



ST. COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 3, 2026

Worship and Learn with us each Sunday:

Traditional Eucharist in the Church Nave

8a: You can expect a quieter experience of worship without music as well as a smaller congregation.

9a: This service features our Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs, as well as youth handbell ringers.

11:15a: This service features the St. Columba Singers and service is live-streamed on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

Wee Worship in the Great Hall at 9:15a

Formation Hour 10:15a:

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation

In-person at 10:15a in room 212 and on Zoom. All are welcome. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact The Rev. David Griswold

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Meets in-person from 10:15-11a. See poster in the Common for groups and classroom numbers.

This weeks forum:

Stirring the Waters, Anti-Racism Task Force and Ministry Engagement

In the Great Hall

Our time together will consider how we welcome folks into our church and the process we have for welcoming. We will also explore opportunities for being more inclusive and discuss ways to welcome people in our midst that are new and may not be in our circle of friends. We will share some of the missteps and awkward moments that can come with welcoming someone that we may not know, have not seen but has been a part of our community for a long time.

If you attended the Invite Welcome Connect training, are a part of a welcoming ministry (Ushers, Hospitality, Water Ministry) join us. If you are curious about how to get more involved in these ministries or this work of inviting, welcoming, connecting please join us.

Upcoming Adult Forums

May 10: The Six Resurrections in the Gospel of Mark

May 31: Reurrection and Creative Practice

Are you New?
We are so happy
you're here!

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

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

Upcoming funerals:

A service for Peggy Treadwell will be held on May 14 at 11 am in the nave with interment in columbarium and reception to follow.

Prayers of the People

Please keep in prayer:

Nick, Drew, Betsy, Matthew Belew, Woody, Paul Fitzgerald, Dan, Bill, Linda Ratcliff, Carol

We ask for continued prayers for:

Christopher Ravenscroft, Mark, Aldo, Gladys and Anne

Thanksgiving for:

The many ways our youth contribute to the life of our church, for our seminarians Santana Bartoldus and Katelyn Printz

Those who have died:

Peggy Treadwell

Rebuilding Together Update!

We extend our thanks to Susan Higgins, Ryan McNavage, and all the St. Columbans who supported our recent Rebuilding Together project. A special acknowledgment goes to Ryan for his 20 years of leadership and partnership, including co-leading efforts with Susan in recent years.

Read about this year's success:

www.columba.org/rebuilding-together-update/

Bittersweet Farewell to Santana

Our former Seminarian, now the Rev. Santana Bartoldus, will be joining the staff of St. David's as their new Assistant Rector. Santana is predicted to begin after her ordination in late June. She is currently a transitional deacon. St. David's writes:

Santana stood out from the moment we first reviewed her application. She is a gifted preacher committed to traditional Episcopal worship, and we think she will be a great fit for this congregation and a real asset as we continue to grow and develop new and existing ministries.



Welcome Steven Cooper

We are pleased to welcome Steven Cooper as our new Water Ministry Coordinator. Steven began as a dedicated volunteer with the ministry. He is passionate about supporting those who are marginalized and experiencing homelessness, and his commitment and care make him a natural fit for this role.

St. Columba's Water Ministry offers community and hospitality to neighbors in need, including those experiencing homelessness. The ministry provides showers, laundry service, a place to rest and connect, and a hot midday meal. This important work is made possible by parishioners and volunteers who assist with showers, operate laundry facilities, and prepare and serve meals.

Water Ministry is currently open four days a week—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday—from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with volunteers serving from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming Steven to this vital ministry.



NEW! Summer Spanish language classes tailored to St. C's ministries

Have you ever wanted to speak Spanish better (or even well enough) to be more helpful in serving the Spanish-speaking communities we serve or want to serve? Well, here's your chance to do that! This summer, St. Columba's will offer a pilot class tailored to providing you with the ability to navigate basic social exchanges, express care and solidarity for migrant neighbors whose families are affected by detentions and deportations, and assist with practical needs—in Spanish! Classes will be offered both in person and on Zoom for a suggested donation of \$270. The exact schedule is evolving, and we want to gauge interest as soon as possible. If you are interested, please reach out to Lanese Jorgensen at ljorgensen2005@yahoo.com or 202/744-0999.

