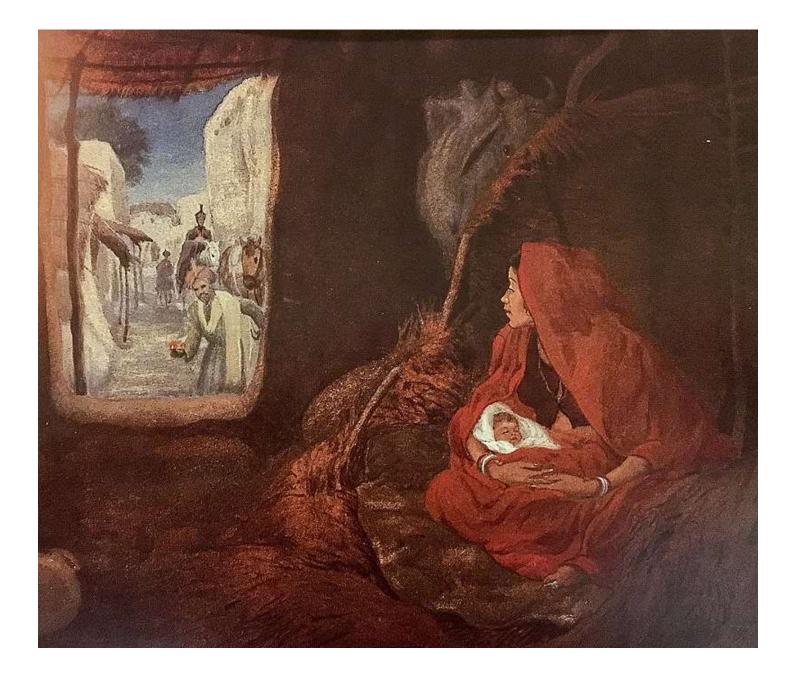
St. Columba's Episcopal Church

1251 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, California 93010 (805) 482-8831 www.stcolumbaca.com The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson, Rector Brett Hanley, music director



The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

From our Rector:

Welcome! I am very grateful that you are here. We would love to get to know you better, so please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Sign-In Sheet in the back corner of the narthex.

Epiphany is a sacred season in which we remember the visit of the magi and the manifestation of God's saving presence in the world. After the service, we invite you to join us in the parish hall for fellowship, coffee, and some small snacks.

As we prepare to worship together, I invite you to take a moment and center yourself on God's presence.

Worshipping, learning and giving together help us grow closer to who God created us to be, and you are part of that work. May God bless you today and every day. We hope to see you again very soon.

All the very best to you and your loved ones during this time, Michael



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Holst) – Brett Hanley, organ

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

Opening Hymn - # 616 - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! 1. Hail to 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong, 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth. 4. Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; 5. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he his throne shall rest; on ap - point - ed, Hail. in the time his reign on earth be - gun! help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong; to and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth: na - tions shall praise all peo-ple sing; all a dore___ him, his bless-ing and all blest: glo - rious, from age to age more all break op - pres - sion, to set cap - tive He comes to the free; give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness to turn to light. be - fore him on the moun-tains shall peace, the her - ald, go; him shall prayer un - ceas - ing dai - ly to and vows a - scend; tide of time shall nev - cr his cov - c - nant rc - move; the a - way trans-gres - sion, and rule take eq - ui - ty. to in whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight. right-eous - ness in foun - tains from hill val - lev flow. and to his king - dom still in - creas - ing, king - dom with-out end. a Name shall stand his change-less Name of Love. his for ev - er.

Words: James Montgomery, 1771-1854; para. of Psalm 72.

Music: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN (76. 76. D), German folks song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies, 1869-1941.

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 – # 109 – "The First Nowell" – Verses 1-3



Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm: John Stainer (1840-1901)

Collect of the Day

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

- 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 72:1-7, 10-14

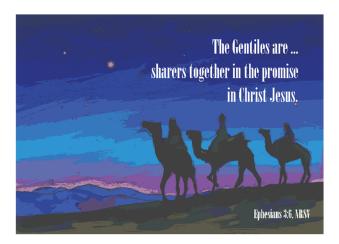
1	Give the King your justice, O God, *
	and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2	That he may rule your people righteously *
	and the poor with justice;
3	That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
	and the little hills bring righteousness.
4	He shall defend the needy among the people: *
	He shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5	He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
	from one generation to another.
6	He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
	like showers that water the earth.

7	In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
	There shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
10	The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, $*$
	and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11	All kings shall bow down before him, *
	and all the nations do him service.
12	For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
	and the oppressed who has no helper.
13	He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
	he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14	He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
	and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

- 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 – # 128 – "We Three Kings" – Verses 1-2



Words: John Henry Hpokins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt. Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT (88.446 with Refrain), John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891.

