



**St. Columba's
Episcopal Church
October 18, 2026**

Sunday Worship:

8a, 9a, 11:15a | Wee Worship at 9:15a in the Great Hall.

Healing Prayer will be offered during the 9a and 11:15a liturgies.

**Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation
10:15a in Room 212**

All are welcome. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact The Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org

Children and Youth Forums

(formally called Formation) at 10:15 am. All are welcome

Prayers of the People

Please keep in prayer:

Marie, Bill, Ellen, Betty, Henry, John, Ed, Paul, Sandy, Dan, Cathy, Alexandra, Suzanne, Carol, Peter and Elisabeth

We ask for continued prayers for:

Christopher, Mark, Aldo, Gladys and Anne

Thanksgiving for:

St. Columba's Prison Ministry Working Group and prison ministry in the Diocese of Washington, for the wedding of Matthew and Catherine Kaiser

Those who have died:

David Reese, Robert Lakes, John Kroelhe

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

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

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

Happening today:

Forum at 10:15a in the Great Hall

How to Read the Bible is a three part series (October 4, 11, 18) led by the Rev. Hillary Raining. Many of us ask ourselves how we are to read the Bible, but we may hesitate to name that aloud. This forum series brings the question out into the open and creates an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Bible and how you can engage the text on your own and in community.

Are you new, curious about membership at St. Columba's or would you like to know how you can get more involved in the life of the parish?

Stop by the Welcome Table in the Common (near the television) between 10-11a to talk with a parishioner or member of the staff.

Water Ministry Coat and Backpack Drive Collection

The Water Ministry is conducting a Winter Coat and Backpack Drive, please bring donations to the Common on October 11 and October 18.

The Water Ministry ministers to the homeless and otherwise vulnerable in our community. As cold weather approaches, we seek donations of coats and jackets for our guests. Our most pressing need is for men's and women's coats and jackets in size L or larger. We also need sturdy backpacks. Donated items should be in good repair, clean and free of stains, of durable fabric and designed to keep our guests warm and dry.

Donations will be collected in the Common on Sunday, October 11th and Sunday, October 18th. Donations may also be brought to the Water Ministry during normal operating hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10am to 1pm except for Monday October 12th, Indigenous People's Day. Please use the 2nd floor Butterworth Place entrance. Those whom we serve thank you so much!

Hospitality Help Needed

Our amazing Hospitality Team puts coffee/tea out every single Sunday at St. C's. We are looking for some support to help clean up the coffee service each week. Many hands make light work. If every family helped on one Sunday across the year, it would support the Hospitality ministry and staff enormously. Instructions will be available so you know exactly what to do. The clean up takes about 25-30 minutes and gets quicker each time one does it. Contact Courtney if you have any questions at chundley@columba.org

New Class!

AI, God, and the Future of Humanity
a four week class offered by Joshua Daniel
Wednesday's, Beginning October 21, 6:45pm-8pm
Room 212 and on Zoom

What will it mean for the future to be human? This class will start with a basic primer on what AI is and (some of) the worries that surround it. Immediately we will see that navigating this new technology will ask us to better understand what it is that we actually value about being human. And also push us to better distinguish the greatness of God from the greatness of AI

Visit: www.columba.org/welcome/news/weekly-enews/ for info and registration info

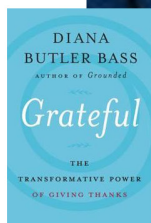
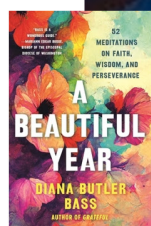
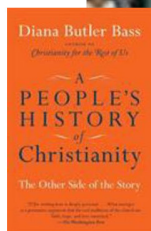
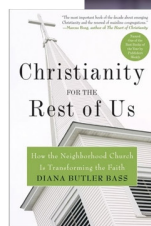
GUEST PREACHER

Diana Butler Bass

October 25

9am, 11:15am Preaching
10:15am Forum

Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality. Diana will also be our guest preacher on October 25. Don't miss out on this chance to hear from a nationally recognized voice on Christianity.



MARGARET GUENTHER LECTURE SERIES

St. Columba's is proud to introduce the Margaret Guenther Lecture Series, honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Guenther (1929–2016), a beloved former Associate Rector of St. Columba's, Episcopal priest, theologian, spiritual director, and acclaimed author. A pioneering voice in Christian spirituality, Margaret dedicated her life to helping others deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and holy listening.

In her spirit, this new lecture series will welcome leading theologians, authors, and thinkers to St. Columba's, creating opportunities for meaningful conversation, spiritual exploration, and deeper engagement with the questions shaping our faith and our world.