The Antiracism Task Force and Stirring the Waters want to hear from you- survey opportunity

We aspire to be a welcoming church. But sometimes we stub our toe—inadvertently and unconsciously—when it comes to inviting, welcoming and connecting with people of color, including our parishioners of color. We tend to think of ourselves as sensitive to this problem, and some may doubt that it occurs at St. C's.

We'd like to hear from you: if you've experienced micro-aggressions, observed them, even committed them, tell us anonymously by sharing in this form. All inputs will be used without attribution.

For your reference, here is a helpful definition of Micro-aggression: brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative racial slights and insults toward people of color, or that serve to "invalidate" (e.g. not sitting next to a person of color in a classroom, pew, on public transportation, etc.). Since micro-aggressions are often unintentional, this is an area in which it is helpful to distinguish between intent and impact, and to honor both truths.



Upcoming WIN Opportunities

Take Back the Faith Narrative!

Sunday, May 17 3p

Union Temple Baptist Church, 1225 W St, SE

On May 17 from 3-5 PM, Columbans will stand with over 1,000 members of faith communities from around the city at the WIN candidate forum, lifting up our lived experiences and asking aspiring leaders of our city to respond to our vision of a call to economic, social, and racial justice in DC. Our numbers will demonstrate WIN's power, so plan to be there! Register to join us and learn about our plan to travel together to the forum.



Music Events:

World Music Collective Free Concert

Friday, May 8 7p Nave

Join the World Music Collective with guest artist Chris Gekker as they explore classic jazz saxophone and trumpet led combos and their music. This free concert will feature music popularized by artists including Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charlie Parker. Chris Gekker is Professor of Trumpet at the University of Maryland and has been featured soloist at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. The World Music Collective is a mixed instrumentation chamber ensemble with members that are internationally recognized performers, composers, and improvisers based in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Performing a blend of jazz, world music and contemporary styles, the ensemble's focus includes entertainment, education, and social justice.

Special Worship and Formation Opportunities

Rogation Day Celebration

Wed. May 13, 6p

Join us for special Rogation Day prayers to give thanks for and ask God's blessing on our land, buildings, and all the space that allows us to do ministry for God's sake. This will also be a moment to pray with special intention for our upcoming construction and renovation projects.

Ascension Day- Kite Flying, Popsicles, and Prayer

Thur. May 14, 4p

On Ascension Day, we remember Jesus going up to heaven. Join us after school for some kite flying, popsicles, and prayers in honor of Jesus' ascension.

Worship Ministry Fair

May 24, 10:15a to 1pm

As the Spirit moves on Pentecost, we will have a fair for all of our worship ministries. Come learn more about each of the ministries that support our worship life and consider how the Spirit is inviting you to deepen your connection to worship in our congregation.

Spring Book Study: "The Difficult Words of Jesus."

Wednesdays 10:00a on Zoom

Come and explore some of the most challenging teaching in the New Testament, as our Wednesday Bible group discusses "The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings" by Amy-Jill Levine. All are invited to this six-week study on Zoom.

Jesus taught his disciples how to follow Torah, God's word; he told parables to help them reflect on questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. Sell what you own... Hate father and mother... Be the slave of all... It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs... These and other statements can puzzle and disturb us.

Widely respected Jewish-Christian scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them today in our mission to live God's love.

For more about the study and to obtain the Zoom link, please contact the Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org



Wednesdays at St. Columba's- Final 2 weeks!

Wednesday Night Supper Returns on January 7

5:00-6:45p

Please join us for Wednesday Night Supper every Wednesday in the Great Hall. Bring a friend, bring your family, a neighbor or pay it forward so someone can come.