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

- P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
- C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Gradual Hymn – # 128 – "We Three Kings" – Verse 3

Homily – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT (88.446 with Refrain), John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891.

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

- LEM: As we join the wise men from the East and humbly offer gifts at the feet of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.
- LEM: By the manifestation of the King of the Jews to the shepherds and the magi.

C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

- LEM: For John, our bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.
- C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- LEM: For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.
- C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- LEM: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

- LEM: For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- LEM: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.
- C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- LEM: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
- C: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- LEM: Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Columba, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
- C: To you, O Lord.
- P: God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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

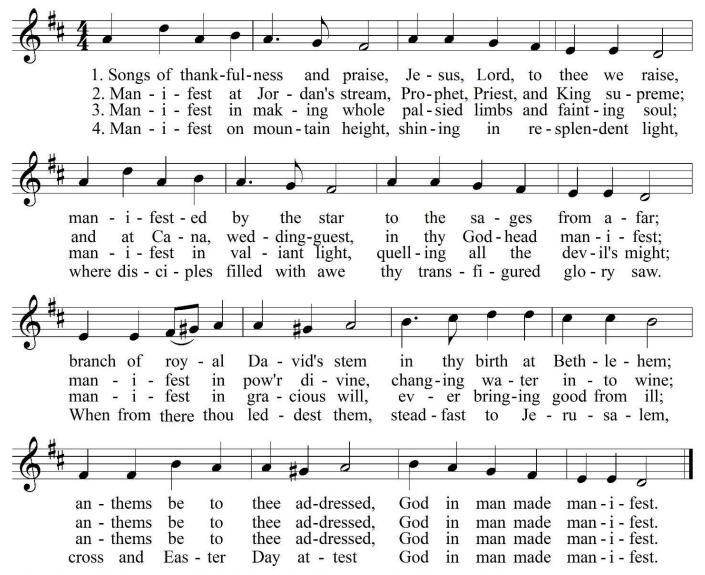
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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 – "I Believe in God Almighty" (Welsh trad.) – Brett Hanley, organ



Presentation Hymn – # 135 – "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



Words: sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984. Music: SALZBURG (77. 77. D), melody Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

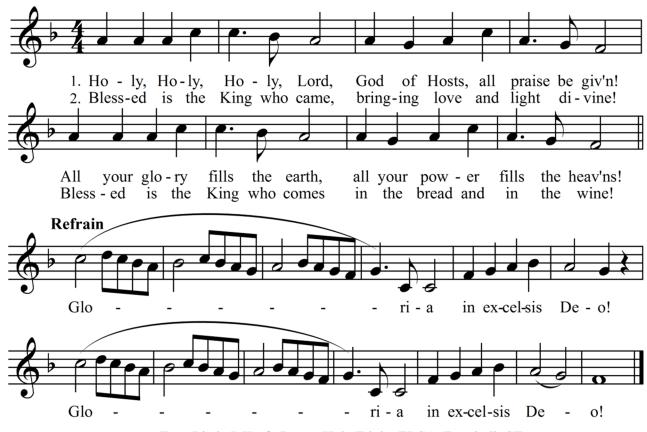
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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.

- P: 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.

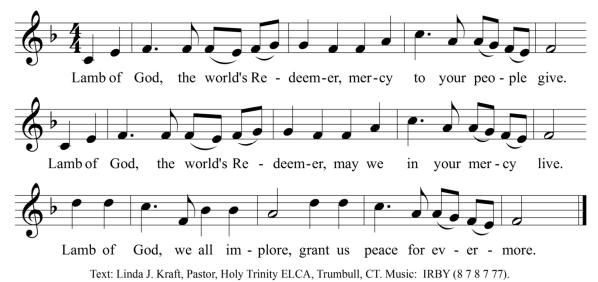
C: Amen.

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



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 – # 693 (WOV) – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace to serve the Word made flesh. Alleluia. Alleluia.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude – "Arise, Your Light Has Come" (W. Walter) – 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)

Jhank 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, January 5, as we celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world in our Epiphany Celebration.

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			
48	\$211,454.23			

Featured Announcements:

Children's Ministry—Francina Anderson is our new Director of Family Ministries. **Beginning today**, 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.—this Friday, January 10**. Vestry Budget Meeting—The Vestry and Budget & Finance Committee meet this Saturday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the proposed 2025 budget.

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 <u>office.manager@stcolumbaca.com</u>.

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. Andersonmichael.anderson@stcolumbasca.comAltar Guild: Beverly Pearson and Frances Cogswellushers: Gail & Maurice HillUshers: Gail & Maurice HillLector: Maria FernandezLay Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Amendt and Maria FernandezLivestream Technicians: Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, Vinita Bhushan, Richard Stone, Carlos Barraza, BillHillbrantSound Engineer: Tim Brown

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Dana Stone, 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 in memory of Lois Barcroft by her family and friends.



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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