anti-Racist Task Force. They promise to move St. Columba's forward in meaningful ways. It will be a privilege to serve as senior warden and to work with Ledlie, the vestry and all of you.

Occupation. Retired, formerly head of government relations and senior legal counsel for Fortune 50 company

Family: Adult Children: George and Phillip Geiger



GINA
LAGOMARSINO
JUNIOR WARDEN

I am so grateful that I found St. C's 15 years ago. I have been transformed by this vibrant community that inspires me every day. I have enjoyed teaching Sunday school and building community among youth and their families. Having been greeted so warmly when I arrived, I've been called to welcome newcomers and help them connect as a leader in the Welcome Ministry. This year, I've helped us take new steps to embrace our world by helping to launch the Advocacy Council. It's been a gift to be a part of the Vestry for the past three years as we have navigated so much change.

Occupation: CEO, Results for Development (International nonprofit specializing in health and education)

Family: Ken Johnson, Liana Johnson (19) and Elias Johnson (16)



CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

SUSAN DEWITT



I have been a member of St. Columba's since 2011. I have also attended St. Clement's Episcopal Church (Berkeley, CA) and Trinity Episcopal Church (Cali, Colombia).

At St. Columba's, I have taught in the Sunday School (2012-2017) and served on the Welcome Ministry (2012 - present; co-chair, 2017-2020). This fall I will be a co-facilitator of the Grief Group with Sarah Laughlin.

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Vestry. I am committed to St. Columba's message of "Live God's Love" and hope to bring my hard-working and caring nature to help us realize our vision of being an anti-racist church community; make everyone in our community (both within St. Columba's and the city at large) feel welcome and valued; and promote social justice in our world.

Occupation: Elementary School Teacher (31 years -- Oakland, CA and Montgomery County, MD)
Family: Domestic Partner: Cecilio Morales

EMMA HERSH

Church Experience: Having grown up regularly attending St. Columba's, participating in Sunday School, and watching my mom serve on the Vestry, it felt like "coming home" when I reconnected with the Church and broader community several years ago. My wife and I baptized our sons at St. C's, regularly attend Wee Worship, and are now delighted to be sending our youngest to the Nursery School. I am also humbled to serve on the Refugee Response Ministry, supporting our new neighbors from Afghanistan.

The St. C's spirit that invites parishioners to "come as you are" and "Live God's Love" are guiding mantras that feel more resonant than ever. Should I have the opportunity to serve on the vestry, I would seek to support the Church's ongoing commitment to antiracism as well as to fostering inclusivity and a sense of belonging - both in embedding these principles into the fabric of the congregation as well as in the outreach and service across the community.



Occupation: Experience Design and DEI Consultant
Family: Married to Jean Doyle; sons Aiden and Cullen

RYAN MCNAVAGE



My family came to St. Columba's almost 20 years ago in search of quality children's programs. The Wednesday night programming worked well for us. Through this connection, we got involved. I have participated in SCAP for over ten years, have led Rebuilding Together for fifteen years, served on various committees (rector search, safety task force), and was elected to the vestry three years ago.

As a career professional in K-12 education (29+ years), this is where my passion lies. I believe we need to continue to strengthen the youth programming at St. Columba's. I also feel strongly about promoting and encouraging a diverse congregation, one that aligns with the demographics of our neighborhood and city. Finally, my church experience has focused on outreach and being God's hands and feet in the world. I would like to continue to help find ways to engage St. Columbans in this mission.

Occupation: Technology Implementation Specialist, Montgomery County Public Schools
Family: Kristin (spouse), Lindsay (22), Grant (19)

JANE WARD

Since joining St. Columba's in 1991, I've found a variety of ways to participate in parish life, serve our community, and deepen my faith. As a young adult, I helped to run the STEP Saturday program. As a new mom, I became an active member of the Mothers' Group, then and a Nursery School parent, regular Sunday School teacher, and long-time choir parent volunteer. Through the years, I've taken on leadership opportunities - organizing several Decoration Sundays and Chili Cookoffs and serving on the Youth Council, Nominating Committee, Youth Minister search committee, and Altar Guild. On vestry, I'd like to help build our capacity to reconnect, grow in faith, welcome newcomers, and engage in our communities through faith and action. It would be a privilege to help expand and steward our congregation's many gifts and resources to Live God's Love.



