



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

March 3, 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: Senate Chaplain Barry Black at 10:15 in the Nave



Launching our Outreach campaign: Reaching for the Rainbow

As in previous years, funding from our outreach campaign will fund all of our outreach ministries, and enable us to continue the work that the Spirit has given us to do. This year, we are excited to highlight a new initiative within our Refugee Response Ministry, called Rainbow Railroad. Scan the QR code to give today



Our Annual Kids 4 Kids Benefit Concert



Last Day To Complete Rector Search Survey!

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. Your responses will be compiled anonymously to inform our search process for a new rector. You are also invited to join the upcoming parish listening session on Tuesday, March 5, 8:00-9:00pm via Zoom to ask questions and share additional feedback and ideas.

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

Scan the QR code for the survey:



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, Clarion, Becky Slater, Ryan, John Harrison Jr., Mark, 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 Welcome Ministry, Coffee Hour Helpers and all who offer hospitality

Those who have died:

Claire Cassell, Janet McGervey

Upcoming funerals:

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

We're celebrating:

...Kids 4 Kids had fabulous acts, a full church, and lots of excitement! Thanks to the volunteers, donors, and staff who helped us raise over \$3000 for the Bishop Walker School and the Outreach campaign - we're off to a great start!

...Last Best Things had a great first session with 30+ folks

...Flower Guild had 22 participants at their flower arranging workshop!

Are you new? Welcome!

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

Upcoming Events

Environment Committee Spring Meeting Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30pm

Please join the Environment Committee for our quarterly Spring meeting on Sunday, March 3 at 12:30 in Room 212. Come learn about the exciting plans we have for the Spring and how you can be part of creation care at St. Columba's. Contact: khabrams5@gmail.com

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).

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.

First Tuesday Labyrinth Walk Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm

As Lent continues, our Great Hall Labyrinth offers a space for quiet prayer and meditation. Join us this Tuesday, March 5, at 7pm. Walk the candlelit labyrinth path, or just sit with the soothing music played by St. C's musicians. As always, the labyrinth warmly welcomes walkers of all ages, faiths, and abilities.

In celebration of St. Columba's 150th, art historian Barbara Wolanin is coordinating a group of parishioners to share the history, beauty, and meaning of St. Columba's church building and art, including the stories told in our stained glass, in a small anniversary book for distribution at St. C's. If you are interested in being involved, please email Barbara at barbwolanin@gmail.com or meet her by Hattie's bookshelf in the Common after the 11:15 am service on March 10th.

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.



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

Thursday, March 7th, 12pm-1:30 pm in Room 212

First Thursday 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 Room 212. Registration not required. Have questions or want more information? Contact Michele Prince, Pastoral Care Coordinator at mprince@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.



**THE GREAT CHILI
COOK-OFF**
MARCH 17TH AT 12:15

The Great Chili Cook-Off! March 17th, 12:15-2:00 pm

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! Whether you are a chili maker or simply a chili eater, you are welcome. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children (under 12), \$50 family (5 member max). Chili, salad, cornbread, desserts, drinks and fellowship included. Sign up on Realm or buy tickets in the Common after the 9 and 11 am services on 3/3 and 3/10.



Share your story

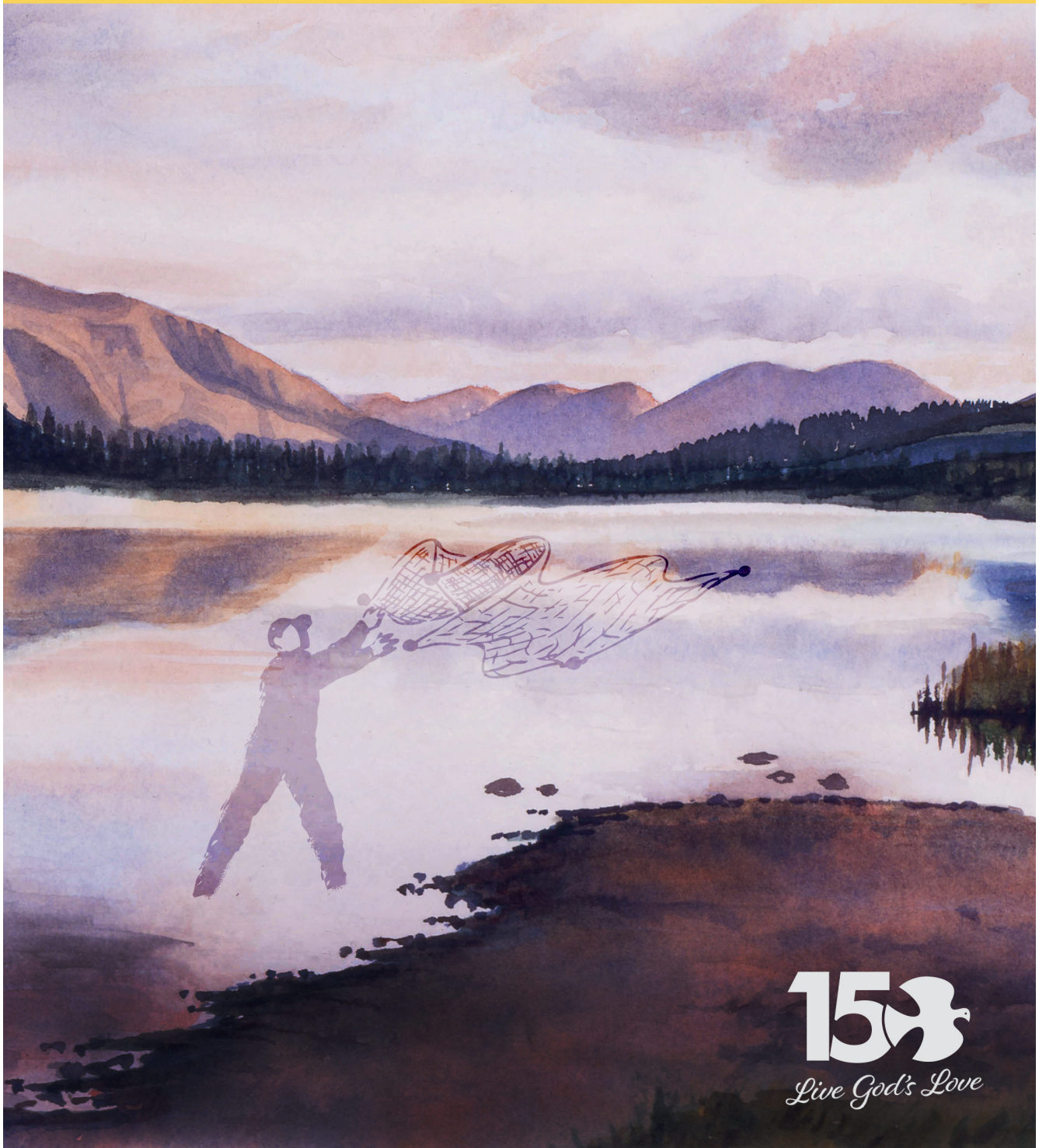
Everyone has a story, and we'd love to hear yours. In celebration of St. Columba's 150th anniversary, the 150th team is collecting stories - written and recorded - about our St. Columba's experiences. Perhaps there's a favorite memory or simply a way that you feel when you enter on a Sunday morning. Please visit columba.org/150 for more information and directions on how to submit a written story or record your story--and for updated information on all 150th events and celebrations.

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!

St. Columba's Episcopal Church
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