



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

Palm Sunday March 24, 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
(Note, there is no meeting on 3/31)*

Children's and Youth Formation
will not meet today or Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday Music Note:

This morning our outdoor prelude is played by Rhapsody for Change, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring the uplifting benefits of music to veterans and other hospitalized individuals through performances and digital recordings in order to improve mental health, promote wellness, and alleviate pain. They host monthly in-person music events at Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and other local hospitals, handing out instruments, and teaching patients how to play them.



Members of Rhapsody 4 Change pictured above.

The Annual Chili Cook-Off was a success

Thank you so much for all our cooks, tasters, helpers, and planners.
Congratulations to the winners!

Left, Martine Polycarpe and her son Olivier

Right, Second place finishers, Alecia Brinkerhoff and Father Mitchell with first place winner Jessica Davis and her daughter Nora.



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 and fourth 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, Mark, Marie Stevanus, Pam, Lucas, Doug, Caroline and Olivia, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, for the people of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

All who will be baptized this week, Lena Davis Emancipator, Thomas Leahy, Beatrix Varrone, Adam Al-Attar, Amir Al-Attar, Myron Lopez, Farah Kepner

Those who have died:

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!

Ongoing Groups and Events

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.



LGBTQ+ Parent Group

Every second Monday at 7pm

A group for parents of children (of all ages) who identify as LGBTQ+. The parent group meets in Room 220 and new members are welcome. Contact the coordinators at LGBTQParentGroup@columba.org for more information.

First Tuesday Labyrinth Walks

7-8:30pm

Walk the ancient path, or simply sit back and enjoy this transcendent meditative experience. No experience necessary; as always, all ages, faiths, and abilities welcome!

First Thursday Seniors' Group: Feed body, mind and spirit

Gatherings for people 65 and older to socialize, learn, and feed the spirit. Bring your own lunch. Come after Daytime Singers or join us at noon in the Great Hall at 12pm. Registration not required. Contact Michele Prince (mpvince@columba.org) for more information.

Music Programs for All Ages

The Primary, Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs, St. Columba Singers, and Genesis and St. Columba Ringers welcome new members throughout the year. Come, make a joyful noise! Want to join in or have questions? Contact Anne Timpane (atimpane@columba.org)

Families new to Wee Worship

Join Joshua on zoom Tuesday, April 16 th from 8-9 pm to learn about St. Columba's, listen for ways to be involved and connect in fellowship with other families. Questions email chundley@columba.org

Healing Prayer

Every second and fourth Sunday during the 9 and 11:15am service.

Healing ministers are available for prayer during the Eucharist in St. Aidan's Chapel and in the back of the church. You can receive prayers for your own needs or on behalf of another.

Wednesdays at St. C's:

Community Supper - No Supper on 3/27

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.

Small group class: The Way of the Cross

Easter 2024 (April - June)

Wednesdays @ 6:45pm-8pm

First Date: April 3rd 2024

Contact: jdaniel@columba.org



Focuses on Jesus' teaching about why he must go to the cross, and why he calls his disciples to follow him. During the season of Easter we will read through Mark chapters 8-10: Jesus' repeated (3x) teachings about the way of the cross. Power reconsidered.



Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. In this course we will not only talk about faith, we'll share it. Share in it not only in mutual support but also in different exercises of prayer which will start each meeting. A training ground of sorts. No prior experience required.

This is a hybrid class, when you can come in person, great (consider joining us for our weekly Wednesday Night Supper!); also I expect for some of you it'll be easier to join by Zoom. If you think this class might be interesting for someone outside the St. Cs community, please invite them!



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.

Stations of the Cross during Holy Week

In addition to our collective worship during Holy Week, we will have Stations of the Cross available in the Common before and after services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This quiet contemplative walk with Jesus is an opportunity to pray on your own or with a small group. The Stations are designed by Brother Mickey McGrath, an accomplished artist and teacher and a religious Brother in the Oblates of St. Francis.



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.



Photo from the St. Columba's archive, courtesy of Marge Mengers

Upcoming Events

Rectors Forum April 7 at 10:15am

"St. Columba's at 150 - our past, our present, our future"
Join Ledlie and others for an important update on our plans for property improvements, housing, reparations, and more.



New support group for parents of young adults

Information session on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 pm in Room 212

Are you the parent of a young adult, between the ages of 22 and 30, who is living at home? Does your young adult suffer from a chronic illness, mental health or substance use disorder, depression, anxiety or low employment? Join us for an information session to gauge interest in a six-week discussion and support group. This group, facilitated by a parishioner, will meet in person weekly for six weeks in the spring (dates and time to be determined).

We will use Mark McConville's Failure to Launch as a discussion starting point and time-tested AA rules regarding privacy and shared discussion to create a safe and supportive space. Interested? Wondering if this is the right group for you? Join us on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 pm to learn more. Questions? Contact Michele Prince at mprince@columba.org.



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.



Undesign the Redline

April 11 - July 11, 2024

Cleveland Park Library

New Exhibit Explores Race-Based
Exclusion in Upper Northwest DC



As St. Columba's seeks to address underlying inequities in our society and create the Beloved Community, we are pleased to announce our support for a new educational exhibit: Undesign the Redline. St. Columba's and nearby churches and synagogues have led the process of bringing the exhibit to our area. It is the first time that Undesign the Redline has been initiated by faith communities.

It's not just the exhibit; there is also a robust slate of programs on topics related to systemic racism and led by local experts from schools, businesses, and history and advocacy organizations. You can visit on your own or join a public or private tour. Learn more at undesigndc.org or email Ben Bradburn at undesigndc@gmail.com with questions.

Rector Search Update

In February, the Vestry launched the first phase of our rector search process. This phase is focused on getting input from you about "who we are" as a parish. We are delighted to report that nearly 330 parishioners and staff responded to the survey and a number of parishioners attended one of the seven in-person listening sessions. Thank you! Now, the Vestry with assistance from the search advisory committee will evaluate the responses and identify key themes that describe what we do well at St. C's and where we might be falling short of our aspirations. This information will help the Vestry draft our parish profile. This profile will be a critical component of the job posting for St. C's rector position.

The Vestry welcomes your questions and comments regarding the rector search. Feel free to speak with any member of the Vestry or email us at rectorsearch@columba.org. If you did not complete a survey and would like to do so, send us a note. If you did complete the survey but now have additional thoughts or insights, please share those.

Mundy 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

EASTER

JOIN US FOR SERVICES AT

8a, 9:30a 11:15a

Wee Worship at 9:15a and 11:15a



St. Columba's Easter Egg Hunt

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

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We are excited to host our second annual Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday March 31, 10:30-11:00 am on the playground! Join with us in fellowship and fun! We still need help on Easter Sunday supervising the egg hunt and cleaning up. Please use the QR code to tell us how you will help!

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

