



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

February 25, 2024

*Service Times: 8am, 9am, and 11:15am
9:15am Wee Worship in the Great Hall*

10:15am Sunday Bible, Coffee and Conversation
with David Griswold in room 212 and on Zoom

Children's and Youth Formation at 10:15am

Sunday Forum: Lamentation with the Anti-Racism Task Force

SERVICE OF LAMENTATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is
ever before me, ...*

*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a
broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.*

As we commemorate our 150th anniversary, this week's services will feature a litany of lamentation for racial injustice and St. Columba's part in that history.



Sunday, February 25th at 5pm

St. Columba's children's and youth choirs will share their talents in Kids for Kids, a concert featuring performances by young musicians and dancers to benefit Bishop Walker School and St. Columba's Outreach Campaign. Along with our own singers, Kids for Kids will include performers from Young Artists of America, Bach to Rock, Virginia Dance Conservatory, and the Veyev Trio featuring instrumentalists Yuri and Vlad Popov. Free-will offerings can be made at the door using a QR Code, check, or cash.

We're celebrating:

- ...A great Shrove Tuesday (a full Great Hall) and burning of ashes
- ...The outreach of our Ashes to Go program on Ash Wednesday
- ...A wonderful, thought-provoking racial justice pilgrimage to Alabama; hear from the pilgrims at our forum on 3/10

Can We Pray For you?

Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:
[Columba.org/pray-for-me](https://columba.org/pray-for-me)

Receiving Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer Ministers can pray with you on second Sundays during communion

Pastoral Care

If you need to speak to someone directly,
email: pastoral@columba.org or please call
202-669-4856

Please keep in prayer:

Jack, Clarion, Ray Suarez, Becky Slater, Pam, Rick, Ryan, John Harrison Jr., the Most Reverend Michael Curry, for the people of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

Our 42nd Street Fellowship

Those who have died:

Sally Herren, Nancy Butler, Dana Greene, Claire Cassell, Janet McGervey

Upcoming funerals:

<https://www.columba.org/upcoming-funerals/>

Saturday, March 2 at 11 am: Funeral for Robert Fletcher, Jr with reception to follow

Are you new? Welcome!

Contact Courtney Hundley
Minister for member engagement
chundley@columba.org
for info on how to get involved!

Upcoming Events

Lenten Compline

Sundays During Lent at 7:30pm in St. Aidan's Chapel

Singers will be sharing Compline, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence, sung Compline will be offered on Sundays, February 25, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 7:30 pm in St. Aidan's Chapel. Contact: Anne Timpane (atimpane@columba.org).

Wednesday Night Supper Forum: From Repentance to Repair

Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm

The Anti-Racism Task Force invites you to a conversation with Rev. Greg Maggiano, Rector of Memorial Episcopal (Baltimore) and Susan Schulken, member of the Committee on Diocesan Reparations and of Grace Episcopal (Silver Spring), who will talk about (i) their parish histories of racial injustice and why they came to a Christian conviction to take action, (ii) what their churches have done, or are planning to do, to repair that injustice, and (iii) what lessons they have learned. Last year at this time, Duke Kwon spoke to the parish about his book *Reparations: A Christian Call For Repentance and Repair* and how the call to make reparations grows out of our fundamental Christian beliefs. The conversation on February 28 will inform us what fellow congregations are doing in answer to that call.

Music of Hildegard von Bingen Concert benefitting the Family Homelessness Initiative

Sunday, March 3rd at 5pm

Join Rosa Lamoreaux and Chamber Music for Hearts and Minds as they return to St. Columba's to welcome the spring with glorious chants of Hildegard von Bingen, Sunday, March 3, 2024, 5:00 PM. Rosa will be joined by Amy Domingues, vielle, Olivia Castor, harp, Genevieve McGahey and Janna Critz, vocals.

The extravagant melodies of Hildegard (1098-1179) feature expressive melodic patterns that, through an exploration of implied harmony, dissonance, and overtones, create vibrations that we respond to in our very being. Olivia and Amy will also perform medieval dance repertoire for harp and strings.

Tickets are \$20 payable through Venmo @RLSings, and at the concert venue via cash or check. The profits of this concert will go to The Family Homelessness Initiative of St. Columba Episcopal Church.