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Wednesday Bible- new study begins Oct 21

The Story of Joseph

It's about much more than a colorful coat! The Joseph story in the Book of Genesis is considered a literary masterpiece of the ancient world- a psychologically complex story of betrayal and abandonment followed by reconciliation and renewal, as God crosses ethnic and geographic boundaries to achieve divine purposes. All are welcome to join this discussion, Wednesday mornings on zoom beginning Oct. 21. To learn more contact the Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org.

Grief Group

Beginning Wednesday, November 4 at 7p Room 220

Have you recently lost a loved one? Would you benefit from some support from others who are experiencing grief?

Please join us for six Wednesday evenings beginning in early November for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

We will gather in room 220 from 7-8p.

We will meet 11-4, 11, 18 and 12-2, 9, 16th.



Samaritan Ministry Gala

"Faith in Action: Celebrating 40 years of Samaritan Ministry"

Saturday, November 7th at 3p

We are deeply honored that The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington, will join us to bless the occasion.

Mindy's Catering will provide the cuisine, and jazz saxophonist Eddie Baccus, Jr. will serenade everyone! Fun baskets provided by partner parishes will be auctioned off as well.

Get your tickets (or be a sponsor) at this link and we can't wait to see you there! Gala 2026 – Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington <https://samaritanministry.org/gala-2026/>

Location: St. Paul's Center, 201 Allison St. NW (The campus of St. Paul's Rock Creek Church and Cemetery, NW DC) – plenty of free parking!

Did you miss Equipping the Saints?

We have replays available!

Imagine all the lessons Jesus needed to teach his disciples to equip them for ministry. Equipping the Saints, led by the Rev. Hillary Raining, is our modern equivalent; it is for leaders in the church AND people who may be curious about stepping up to leadership. This five-week course will include prayer and Bible study as well as practical ministry tips, like how to best use Realm (the church database).

Visit: <https://www.columba.org/equipping-the-saints>

Center for Creative Resilience- new cohort forming! Wednesdays at 7p

Starting November 4th- Online Only

A pioneering, semester-long program designed for those seeking a deeper, more integrated experience of Christian spirituality, theological exploration, and social engagement.

This class is offered by The Hive, taught by Hillary Raining. It is FREE for members of St. Columba's. To sign up for the class, please email parishoffice@columba.org.

OKTOBERFEST & HYMNS

October 28 | 5:00–6:30 PM



Raise a stein & raise your voice!

Join us for
**Oktoberfest &
Hymns—a lively
singalong for all
ages in the St.
Columba's
Courtyard!**

Great hymns, good
food, refreshments,
and even better
company!



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Youth Events:

To register to any of these events visit:
columba.org/welcome/news/weekly-eneews/

Fall Basecamp Family Potluck - Sunday, October 25

On October 25th, all Basecamp youth (7th and 8th grade) students, parents, and youth leaders are invited to join us at the Sheives-Boehret home for a Potluck Dinner. We hope you will join us for games, a good meal, and fellowship.

Youth Party Night – Opening the Second Floor- Friday, October 23

Join us on Friday October 23rd as we begin the celebration of Halloween a week early! We will be having pizza, some time of fellowship, a costume contest (please come in costume!), and we will end the night with compline. Come hang out from 6:30 – 9 PM. We want to try something new for Summit youth. At 7:30, we are going to open up some of the second floor to our Summit Youth. We are still looking for 2 adults to volunteer that evening to make that a possibility. Please reach out to John Wunderlich and let him know that you can help make the evening happen.

Youth Lock-In Palooza - Friday, November 6 at 8pm

Join us for the Ultimate Youth Party Night, a beloved event among our youth group members! We will be spending the night at the church, embarking on exciting scavenger hunts, playing games, watching movies, enjoying tasty snacks, participating in a midnight service, and sleeping over at St. Columba's. We kindly request parents to assist as chaperones and help out with breakfast the next morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here.

This event is open to youth in grades 7-12, and registration is mandatory. Guests are encouraged to join us but must also register beforehand. If you are not planning on staying for the entire evening, we ask that you depart by 11 PM on the evening of the 6th. We look forward to a fantastic time together!

Forest Bathing Walk

HILLARY AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, OCT. 18 AT 3 PM

We will learn how to slow down and connect with nature and God through our senses. The walk will be about 2 miles through the woods on well defined paths and some uneven terrain.

Please RSVP here:



No special clothing or equipment is needed.

Walk starts at:
Rock Creek Park Nature Center
5200 Glover Road NW.

