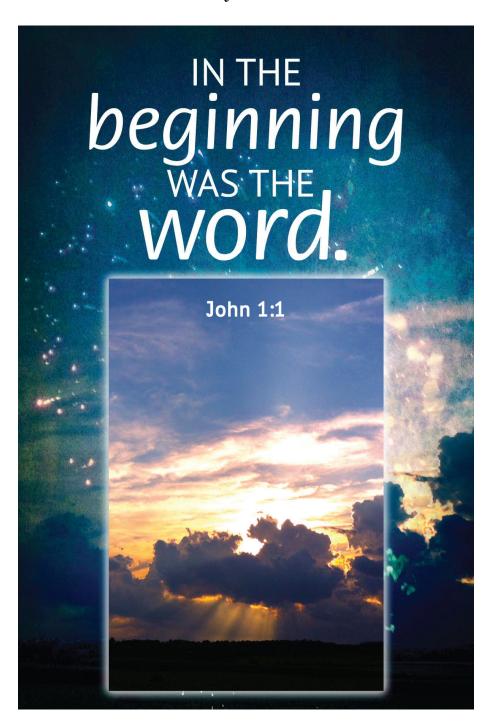
St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The 1st Sunday of Christmas C December 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

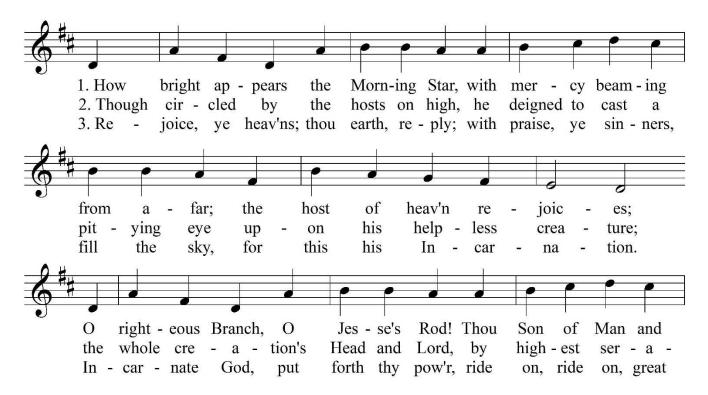
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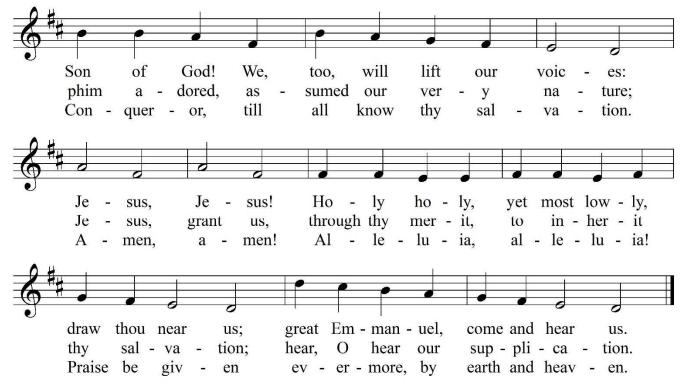


Prelude - Brett Hanley, organ

Welcome and Prayer - The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Opening Hymn – # 497 – "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"





Words: William Mercer, 1811-1873, after Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608.

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (Irr.), melody arr. Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608;

