



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ELECTION

2023 Candidates

CANDIDATES FOR WARDEN

Sara Glenn, Senior Warden

Gina Lagomarsino, Junior Warden

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

Kesha Evans

Mike Davis

Sarah Griffin

Ann Lung

Sondra Mills

Charles Molluzzo

CANDIDATES FOR DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Anne Davenport

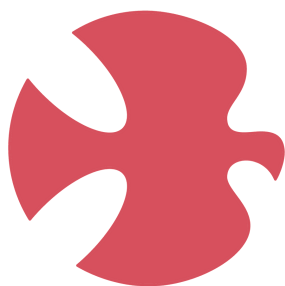
Elizabeth Haile

CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Charlotte Jackson

Kristin McNavage

Stacy Murphy



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 such 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. Next year, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary and consider what the next decades will bring. We will approve a plan to improve our property and embark on a capital campaign – both forward-looking initiatives that hold much promise.

It would be my 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

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Family: Adult Children: George and Phillip Geiger



GINA
LAGOMARSINO
JUNIOR WARDEN

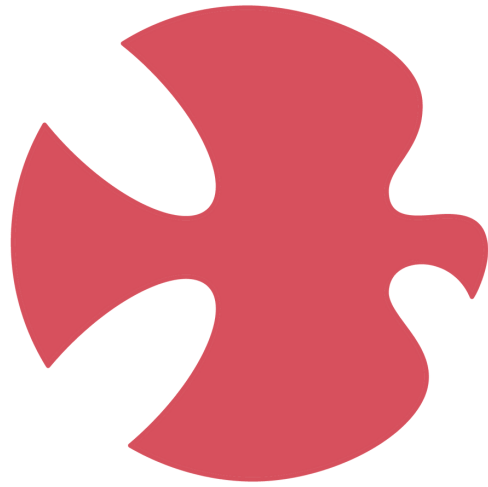
I am so grateful that I found St. C's 16 years ago. I have been transformed by this vibrant community that inspires me every day to Live God's Love.

Our vibrant community is embarking on a joyful celebration of our 150th anniversary in 2024. This will be an opportunity to revisit our history while also looking ahead to the future. I'm very excited about envisioning Our Future Church and beginning the process of calling a new rector who will help us continue to live the mission and priorities that we co-created together in recent years.

I'd be so pleased to serve another year as junior warden. I look forward to navigating this year of celebration, reflection and action together with many other congregational leaders, our fantastic staff, my vestry colleagues, Ledlie, and Sara Glenn, our senior warden.

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

Family: Ken Johnson, Liana Johnson (20) and Elias Johnson (17)



CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

KESHA EVANS



Church Experience: Elliott and I began our spiritual journey at St. Columbas in the Great Hall in 2015. Inspired by the loving care paid to God's children, I was compelled to learn more about this particular branch of "The Jesus Movement." Finding a home in the Episcopal faith, and deep community at St. Columba's, I am committed to lending my gifts to assist the church in fulfilling its Mission. During my journey, I have been enriched by teaching Sunday school, serving on the Nominating Committee and Renovation Committee, participating in Altar Guild, Good Shepherds, Circles, Mother's Group, the Antiracism Task Force and by my fellow parishioners and clergy.

Occupation: Lawyer, Rally Health, Inc.

Family: Spouse/Partner - Mark Philpott; Children - Scott, Sally and Elliott



MIKE DAVIS

I feel blessed that our family found St. Columba's about 10 years ago, around the time that Ledlie became our Rector. Currently, I have the privilege of serving as St. Columba's treasurer and Vestry member, replacing the remarkable Tim Massad. In recent years I have also been a member of the Finance committee of St. Columba and St. Albans School, and a member of the Master Planning Committee. Before that I taught Sunday School at St. Columba's. I am truly excited and humbled to be a part of one of the most exciting periods in St. Columba's history, including our ongoing incredible ministries, the planning to celebrate our 150 th anniversary next year, the upcoming capital campaign and the thoughtful work being done on a master plan which will, with God's help, enrich not only the lives of all St. Columba's parishioners, but the broader community and the world.

