

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson, Rector

Brett Hanley, music director



Christmas Day

December 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD



Prelude – “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (M. Praetorius) - Brett Hanley, organ

Welcome – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Opening Hymn – # 93 – “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
 Music: REGENT SQUARE (87. 87. 87), Henry Thomas Smart, 1813-1879.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

- P: The Light of Christ.
 C: **The Light of Christ has come into the world.
 The Light of Christ has come into the world.**

Opening Acclamation

- P: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
 C: **And we have seen God's glory.**

Collect for Purity

- P: Almighty God,
 C: **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. Amen.**



The Gloria – # 96 – “Angels We Have Heard on High”

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick, 1813-1882, alt.
 Music: GLORIA (77. 77 with Refrain), French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barners, 1887-1958.

Collect of the Day

P: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

C: **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: **Amen.**



First Lesson – Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson – Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn – # 79 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” – Verses 1, 2 & 5



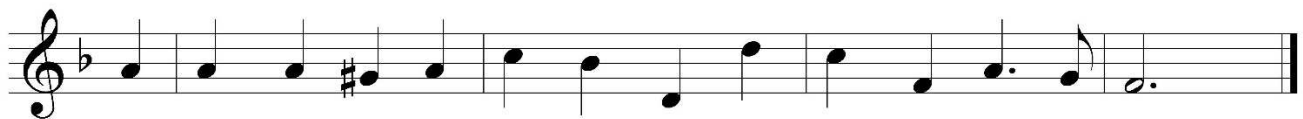
1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le - hem, how still we__see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath-ered all a - bove,
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le - hem, de - scend to__us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of — wondering love.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in — us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis* (CMD), Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

Gospel – John 1:1-14

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.

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.

The Peace

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

C: And also with you.



**Offertory – “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” (J. Schop) – Brett Hanley,
organ**



Presentation Hymn – # 115 – “What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest”

Unison or harmony

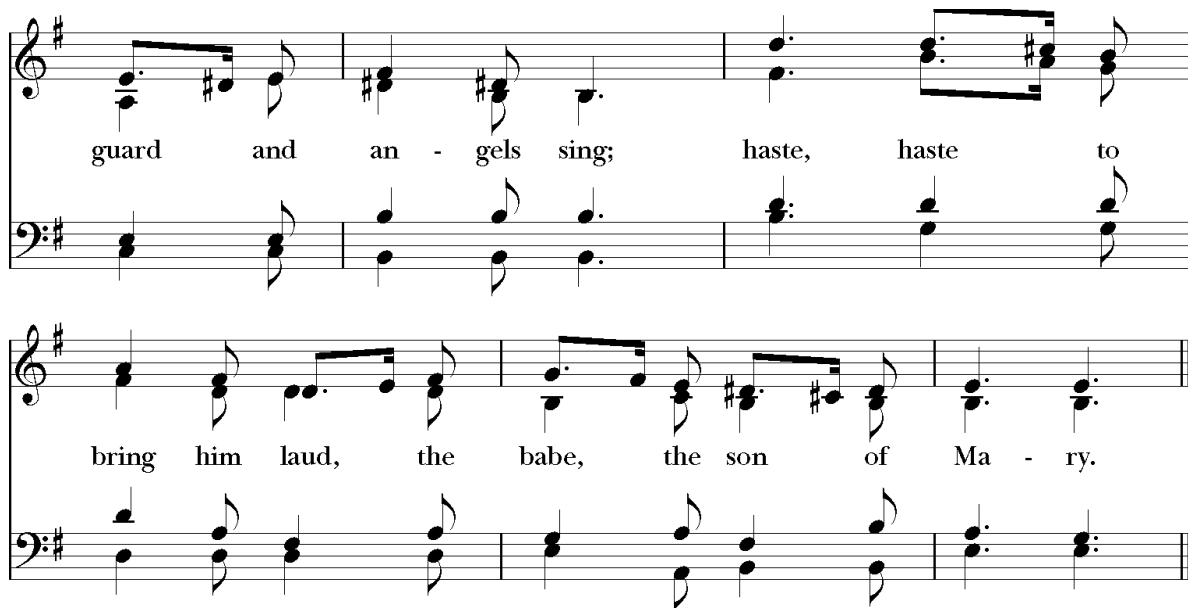
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898.

Music: GREENSLEEVES (87. 87 with Refrain), English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871, alt.

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.

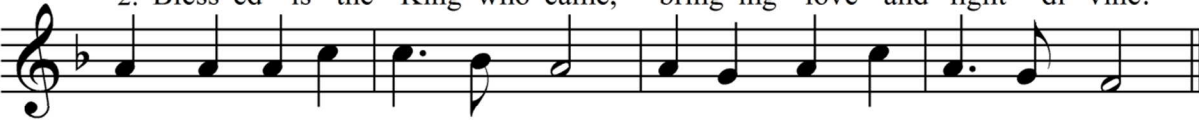
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of Hosts, all praise be giv'n!
2. Bless-ed is the King who came, bring-ing love and light di - vine!



