

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, hymn 408

Text: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)

In preparation for the Together in Hope Ministry Fair coming October 3rd (more information soon!), we'll be featuring one or two ministries each week. Check out today's featured ministry after the news in this email!

Amanda Fulton, Communications Team

Got a question or a tip for the eNews? [Email me here!](#)

Join us next Sunday, August 29th, for **The Blessing of the Backpacks** during the service! Students, bring backpacks - we'll pray for students as they start (or continue, depending on their district!) the school year.

And the next morning, on August 30th, our clergy and staff will be bringing back **Priest on a Corner** to cheer on local kids as they return to in-person instruction.



We need you! As part of our [ending family homeless initiative](#), we have provided lunches to [Friendship Place](#) guests, twice a week since last December. This is a great way to get involved, have an impact, get the whole family engaged, and do it all safely and socially distanced.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, [visit this page](#) or contact [Cami Caudill](#).



Thank you to all who joined us this past Sunday for our Housing Up Backpack Packing Extravaganza! We ended up with 168 bags filled by about 30 parishioners, and the bags have been delivered to teens living in [Housing Up](#) housing who are preparing to begin the new school year.



Sacred Ground classes are again being offered at St. Columba's this fall. This powerful program consists of 10 meetings which supports the church's commitment to **racial healing and justice** in our personal lives, parish, and society. To learn more, visit [our website here](#) or [register here](#).

In-person and Zoom music rehearsals for all ages begin in September!

Our long tradition of musical excellence is continued in our singing choirs, handbell ensembles for youth and adults, and chamber orchestra. We encourage each of you to engage with us in our community of music makers by singing or ringing with one of our choirs. You can find out more about our music program by [visiting our website](#) or emailing [Anne Timpane](#). All are welcome!

Nancy Frankel's funeral will take place in the St. Columba's Courtyard on Monday, August 23rd at 6pm. All are welcome to join.

St. Columba's celebrates the generosity of one anonymous parishioner who recently donated a significant gift to St. Columba's Endowment Fund. This gift will have a lasting impact on our community. The church owes its existence to the generosity of many hundreds of friends over the past century. The preservation of its buildings, its ministry to those within the community and neighbors near and far, and the success of its programs all depend on such continuing support.

To learn more about St. Columba's Endowment Fund or to learn more about Planned Giving, you may visit [our website](#) or contact [Bronwyn Roy](#).



The St. Columba's Anti Racism Taskforce would like to invite you to take a short, anonymous survey. Even if you participated in a small group discussion, we invite you to fill out the survey. No more than 10-15 minutes long. [Access the survey here.](#)

Should you have questions about the survey, please send an email to AntiRacismTF@columba.org.

Ministry Spotlight: Labyrinth Ministry

Labyrinths are an ancient form of walking meditation, which flowered in medieval times with the building of the great gothic cathedrals in Europe. Our labyrinth is canvas, measures 36' across, and is a replica of the famous "Chartres Labyrinth" built 800 years ago at Chartres Cathedral in France.



The Labyrinths
at St. Columba's

Are you seeking peace, renewal, and time for quiet inner reflection? **Come walk St. C's labyrinth!** We currently utilize a canvas labyrinth that folds out, but plans are underway to create a permanent outdoor labyrinth!

Labyrinth walks are planned to resume in December, but in the meantime keep an eye out for more info coming soon about **a labyrinth event on September 11th** as we meditate and memorialize.

Questions about this ministry? Contact labyrinthleader@columba.org.



Courtyard Sundays

8am Service without Music

9:15am Wee Worship
10:30am Service with Music

[For more details, please visit this page.](#)

Looks Like Rain? Grab Your Umbrella!

St. Columba's will now hold Sunday worship services outside, rain or shine! It will be pared down in order to spare our audio equipment, but if you're willing to withstand the elements, we'll be there to worship with you. Don't prefer the rain? Join us for our Sunday services [online!](#)

A COVID-19 Safety Reminder

While many in our parish are vaccinated against COVID-19, others are not--including children under the age of 12--and recent data suggest that while the vaccines offer substantial protection against serious illness, they do not necessarily prevent the transmission of COVID, especially the highly contagious Delta variant from person to person.

Though the renovation is ongoing, at this time, our expectation is that all people--regardless of vaccination status--will be masked while indoors at St. Columba's.

The parish staff, all but one of whom are vaccinated, have resumed wearing masks indoors.

During outdoor worship - Courtyard Sunday's at St. Columba's or House Church among neighbors - if you are vaccinated you are not required to wear a mask but anyone who feels more comfortable and/or are at a higher risk should feel welcome to wear a mask. As a worshipping community we want to do all we can to ensure and encourage safe participation for all who gather.

While we are disappointed that the progression of the virus has made this necessary, we are also grateful that we are still able to be together to worship.

Stay tuned for forthcoming guidelines as we anticipate both continuing outdoor worship and resuming some indoor activities and worship this fall when the building reopens in October.

Sermons, Daily Breads, and Faith Stories are available as podcasts on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Listen and subscribe!



Engage



NEW HOUSE CHURCH

{not new or in a house}



House Churches

A House Church is a small group that gathers together to recite Sunday's liturgy, listen and discuss Scripture, pray for the world and participate in a modified Communion service, all in a safe and inviting outdoor or backyard space of your choosing.

Want to learn more? Check out [our website here](#) to see a list of FAQs and more information!



Our pastoral team is here to help with everything: emergencies, spiritual guidance and direction, and conversation. [Visit this page](#) or [contact Marlene Lawson](#) for more information.



[Stay up-to-date on all our Sunday events on our website!](#)

Weekly drop-in Bible studies

Sunday Bible Study

9:00 am – with [David Griswold](#) - via Zoom or in-person in room 212.

Contact the session leader for more information.

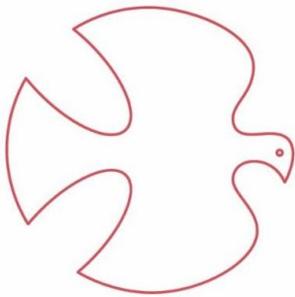


Wednesday Bible & Book Study - **10:00am** - with [David Griswold](#). Always open to new or periodic participants. Contact the session leader for call-in instructions.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - **weekly at 9 am** via Zoom. Contact [Jon McBride](#) for call-in instructions.

See our other prayer groups and Bible studies online at [our website!](#)

Gathering



Learn more at [Columba.org](#)

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Prayer Groups Find our daily/weekly/monthly Prayer Groups [here](#).

How to Connect during the coronavirus crisis?

Visit our [coronavirus resources page](#).

#ColumbaDailyBread

Click [here](#) for an archive of [#ColumbaDailyBread](#) inspirations or find them on [St. C's YouTube Channel](#). [#PassTheBread](#) and join the conversation by including [#ColumbaDailyBread](#) in your social media posts.

Instagram Download the Instagram app on your phone, go to St. C's on [Instagram](#) at [@stcolumbas.dc](#) and follow us.

St. C's Nursery School

For live events, go to the Nursery School's [Facebook](#) page.

Zoom Video Conferencing When looking to join a Zoom meeting, contact the meeting leader by email and ask for the meeting link and meeting ID number. Passwords may be required. **Note:** You may opt to join the meeting via telephone also, by using the call-in telephone number.

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