Occupation: Grants Director, Meyer Foundation
Family: Rick Ward (spouse), Jack (25), Sarah (25), Kate (19)

JOSH WILSON



Our family joined St. Columba's in 2011 when we moved to AU Park. Over the years I have served as a Great Hall usher, Stewardship Committee member, and co-chair and participant in the lay committees that formed our current Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. I also served as a Youth Group leader for eight years, and am now a member of the Vestry and the St. Columba's Nursery School Board. St. Columba's is a vibrant faith community that cares for its congregation, values children and youth, and looks beyond its walls to spread God's love in the world. I am encouraged by our resilience during the pandemic, and find inspiration in our growing outreach ministries. In the coming years, we will need to summon greater financial resources and spiritual courage to fully realize the goals in our Strategic Plan. I would be honored to continue my service on the Vestry as we embrace those challenges.

Occupation: Environmental Lawyer, U.S. Department of Justice
Family: Becky Hale (spouse); Liam (13), Julia (11)

BRENDAN WOODBURY

While Margaret was pregnant with Frankie, we were looking for a church and a community to raise a family in and we found it in St Columba's. We have been active members for 7+ years, especially with the young families (Wee Worship) service. I have served as an usher for six years and Chief Usher for two, taught Sunday School, attended Fathers Group, served on the lay support committee for our seminarian, and have tried to help out wherever I can.

In the Vestry, I can use my professional experience to help with financial planning, but I really hope to create more connections between the family service and adult service, and I hope to support our effort to increase housing in Ward 3 by working to increase the connections between St Cs and the multifamily buildings that are already here.



Occupation: Payments Policy, Amazon.com
Family: wife Margaret Horn and two daughters, Frankie (7) and Josey (4)



**CANDIDATES FOR
DIOCESAN DELEGATE**

PATRICIA RILEY



Patricia A. Riley is a retired Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she served from 1984 to 2018. She was the first Chief of the Sex Offense Section from 1990 through 1998, and was Special Counsel to the United States Attorney from 1999 through 2012. She has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School since 2015. Since she retired, she has also worked as a consultant with the Prosecutors' Center for Excellence, an organization that works to help improve the criminal justice system.

Ms. Riley is one of the founders of the D.C. Children's Advocacy Center and of the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program. She has served on dozens of interagency working groups, task forces, and committees. An adult-lifelong resident of the District, she joined St. Columba's in 1993 and sings in the choir. She is a member of the cooks committee and has served as a diocesan delegate.

CHRIS SCHUMANN

Cathy and I found St. Columba's - or, perhaps more precisely, were found by St. Columba's - in 1982. We've been parishioners ever since. I've served two terms on the Vestry; served on the Nursery School Board of Directors; served several times as Diocesan Delegate and Alternate Diocesan Delegate; served as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee; led a committee on meeting the needs of children with special needs; led the Nights of Columba ministry of evening watch and welcome; and served as a Lay Reader. I've participated in or led numerous adult education committees and discernment committees for candidates for the priesthood and the diaconate; I've participated in or led discussion and discernment groups as innumerable as the grains of sand on the shore.



Occupation: Retired Federal Government Lawyer
Wife: Cathy Wiss
Adult Children: Sarah and Thomas

ANN WAKEFIELD



I joined St. Columba's in 2012. Currently, I am a member of the Altar Guild, the Usher Team, and the 42nd Street Fellowship. During the past nine years, I have served on the Nomination Committee and the Adult Formation Committee. I have also attended various study groups. In addition, I served as an Alternate Delegate and a Delegate from St. Columba's to the annual Washington Diocesan Convention. Since the start of the pandemic, I have watched the St. Columba's online services and participated in online Bible studies and online book group discussions. All of these activities have helped me grow spiritually from the wonderful environment of St. Columba's.

Occupation: Retired librarian from the Federal government. I retired at the end of March, 2020 as the Reference Librarian in the Corporate Library of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).



**CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE
DIOCESAN DELEGATE**

ANNE DAVENPORT



I joined St. C's 25 years ago with my husband Rory and have valued the loving community, spiritual uplift, and religious direction the church has provided us. I taught Sunday School and have helped as a parent over time in a variety of groups including Girl/Boy Choir, Loaves and Fishes, Rite 13 + J2A. I also worked to help revive the mezzanine lounge area to encourage more community and camaraderie.

