St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The Presentation of Our Lord/Scout Sunday February 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

From our Rector:

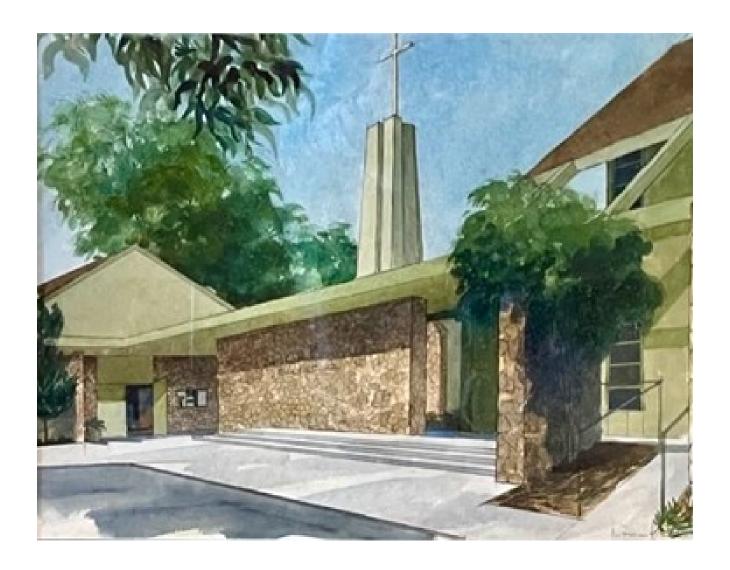
Welcome! I am very grateful that you are here. We would love to get to know you better, so please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Sign-In Sheet in the back corner of the narthex.

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

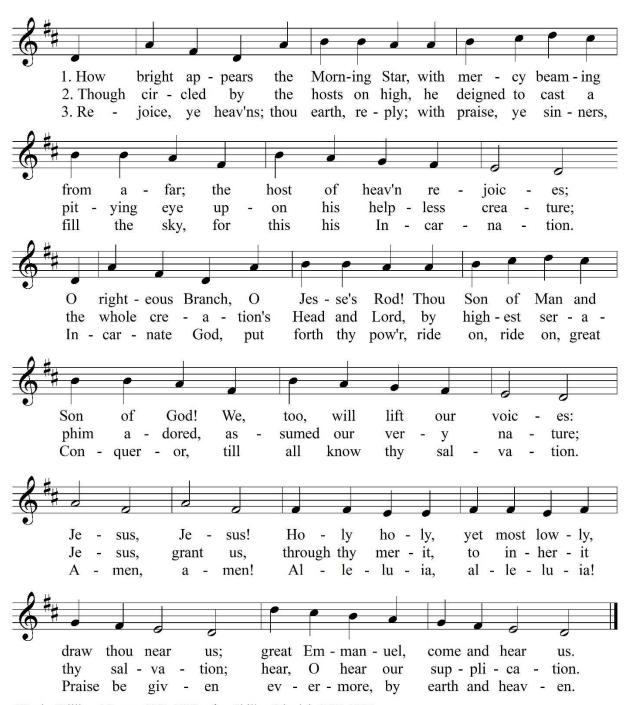


THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude - "O Gladsome Light" (L. Bourgeois) - Brett Hanley, organ

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

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



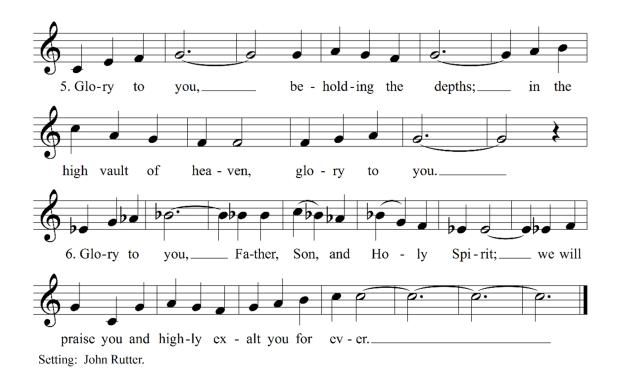
Words: William Mercer, 1811-1873, after Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (Irr.), melody arr. Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

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 – # S236 – "Canticle 13: A Song of Praise" (Rutter)





Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

- 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 84

- How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord with-hold * from those who walk with integrity.
- O Lord of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson – Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

- 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 - # 277 - "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly"



Text: Roland Ford Palmer, 1891-1985.