Most of all, I am committed to doing everything I can to help St. Columba fulfill its mission to "Live God's Love" by supporting our ministries, lay leaders, clergy, and the parishioners who contribute to our outstanding worship experience.



Occupation: Chief of Staff, Division of Enforcement and Investigations, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board

Family: Elizabeth Lan Davis (spouse), sons Warren and Grant

SARAH GRIFFIN



I came to St. Columba's for the first time in 2021, a former Roman Catholic looking for a new faith community. The immediate sense of welcome I felt at the first service kept drawing me back. In the past two years I've participated in adult formation classes, volunteered on several service projects, and sang in the choir. This summer I organized the Young Adults Group to provide a forum for those in their 20s and 30s to connect with each other and talk about faith. I'm passionate about faith formation and supporting the diverse ministries at St. Columba's, both long-running and new. If elected, I hope to support our church in our mission to live God's love, finding ways to steward our resources and lift up leaders from across our community to achieve our goals.



Occupation: Research Analyst

ANN LUNG

I first came to St Columba's in 1986 on the recommendation of friends, joining the church a year later. Over the years I have enjoyed participating in parish life in a number of ways. I have been an usher for 30 years and currently serve as an usher team captain. I have been active in the 42nd Street Fellowship and enjoy participating in small groups and classes. For the last three years I have managed the Advent Olive Oil sale. Two years ago I helped create the "Last Best Things" seminar series and participated as one of the three speakers.

Some of the issues I see as priorities for the vestry are:

1. Planning for the transition when our Rector retires
2. Making a decision regarding the Fletcher House property and getting buy-in from our neighbors
3. Continue the work of improving the Parish building.
4. Seek additional ways to be open in spirit with an aim toward becoming an anti-racist church.



Occupation: Retired Financial Planner

Family: I have one daughter, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

SONDRA MILLS



My son and I began regularly attending St. Columba's in 1996, when he was in middle school. We soon became very involved in youth activities and in the newly established STEP (St. Columba's/Truesdell Educational Partnership) program. Over the years, I have also served as a Lay Eucharistic minister and coordinator in the Good Shepherd's program, and have loved playing the piano with St. Columba's many wonderful musicians and for Labyrinth walks and service preludes. St. Columba's racial justice ministries in particular have deepened my understanding of what it means to be a child of God. I am especially grateful for participation in Sacred Ground, for lasting relationships with "Dreamers" in the STEP program, and for fellowship with parishioners in Stirring the Waters. I am also thankful for the many positive responses to the research I have done into St. Columba's racial history and to the parish's commitment to becoming an anti-racist church. If elected to the vestry, I would seek to help St. Columba's embrace its story and strengthen the parish's relationship with individuals, churches and communities through our city.

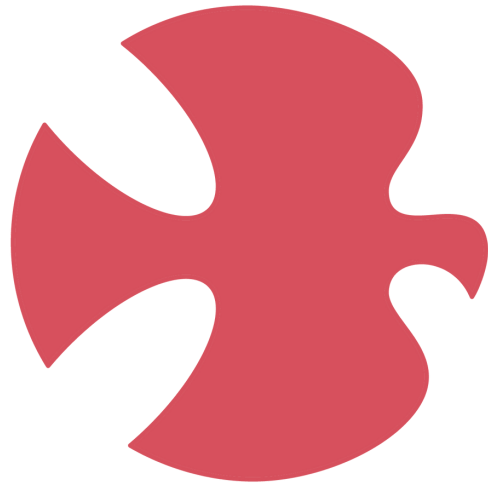
Occupation: Lawyer, formerly with U.S. Department of Justice and District of Columbia Attorney General's Office; currently semi-retired solo practitioner and legal consultant
Family: One grown son (Robert) and daughter-in-law (Katie), two grandchildren (Sophie and Teddy)

CHARLES MOLLUZZO

Our family first attended St. Columba's on Palm Sunday in 2013, and we quickly realized it was the perfect faith community for us. St. Columba's has become central to our lives and our entire family participates in church life. Since 2014, I have served as secretary of the vestry, observing how it has addressed challenges, charted new approaches, and served as a steward of our resources. I have been a leader of Father's Group since the pandemic, taught many Sunday School classes, served on the stewardship committee and made stewardship visits, and participated in a trip to the border in Texas. I am running for vestry because I deeply care about our future. I want to use my experience with church governance to help secure the long-term stability of St. Columba's, including long-term financial sustainability, so that we can continue to execute our mission to Live God's Love.