May 6th Supper and Interfaith Evening Prayer at 6p, Conversation following supper

May 13th Final supper of the program year- The leaders of the Brooks Family Shelter and DC 127, two local nonprofits, will come and speak about the ways that they are supporting families in the District with housing, employment, support, resources and education.



Meaningful Connections

Prayer Group Mondays at 7:30a

During these unsettling times, we invite you to gather for a 20-minute facilitated prayer and check-in to start your week. Let the spirit of St. Columba's hold and support you. The group continues to welcome new attendees. Contact Patty Jensen: jensenpatricia@gmail.com if you wish to participate and/or have any questions.

The Benedictine Cell First and third Wednesdays of the month at 6p

Contact Marjorie Swett for the zoom link and any questions, mbswett@hotmail.com

The Cell is a group that reflects on portions of The Rule of St. Benedict, to consider how the wisdom of this ancient spiritual guidance applies to our contemporary lives. The group is a supportive context for each of us on this journey. All are welcome to participate, regularly, or when you can.

Widows and Widowers Group Second and Fourth Thursdays at 12p

In January, St. Columba's will begin offering a group for those who have lost their spouse or significant other. Whether you have recently lost your partner or it was many years ago, this will be a time where we hope you can find companionship and support as you navigate the unique circumstances of widowhood. This group will meet twice a month at church (the second and fourth Thursday from 12-1p) beginning in January 2026. Please contact Cindy Dopp cdopp@columba.org / (240) 893-2693

Bible, Coffee and Conversation Sundays at 10:15a in Room 220

Discuss the scripture readings for the week and reflect on their meaning for our faith journeys and St. C's mission in the community.

Spring Grief Group Wednesdays until May 27 at 7p

Those who have recently lost someone to death are invited to participate in a grief support group that will meet at the church at 7 pm on six Wednesdays beginning April 22nd and continuing through May 27th.

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. Contact Courtney Hundley for more information: chundley@columba.org

Loving Kindness Practice Thursdays from 12:00-12:30p in Room 212 and Zoom

Take a moment for yourself and join Courtney Hundley for a Loving Kindness practice. This gentle practice offers a chance to slow down, nurture your spirit, and cultivate compassion for yourself and others. Whether you're new to meditation or have practiced before, this session is a peaceful way to pause, breathe, and reconnect during your day. Our remaining meetings are May 7 and May 14. We'll share updates about future meetings at a later date.

1st Thursday Seniors Lunch Thursday, May 7 12p

Please join our Seniors Lunch Group on Thursday, May 7th for a presentation from Seabury Resources for Aging. Focusing on Care Management, Christine Bitzer and Elizabeth Boyd will be with us to describe the many opportunities for seniors to have the information and options they need for managing our last seasons of life with dignity and care.

Plant Sale Sunday, May 10 8:30a – 12:30p

Join us for our annual Mother's Day Plant sale from 8:30a -12:30p on Sunday May 10. This is an annual event that draws parishioners and neighbors alike to honor the late Susan Beale. All the proceeds go to Sustainable Villages Honduras to help vulnerable communities directly affected by climate change. Plants will be sold on the terrace and labyrinth. Vegetables, herbs and flowers (including native plants) will be available for purchase as well as free native plant starter kits.

Tour of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys

Tuesday, May 12 2p

You are invited to tour the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys at its campus at THEARC and learn more about the work of this tuition-free Episcopal school for children from historically underserved communities and ways in which our parish might support its work. Contact Jane Dana at janetuckerdana@gmail.com.

Baptisms will be offered on Pentecost, Sunday May 24 at all services. If you would like to be baptized or have your child(ren) baptized, please visit www.columba.org/baptism for more information and a link to the registration form or contact Katie McGervey, kmcgervey@columba.org. Please register for baptism by May 11, 2026. Baptism will also be offered on Sunday, July 12 at all services, please register by June 22, 2026.