"When My Time Comes" Screening and Q&A with Diane Rehm

Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm

Diane Rehm will offer a screening of her recent film "When My Time Comes" after the Wednesday Night Supper on March 6. The former radio host is a champion of medical aid in dying, and her film offers vignettes illustrating various points of view. Diane will respond to questions and answers after the 54 minute film, and people are welcome to bring interested friends and neighbors.

Wednesdays at St. C's:

Community Supper

Bring a friend, bring your family, or pay it forward and buy a meal for someone who may not be able to afford it. Whenever there is a Wednesday Night Supper there is also a short (10 minute) Evening Prayer service in the Nave @ 6pm. Please join us!



Young Adult Group Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm

Join the St. Columba's Young Adults Group at 7pm Wednesdays as we continue our Bible Study series. Contact Sarah Griffin (sjg86@georgetown.edu) for more information.

Legos for Lent

Wednesdays during Lent

Join Katie for a Holy Week Bible story and Lego building. Wednesdays Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20 from 4:45 to 5:45 pm Room 212. Register here so we know how many to plan for.



Want to engage with St. C's children?

The children of St. Columba's would love to get to know you! Please sign up to volunteer with the Children's Ministry. There are opportunities to work directly with kids (lead Sunday School or Storytime) or support in the background (with events or on a curriculum committee).



Join the Flower Guild!

The Flower Guild is looking for new members. Please stop by the table in the Commons on Sunday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 18 to learn more about what we do. Previous experience is not required. It is a wonderful way to express creativity, enjoy fellowship and give Glory to God. Questions? Contact flowerguild@columba.org.

Complete Rector Search survey by March 3rd!

As St. Columba's prepares to call our new Rector and celebrate and reflect on our first 150 years as a parish, we need your input on how well St. Columba's is living our values and meeting our mission! This will help us identify the specific skills and experience we will need in our next rector. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey to share your perspective online (scan code). Your responses will be compiled anonymously to inform our search process for a new rector. You are also invited to join one of the upcoming parish listening sessions to ask questions and share additional feedback and ideas. Visit herefor the full schedule of listening sessions and zoom information.



Questions or other ideas? Please send them to rectorsearch@columba.org.

Formation Opportunity: Engage with "Church Cracked Open"

As we observe Lent and celebrate our 150th anniversary, we have an opportunity to engage in reflective work and seek hope for our future. The Adult Formation Team invites your engagement with Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community by Rev. Dr. Stephanie Spellers.

Want to read the book on your own? There's an extensive study guide that you can use to guide your reflections as you read. If your existing group is also interested in discussing the book over multiple sessions, you can use that material as well.