All your glo - ry fills the earth, all your pow - er fills the heav'ns!
Bless - ed is the King who comes in the bread and in the wine!

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

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



Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem-er, mer-cy to your peo - ple give.



Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem-er, may we in your mer - cy live.



Lamb of God, we all im - plore, grant us peace for ev - er - more.

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”



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart__ pre - pare him room, and
songs em - play, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to__ make__ his bless - ings flow__ far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of__ his right - eous - ness,__ and



heav'n and na - ture__ sing, and heav'n and na - ture__
peat the sound - ing__ joy, re - peat the sound - ing__
as the curse is__ found, far as the curse is__
won - ders of his__ love, and won - ders of his__



sing, and heav'n and heav'n__ and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat,__ re - peat__ the sound - ing joy.
found, far as,__ far as__ the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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 – “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (spiritual) – 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 on 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
39	\$186,039.00

Featured Announcements:

Holiday Closure—The **parish office** will be **closed** on **Wednesday, December 25-Wednesday, January 1**, for the Christmas holiday. Have a blessed Christmas!

We will also be taking that week off for Morning Prayer and Thursday Mass. For any urgent needs, please contact Fr Michael directly at Michael.anderson@stcolumbaca.com or (626) 228-8917.

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:

Lector: Maria Fernandez

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Miller and Maria Fernandez

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

Sound Engineer: Tim Brown

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IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Bruce Keller, Chase 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 Lunsy, 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

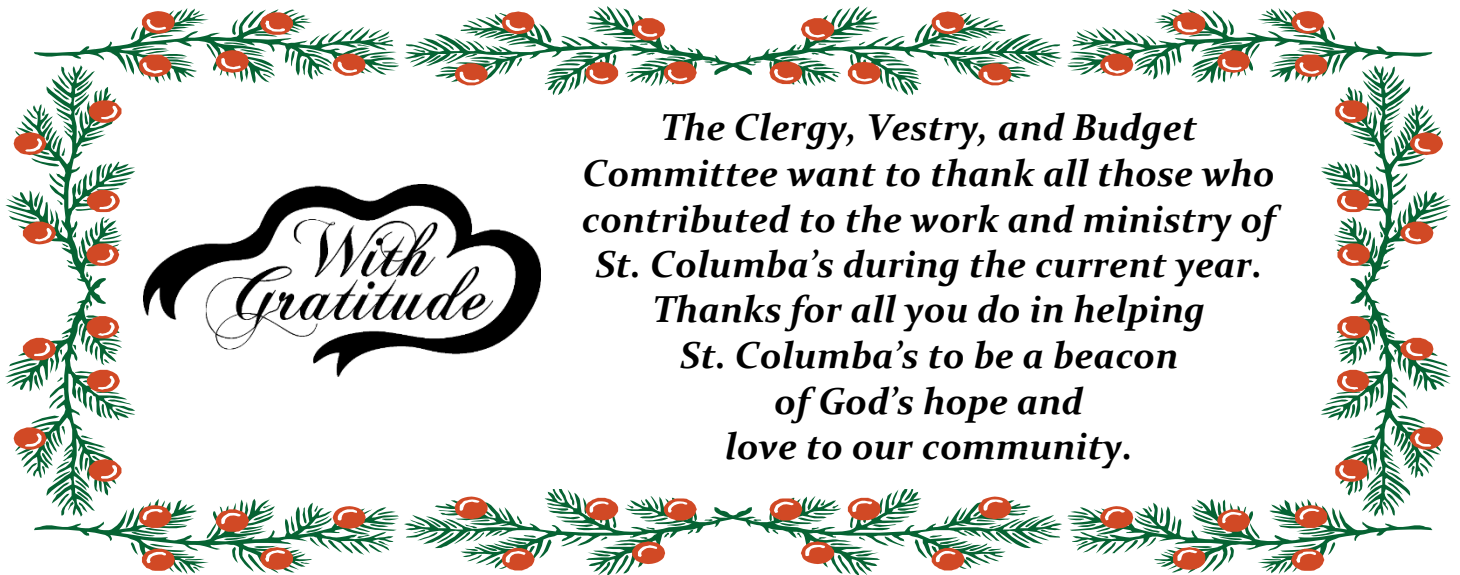
We pray for all those serving at home and abroad:

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

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*With
Gratitude*

*The Clergy, Vestry, and Budget
Committee want to thank all those who
contributed to the work and ministry of
St. Columba's during the current year.
Thanks for all you do in helping
St. Columba's to be a beacon
of God's hope and
love to our community.*

**The Christmas flowers and greenery have been
made possible through the generosity of the
following parishioners:**

**Barbara Amick, in memory of Charles Hardison, love of my life *
Anonymous * Anonymous, for the Glory of God * Sara Cobb * Susan &
Gene Doswell * Jesse & Maria Fernandez, in memory of Magdalena &
Jesse Fernandez Sr. * Jerry Gillespie, in memory of Sally Gillespie *
Michele & Steven Hauser * Gail & Maurice Hill, in memory of our parents
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Jennifer & Paul Wanis, in memory of Betsy Thomas * Joe & Sarah Wigert**