Occupation: In-house attorney at IntraFi
Family: Alecia Brinkerhoff (spouse), Costas (12), Paul (8), Isco (5)



**CANDIDATES FOR
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.

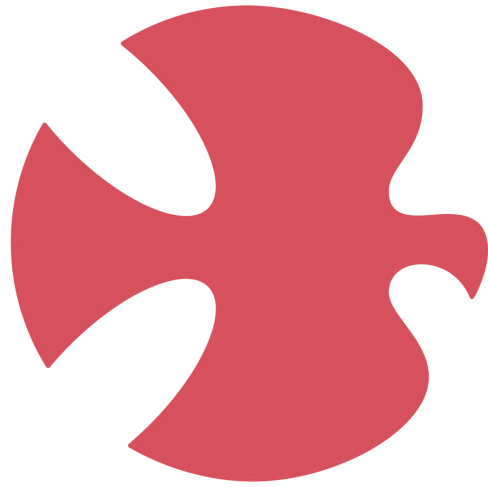
Occupation: Senior Producer, CANVAS/Arts and Culture, PBS NewsHour
Family: Rory Davenport (husband), Caroline (25), James (22)

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 (12) and Audrey (16)



**CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE
DIOCESAN DELEGATE**

CHARLOTTE JACKSON



I started bringing my girls to St Columba's in fall 2019, when they were 5 and 3. I was raised in a Baptist church and knew nothing about the Episcopal church, but the "fussy babies welcome" sign drew me in, and I'm so glad it did! St Columba's has been such a loving and welcoming spiritual home for all three of us. It's important for us to contribute to the community here, so I teach Sunday school, and the girls do choir and acolyting. I'd be honored to also represent the church as a diocesan delegate.

Occupation: Data scientist in the Ads org at Meta (formerly Facebook)
Family: Susanna Bang (9) and Marian Bang (7)



KRISTIN MCNAVAGE

My family came to St. Columba's about 20 years ago in search of quality children's programs. We found it here at St. Columba's particularly through the Great Hall services and Wednesday night programming. Through this connection, we got involved quite a bit. I have participated in SCAP often, helped with Rebuilding Together for fifteen years, and served on various committees, such as the youth council.



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 living God's love. I am excited to serve as a diocesan delegate and to represent St. Columba's Church.

Occupation: Teacher, Montgomery County Public Schools
Husband: Ryan (Husband), Lindsay (23), Grant (20)



STACY NOTARAS MURPHY



I am a life-long Episcopalian who spent my high school years leading many youth events in my home Diocese of Indianapolis. After 20 years spent at a smaller DC parish, my husband, Scott, and I started looking for a more robust youth program for our daughters in order to mirror some of the formative spiritual experiences I had in high school. We began attending St. C's in 2019 and have loved getting to know the community through the youth choir, mother's and father's group, and in various small groups since then. I co-led a "Love in the Time of Coronavirus" book study group for the parish during the summer of 2020 and am in my third year of serving on the Youth Council. I am particularly excited to serve as a delegate representing St. C's after attending many conventions as a Youth Delegate.

Occupation: Psychotherapist specializing in trauma and couples work
Family: Scott, daughters Georgia, 15, and Sophie, 12





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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 2023 Nominating Committee members are: Tom Bauder, Nicole Cannizzaro, Wayne Fowler, Elizabeth Gardiner, Charlotte Hart, Susan Garille Higgins, Matthew Huggins, Charlotte Jackson, , with co-chairs Emily Lawson and Ryan McNavage.