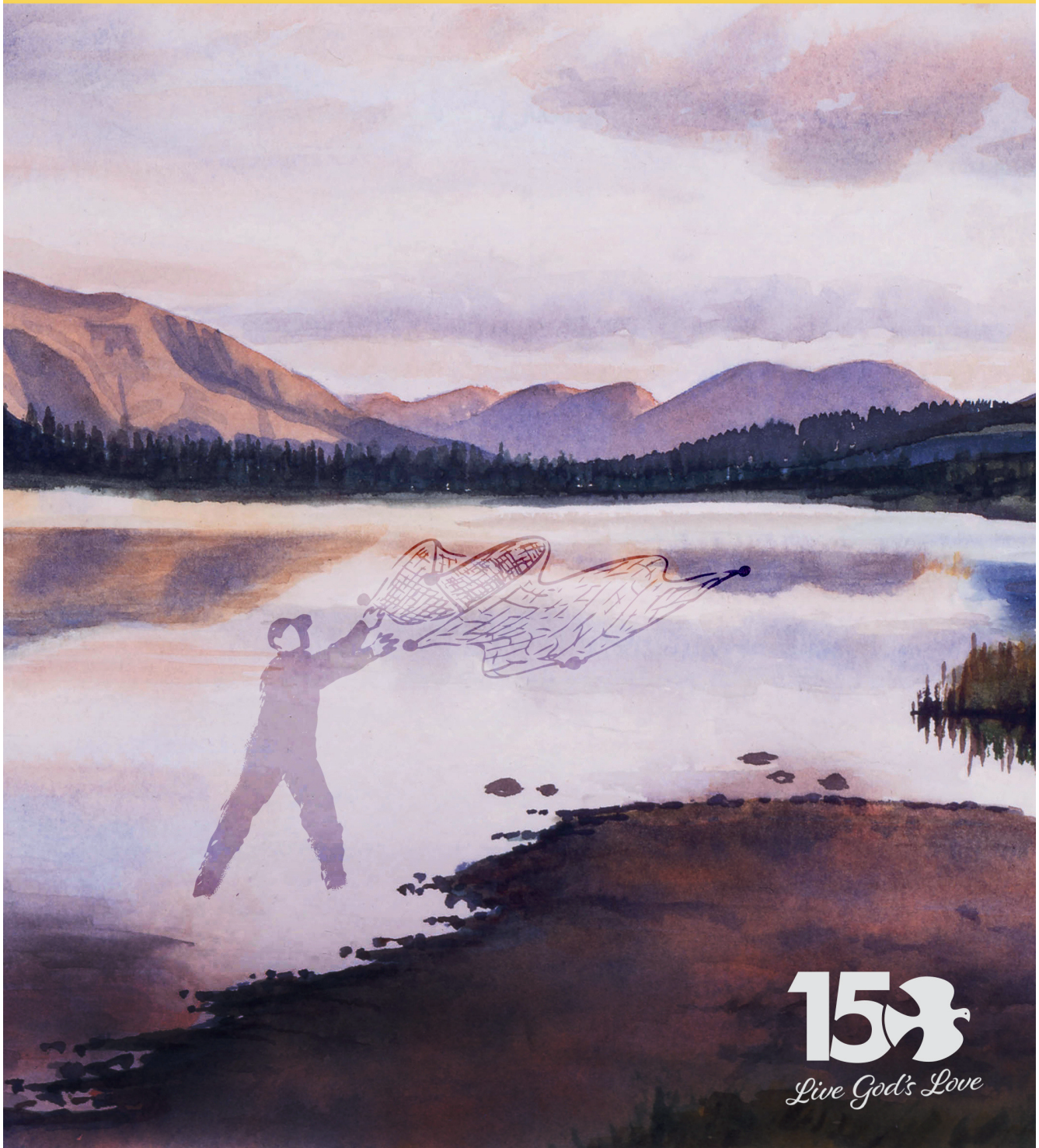
Want to discuss the book with others? Selected discussion questions are attached for your ministry group, or join at St. C's on Wednesday night March 13 or Sunday, March 17 at 12:30pm.

Before Easter

A PLAY

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD 2024 @5PM

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON DC



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Live God's Love

For the first 300 years of Christianity there was no single text or scroll or book that contained the entire New Testament available to the churches that met in the name of Jesus. It was passed on orally. "Gospellers" (many not literate themselves) would memorize what they could and travel to small house churches in their region. Thus the Gospel would be proclaimed most often without a text, in something that resembled a public speech or simple performance.

Before Easter intends to recreate some of that early church feel. It offers the Gospel of Mark from a single narrator from memory. The entire Gospel before Jesus descends the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, Mark chapters 1-10; everything before the events we remember as "Holy Week."

The play is fully immersive; the main locations and participants of the Gospel will "inhabit" different sections of the church and willing audience members will be called into telling and recreating the story itself. The play will hopefully be very compelling for children of all ages 4 and up.

Christian churches often do a great job retelling (in dramatic form) the last pieces of the story of Jesus: betrayal in the garden of Gethsemane, the trial before Pilate, the crucifixion at Calvary, and resurrection on Easter morning. But the rest of the life of Jesus—all that precede and inform those events—are often not told in a regular, cohesive, dramatic way. This play means to put flesh and bones on the life and ministry of Jesus before he arrives at the cross.

This is the Gospel of Mark. No subtractions from the text, no additions to the text. The Gospel, alive and incarnate for the community to behold and celebrate.

THE Gospel OF Mark



THE REV. DR. JOSHUA
DANIEL



THE REV. MITCHELL
FELTON

Before Easter: A Play

A 90 minute, fully immersive play entirely from memory

Word for word re-telling of The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 1-10

The entire life of Jesus before the events of Holy Week

Open to All!

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