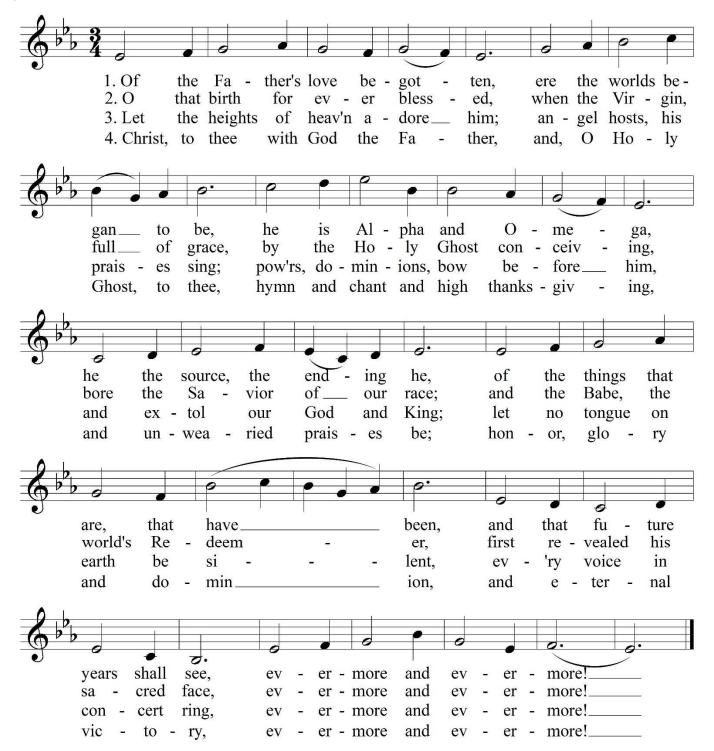
arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

- P: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
- C: Glory to God forever and ever.
- P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.



Hymn of Praise - # 82 - "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium* (87. 87. 87 with Refrain), Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.



Collect of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
- Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the lord, O Jerusalem; *
 Praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 He has blessed your children within you.
- He has established peace on your borders; *
 He satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 And his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *

He scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

- He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 Who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 He blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 His statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- He has not done so to any other nation; *

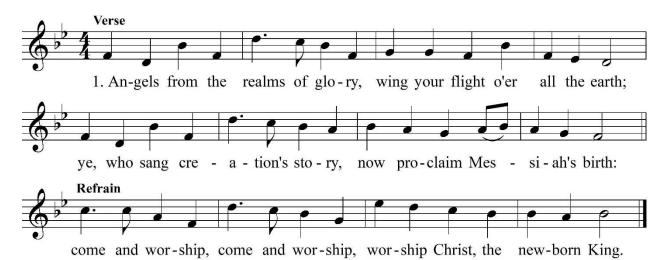
 To them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson - Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - # 93 - "Angels from the Realms of Glory" - Verse 1



Words: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Music: REGENT SQUARE (87. 87. 87), Henry Thomas Smart, 1813-1879.

Gospel - John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks' ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily - The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of the People

- P: Sisters and brothers, on this holy occasion when we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope and strength offered by God's Word made flesh.
- LEM: For the Church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas that salvation has come to God's holy people.
- C: Lord, empower your Church.
- LEM: For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of war, injustice, persecution and oppression may be cast out by the light shed into the world by the Prince of Peace.
- C: Lord, grant peace to all.
- LEM: For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are bound by the love of Christ, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.
- C: Lord, build our love.
- LEM: For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those caught by addictions, and all who know any great trial or sadness this Christmas.
- C: Lord, comfort them.
- LEM: For all who labor during this season on behalf of others: physicians, nurses, medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, the military and all whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy time with those they love.
- C: Lord, sustain them.
- LEM: For all who have known the wonder of God's presence in their earthly pilgrimages and who now live in larger life, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the church and chapels are adorned, that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of Christ's eternal glory.
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Almighty Father, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord. We pray that, as he has taken on our humanity, through your grace and goodness we may share in your divinity, and so partake in the radiance of your glory; through him who came down for us and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.



Confession and Absolution

LEM: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

ALL: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And also with you.

