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Live God's Love

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

March 17, 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: Undesign the Redline
at 10:15 in the Nave

The Great Chili Cook-Off! 12:15-2:00 pm today!

This is a delicious and festive congregation-wide party and fundraiser supporting the youth program. Sample chilies prepared by parish cooks and help us decide who makes the meanest chili of all!



This year's Outreach campaign: Reaching for the Rainbow

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". -Matthew 6:21

One of the things that many of us treasure is our community, whether it be Tenleytown, our immediate neighborhood, schools or worship community. At St. Columba's, we work hard to Live God's Love through serving our communities in many different ways through our Outreach Ministries. Some of the ways that we do this is through meals for the unhoused, showers, bible studies, welcoming migrants and refugees and in advocating for our neighbors whose voices we lift to the center. For many of us, our community is a major part of our heart.

Please consider giving generously to this year's Outreach Campaign, Reaching for the Rainbow. The work that we do with our communities is only possible through your generous gifts to the annual Outreach Campaign.

Please make a donation today to continue this great work within our community.

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, Becky Slater, Ryan, Mark, Michael, Craig, Marie Stevanus, Pam, Lucas, Doug, 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 Altar Guild

Those who have died:
Jim Murphy, Anne Urban

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

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 at 7:30 pm in St. Aidan's Chapel. Contact: Anne Timpane (atimpane@columba.org).

Formation Opportunity: Engage with "Church Cracked Open"

Sunday, March 17 at 12:30pm

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 available for your ministry group, Sunday, March 17 at 12:30pm.

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, April 17th-May 22nd

Those who have recently lost someone to death are invited to participate in a grief support group that will meet at 7 pm in Room 220 on six Wednesday evenings beginning April 17 and ending May 22.

The meetings will be a time of mutual sharing of stories and reflection on the profound, even sacred, passage one goes through when a loved one dies. The facilitators are Marjorie Hale and Courtney Hundley. Scan to register or contact Michele Prince, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at mprince@columba.org or 202-363-4119 ext 329 if you have questions or trouble registering.



Before Easter: A Play

Saturday, March 23rd at 5pm

In celebration of St. Columba's 150th Anniversary, The Revs. Mitchell Felton and Joshua Daniel will host a play on the entire life of Jesus before the events of Holy Week.

A 90 minute, fully immersive play entirely from memory, this word for word re-telling of The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 1-10, presents the entire life of Jesus before the events of Holy Week, narrated in a way that the earliest church may have heard it.

Open to All! Bring a friend!

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.



A Walk through Holy Week resources and prayers available at www.columba.org/children. Holy Week in a Box and materials will be available in the Common on Sunday 17 or by emailing Katie at kmcgervey@columba.org.

Calling all or new Wee Worship Parents/Grandparents!

March 19th at 8pm on Zoom

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

Let's Rebuild Together!

This year's Rebuilding Together effort will happen on Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, April 27. We just got our house assignment and are preparing to repair and clean and paint. If you are interested in joining this year's effort, please reach out to Susan Higgins at rebuildingtogether@columba.org.

St. Columba's Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday March 31, 10:30-11:00 am on the playground!

We are excited to host our second annual Easter Egg Hunt between the 9:15 and 11:15 Wee Worship services. Join with us in fellowship and fun!

We do need some help, [use this sign up genius to let us know how you can help!](#)

- Bring eggs filled with candy or just candy before Friday, March 29th. There will be an egg pick-up and collection table in the Common on Sundays March 17 and 24 and throughout Holy Week until Friday, March 29th.
- Hide eggs on the playground on Easter Sunday during the 9:30 am service
- Supervise our egg-static children during the hunt. There will be separate sections on the playground for younger kids (5 and under) and older kids (6 and up).
- Join the clean-up crew

[Click here](#) to pick your volunteer slots.

Reach out to Yvonne Kodl (yvonne.kodl@gmail.com) if you have questions!





In the fall of 1974, we at St. Columba's had our own experience of being "in the room where it happens."

The movement to allow women to become priests in the Episcopal Church progressed exponentially when William Wendt, Rector of St. Stephen and the Incarnation, permitted Alison Cheek to celebrate the eucharist. Alison had been a lay leader at St. Alban's Church, where she had been encouraged to take courses at Virginia Theological Seminary. She was ordained a Deacon in January, 1974. Although William Creighton, as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, was an early supporter of the ordination of women to the priesthood, he proclaimed that he would not ordain anyone until there was approval by the General Convention. Upon learning of the celebration at St. Stephen's, Bishop Creighton charged Rev. Wendt for disobeying a "godly admonition." After a trial date was set, the Diocese began searching for a location in which to hold it. William (Bill) Swing, our Rector, offered St. Columba's. The trial lasted several days and was attended by women from St. Columba's and from all over the DMV. It created many headlines locally and nationally because of the emotional debate over women's ordination. In the end, William Wendt was censored but not removed, as "godly admonition" was a hard crime to define!

St. Columba's also promoted the campaign for women priests by becoming the first parish in the diocese to have women seminarians: Allison Palmer, Joan Bowman and Noreen Suriner. Noreen was ordained at St. C's, one of the first (if not the first) "regular" ordinations in the diocese. She was from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and her bishop, with the approval of Bishop Creighton, officiated at the ordination.

When equity and justice are at stake, St. Columba's has always played an important role in our Church and our community. We excel in being "in the room where it happens"

Submitted by Dee Anderson Payne

Member since 1969

In celebration of St. Columba's 150th anniversary, the 150th team wants to hear your stories! Whether a favorite St. C's memory or a reflection of what our church means to you - or otherwise - we welcome stories in written or recorded form to 150@columba.org. 150th team members will also be circulating at the March 20 Wednesday night supper and after Sunday services on March 17 and 24, ready to record! To schedule a specific date for a recording, email us at 150@columba.org. View 150th team members' stories at columba.org/150.



HOLY WEEK



Before Easter: A Play

March 23
5pm



Palm Sunday

March 24
Services at 8a, 9a, 11:15a
Wee Worship at 9:15a



Maundy Thursday

March 28
Family Service at 4p
Service at 7p



Good Friday

March 29
Service at 12p, 7p
Family Service at 4p



Holy Saturday

March 30
Great Vigil 7p
with reception

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HE HAS
RISEN

Easter Sunday

Services at 8a, 9:30a, 11:15a
Wee Worship at 9:15a
and 11:15a