The role of diocesan delegate appeals to me because it offers an opportunity to represent the important -- and sometimes difficult -- work the church is doing in the larger Episcopal ecosystem in terms of diversity, equity, and inclusion and tethering the utmost relevance of the church to the times in which we live.

In my professional life, I oversee an ongoing race series ("Race Matters") and an essay series ("Brief but Spectacular") in addition to our arts/culture coverage. The pieces we produce provide a different lens on the news of the day and the challenges our country and community are confronting. Working with fellow delegates diocesan-wide would allow us to "stir waters", yes, and also seek practical, healing ways to live together.

**Occupation—Senior Producer, CANVAS/Arts and Culture, PBS NewsHour
Family: Rory Davenport (husband), Caroline (24), James (21)**

ELIZABETH HAILE

Chris and I lucked into St. Columba's after moving to AU Park in 2002. Our oldest daughter attended St. Columba's nursery school and our youngest was baptized here; both have been active in Children's and Gallery Choirs and handbells for many years. Mothers Group was an entry point for me to become more involved in the church and I have since served as a member of the flower ministry, welcome ministry, nominating committees, Renovation Team for Children's Ministry, social media assistant, Sunday school teacher, and participated in book groups, Grate Patrol, Friendship Place and with refugee response, and currently serve on the Youth Council and as a Eucharistic Minister. I was raised in both the Roman Catholic and Episcopalian faiths and learned from my father's lifelong devotion to his Episcopalian church. I would be honored to represent St Columbans as a diocesan delegate and learn more at conventions.



**Executive Director, Bethesda Metro Area Village, nonprofit helping seniors to age in place at home
Husband: Chris Haile. Children: Madeleine (11) and Audrey (15)**



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Who is qualified to vote?

The Bylaws state: A "qualified voter" is a person who is: (a) at least 15 years of age; (b) a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church, as defined in Title I, Canon 17, Sections 1-3, of the Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church; (c) a contributor of record to the Parish (which contributions may be cash offerings or services rendered to the Parish and known to the Treasurer); (d) recorded in the Parish register; and (e) who has, at the time of the Parish Meeting, met the foregoing requirements for a period of not less than one month.

When and how will voting done this year?

This year, voting will be conducted online beginning on November 1 and through paper balloting at St. Columba's on November 6 and 13. In order to vote online you must ensure that your email address is on record with St. Columba's in the online directory (Realm). All voting closes at 2pm on November 13.

Is my vote confidential?

Yes. Both online votes and paper ballot votes are confidential. There is no way to associate your name with your vote. Further, once votes are tallied, the voting records will be deleted or destroyed.

Will there be a Candidate Forum this year?

Yes. This year the Candidate Forum will be pre-recorded and available for viewing beginning November 1. All candidates will be introduced, and each nominee for vestry will comment on his or her experiences at St. Columba's and priorities for the parish.



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What do wardens and the vestry do?

They are the elected voice of the laity at St. Columba's. The vestry consists of the rector; a senior and junior warden (the primary elected lay leaders of the congregation, who preside at vestry meetings in the rector's absence), elected to one-year terms; and 12 members, who are elected to three-year terms.

The vestry determines how to allocate the resources of the parish, serves as the legal representative for the parish's corporate property and provides formal feedback to the rector and the clergy.

What do Diocesan delegates do?

Delegates represent St. Columba's at the annual diocesan convention, which brings together clergy and lay members from all 88 congregations under the Bishop's leadership to decide the diocesan budget, elect members of various diocesan bodies and vote on special resolutions. The delegates also represent the congregation in other key forums, such as the Regional Assemblies each fall, when the Bishop meets with clergy and delegates from each of the diocese's six regions. St. Columba's diocesan delegates serve as an alternate for one year and then, are elected to a two-year term as a delegate.

How are candidates chosen?

Candidates for vestry and diocesan delegate are chosen by the Nominating Committee, which is headed by two vestry members. Candidates for warden are chosen by the rector. The 2022 Nominating Committee members are Jim Barnett, Farleigh Earhart, Elizabeth Haile, Amy Howe Martha Kaiser, Michelle Radcliffe, Molly Reynolds, Frank Trinity, with co-chairs Alix Guerrier and Emily Lawson