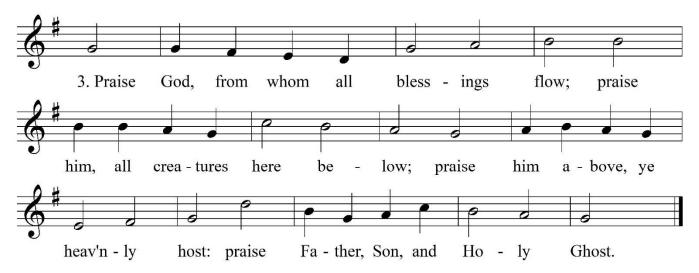
Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your *servants* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory - Brett Hanley, organ

Presentation Hymn - # 380 - "From All that Dwell Below the Skies" - Verse 3



Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: OLD 100TH (LM), melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de Davis*, alt;

harm. after Louis Bourgeois, 1510?-1561?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



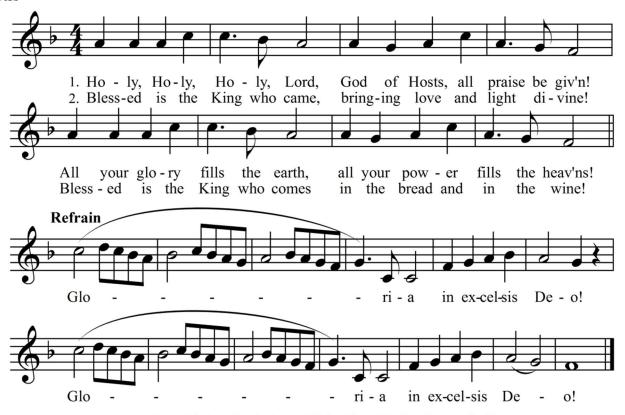
Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B from Book of Common Prayer, p. 367)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

P: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Text: Linda J. Kraft, Pastor, Holy Trinity ELCA, Trumbull, CT. Music: *Gloria* (77.77 with Refrain), French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Brnes (1887-1958)

The people stand or kneel.

P: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

C: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; P: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and_] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

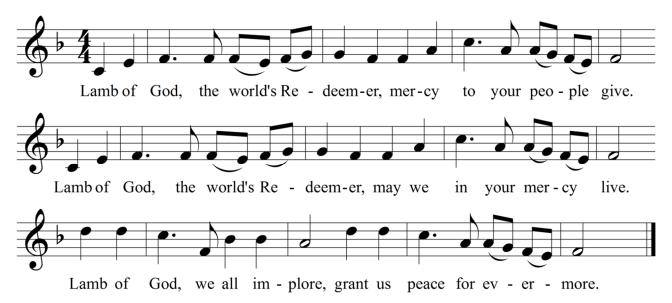
The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Fraction Anthem



Text: Linda J. Kraft, Pastor, Holy Trinity ELCA, Trumbull, CT. Music: IRBY (8 7 8 7 77).

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward to the two stations for Communion at the direction of the ushers. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place it back in your hand. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Blessing

- P: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
- C: Amen.

- P: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
- C: Amen.
- P: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.
- C: Amen.
- P: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – # 100 – "Joy to the World"



Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: ANTIOCH (CM with Repeat), George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759;

adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to serve the Word made flesh. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude - Brett Hanley, organ

Weekly Offerings* Mondays/Wednesdays, **Morning Prayer**, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Mass, 10:00 a.m.

*All are occurring in the Mary Chapel (side chapel in the sanctuary)

Thank You!

We're glad you joined us today! We pray that you will experience God's Love and Presence in this place. You are most welcome to join us in our coffee hour after the service.

Christmas isn't over. In the Episcopal tradition, the Christian season lasts 12 days, from December 25 to Epiphany, January 6. You are warmly invited to join us as we continue our Christmas Celebration today, Sunday, December 29, and as we celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world in our Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 5, both services at 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship Update

From Fr. Michael: Thank you to those who have turned in their completed pledge cards. If you haven't done so already, pray about what God would have you give this next year and let us know through completing a pledge card. We rely on those to create our budget.

