



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

February 4, 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: Rector Search in the Great Hall



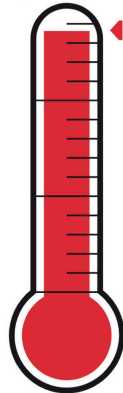
THANK YOU to all those who donated furnishings and volunteered to move-in the Abdi family, stock their fridge, and set up their apartment. The Abdi's feel blessed to be welcomed by our congregation. There are additional opportunities to welcome this refugee family by inviting them for an outing (DC memorials or other historic sites, museums, parks, etc). If interested, please reach out to Margie Trinity (margaret.trinity@outlook.com) or Keri Piester (keri.piester@gmail.com).

We offer our thanks and praise to God for this wonderful outpouring of generosity.

We want to invite any of you who have not yet given, to consider a generous pledge to support us.

And to those of you who have given, we ask if you might consider an additional increase above what you might already have pledged. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation in the 2024 pledge campaign.

\$2,741,036



Raised \$2,655,708



Scan to pledge



Scan to Increase your pledge

Share your stories!

Each of us has stories, and our beloved St. Columba's has a story. We are preparing to celebrate St. Columba's 150th anniversary in 2024. In celebration of our sesquicentennial, we invite you to help tell St. Columba's story by telling your stories.

Visit Columba.org/150 to learn more.



Can We Pray For you?

Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit: 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, Ana Gardano, Clarion, Ray Suarez, Becky Slater, Jim Murphy, Roger Ashford, Paul, Kristen, Scott Bridgewater, Addie Lee, 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:

the faith story shared by Hugh Golub today; the work of Washington Interfaith Network and the St. Columba's WIN Core Team; the life and ministry of Absalom Jones

Those who have died:

Ken Ingersoll, Maxime Dehoux, Lien Herderschee

Upcoming funerals:

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

Saturday, February 10 at 11 am: Memorial service for Ruth Ann Nicastro

Saturday, February 17 at 11 am: Funeral and reception for Philip Graham

Are you new? Welcome!

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

Upcoming Events

Fathers Group Monthly Get-Together Sunday, February 4th 7:30pm-9:30pm

Welcome fathers of all ages! This is our monthly get-together. We're a group of men that meet for fellowship and mutual support. Relaxed and welcoming. There's always a new face each time we meet -- so don't be shy to come your first time! Snacks provided by host, feel free to bring a nonalcoholic or alcoholic beverage, registration not required but more information (including address) available in Realm.

Water Ministry Clothing Drive Begins Sunday, February 4th

The Water Ministry, our ministry to the homeless and vulnerable in our community, is having a clothing drive to meet the needs of our guests. We are seeking donations of the following items, either new or lightly used:

- Sturdy backpacks
- Men's waterproof gloves in sizes L and above
- Men's winter jackets in sizes L and above
- Waterproof men's winter hats
- Men's belts in sizes 40 and above

Donations will be collected in the Commons on Sunday February 4 and February

11. Donations may also be brought to the Water Ministry during normal operating hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Please use the 2nd floor Butterworth Place entrance.

First Tuesday Labyrinth Walk Tuesday, February 6th 7pm-8:30pm

The February 6th first Tuesday labyrinth walk promises to be extra special! We're welcoming back vocal group Harmonic Introductions, who will accompany walkers with their ethereal blend of overtone singing and instrumental accompaniment. The labyrinth will be open in the Great Hall from 7-8:30 PM, and all ages, faiths, and abilities are warmly welcome.

Upcoming Events with Washington Interfaith Network

Thursday, February 8th 6:30pm-8:00pm

It's budget and legislative oversight season in DC, and WIN is ready to help you engage. Join our WIN Core Team on Thursday, February 8, 6:30-8:00 PM, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (222 M St SW, across from Waterfront metro stop). Dinner will be served, along with organizing insights, remarks from law professor Anthony Cook, and conversation with WIN teams across DC. Register at <https://bit.ly/feb8politicaledu>. Future sessions include March 7 (Public Safety & Gun Violence), April 4 (Affordable Housing & Home Ownership), and May 2 (Climate and Healthy Housing). Contact Elizabeth Vaden (vadenfamily@verizon.net) for more information.

Young Adults Lunch

Sunday, February 11th after the 11:15am service

The Young Adults Group will be gathering after the 11:15am service on Sunday, February 11 in room 220. All young adults are welcome to join for fellowship. A lunch of sandwiches will be provided. Please RSVP to Sarah Griffin if you plan to attend. at sjg86@georgetown.edu.

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!



New Wednesday Night Class- The Faith of Jesus

Interested in weekly prayer with a small group of spirit-filled St. Columbans? Interested in hearing about what Jesus thought about faith? We'll do a lot of both in this class! Join Joshua Daniel (and the long running group) as he hosts nearly every week @ 6:45pm after Wednesday Night Suppers (and via zoom). For more information email Joshua (jdaniel@columba.org).



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.

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.

Join us for Inquirer's Class

Tuesday February 13th at 8 pm on Zoom,

Tuesday February 20th at 8 pm on Zoom, and Wednesday February 28th at 7 pm in person

This class will meet twice on zoom and once in person following a Wednesday Night Supper. If you have questions about the Episcopal Church, would like to learn more about St. Columba's, have like some time with Ledlie and meet some other sojourners, this class is for you. Whether you have been at St. C's for a long time or are beginning to discern whether this community of faith is where you hope to land, please join us. Questions? Reach out to Courtney Hundley at chundley@columba.org.

Wee Worship Basics

Tuesday February 20 at 8pm

Calling all or new Wee Worship Parents/Grandparents!

Come for a moment of fellowship and hear about our philosophy of ministry and worship for the littlest members of our church.

Last Best Things: End-of-Life Planning for All Generations Beginning February 25, 12:30 - 2:30 pm in the Great Hall

A three-part Sunday afternoon series to help ground our thinking about death for ourselves and those we love in the sacred space of our deepest values. These meetings will prompt family discussions to help raise comfort levels about talking openly of these issues and honor death as the natural end of all lives. Anyone interested in preparing for their own death or for a family member's death is welcome, including parents and their adult children. All attendees must register, and the total cost is \$45. A catered lunch will be offered each week, followed by the presentation and time for questions.

Questions? Contact Michele Prince (mprince@columba.org) or Susan Flanders (sflanders@columba.org). Register using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/LastBestThings2024>.