St. Columba's 2025 Pledge Campaign Walk in Love

Number of Pledges Received	Total Amount Pledged
43	\$203,255.00

Featured Announcements:

Holiday Closure—The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year's Day holiday. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Morning Prayer—Morning Prayer for December 30 and January 1 is canceled for this week. Join us on Monday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Ministry—Francina Anderson is our new Director of Family Ministries.

Beginning January 5, for worship, students will start in the nave with the parish and then walk together to our new class space in the Children's Learning Center. They will join back at the peace to share in communion with their church family.

Three Congregations Taizé—The Three Congregations (Camarillo United Methodist, Mount Cross Lutheran, and St. Columba's Episcopal Churches) are offering in-person Taizéstyle prayer, held in the intimate setting of the Mount Cross sanctuary (102 Camino Esplendido, 93010) on the 2nd Friday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.—Friday, January 10, next month.

Annual Meeting—St. Columba's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, following our 9:30 a.m. worship. After worship, we'll gather in the parish hall for a potluck and meeting. Please plan to be here for this important gathering and bring a dish to share. We need ALL REPORTS to be included in the Annual Book of Reports submitted to the Parish Office by Friday, January 17. If possible, it is preferred that reports be emailed as an attachment to office.manager@stcolumbaca.com.

Dance of the Thorns—On Saturday, January 18, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., all are welcome for our annual rose pruning party ("Dance of the Thorns"). Bring gloves and pruning shears. Master Gardener Julian Hoyle will be there to give any instructions needed.

Health Ministries Corner:

Dear St. Columba's Family!

Good wishes for a healthful 2025. We want to remind you that we're here for YOU! Centering on achieving wellness and unity in Mind, Body and spirit, we aim to be available to listen to you. We can offer encouragement, prayer, resources, education and referrals. We hope you are reading the Health Ministry updates in the Celtic Courier and enjoying the displays on the bulletin board in the parish hall, as well as attending the learning events at the Sunday morning forums. We look forward to seeing you at the wellness celebration events being planned for the upcoming year!

Food Ministry Needs:

For our feeding ministry, we need the following items: cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them on Sunday or drop them off at the parish hall during the week.

Alternatively, you can donate to our Food ministry fund, by indicating "Food Ministry" in the memo of your check. Your support is so appreciated by our food clients who truly need our help!

Children and Youth Ministry 2025

Beginning Sunday, January 5, students will start in the nave with the parish and then walk together to our new class space in the Children's Learning Center. They will join back at the peace to share in communion with their church family.

Be on watch for a family area with activities in the church for those who want to have their children with them during the service and need a little more space to stretch out.

And stay tuned for details on youth group Sundays with lunch, fellowship, and Bible study.

For any questions, see Francina Anderson.

Ministers serving today:

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Altar Guild: Gail Hill and Marianne Hyde Ushers: Marjo Gardner and George Anderson

Lector: Paul Amendt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Teri Helton and Paul Amendt

Livestream Technicians: Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, Vinita Bhushan, Richard Stone, Carlos Barraza, Bill

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Hillbrant

Sound Engineer: Tim Brown

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Bruce Keller, Chases Thorne, Betty Anear, Gail Amendt, Lynn Hyde-Harris, Rev. Susan Klein, Millie Shutt, Justin Sandoval, Jerry Gillespie, Ann Daniel, Bruce Anderson, Keli, Jack Shutt, Chris Russell, Gail Morrissette, Cameron Harrison, Maggie Lunsky, Eileen Ely, Declan, John Fredrick, Emily Bianco, Alison Hillbrant, Linda Lowe, Mary Vasi, Lisa, Ivan

and those who need our continuing prayers:

Chance Kubinak, Richard Lappine

We pray for all those serving at home and abroad:

• **Jesse** Meyer, **Liam** O'Brien, **Matthew** Bamberger, **Matt** Zelinskas, **Jonah** Hershman, and **Chris** Heney.

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God by friends of Lois Barcroft.



To make changes to the prayer list for St. Columba's, please contact the church office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) or 805-482-8831.

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