Music: RAQUEL (87. 87. D), Skinner Chávez-Melo. © 1985 Estate of Skinner Chávez-Melo.

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

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: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us, especially Dana, Bruce, Chase, Betty, Susan, Millie, Justin, Jerry, Ann, Bruce, Keli, Chris, Gail, Cameron, Maggie, Eileen, Declan, John, Emily, Alison, Linda, Mary, Lisa, Ivan.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Jack Shutt.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. May we be as light in a darkened world, proclaiming your faithful love. We ask this through Christ, our one high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

(Our Prayers are from the Book of Common Prayer, Form IV and Intercessions for the Christian People.)

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

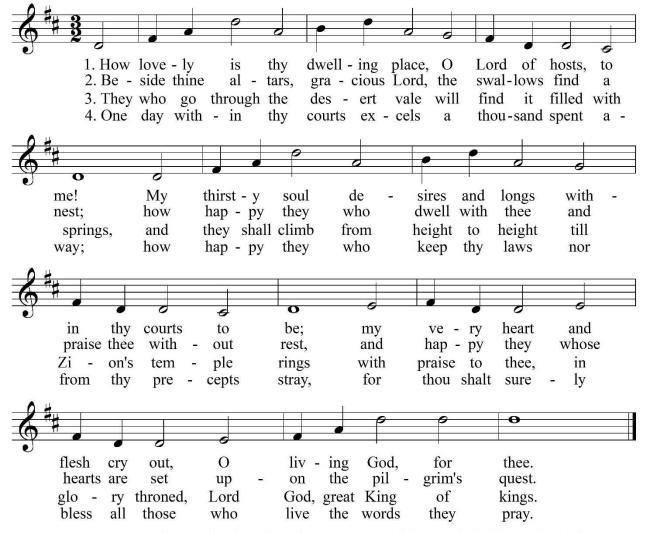
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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 - "Lord, I Trust Thee" (G.F. Handel) - Brett Hanley, organ

Presentation Hymn – # 517 – "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"



Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meter*, 1650; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1944–Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR (86. 86. 86), J.L. Macbeth Bain, 1840-1925.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

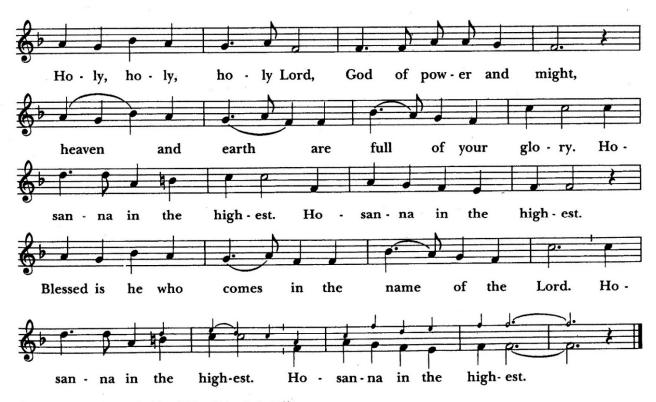
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

[Here a proper preface is sung or said.]

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



Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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."

- P: 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.

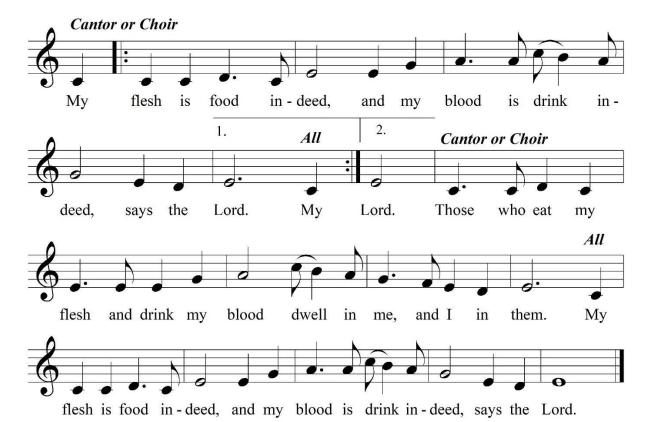
The Lord's Prayer

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



Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950).

The Invitation

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

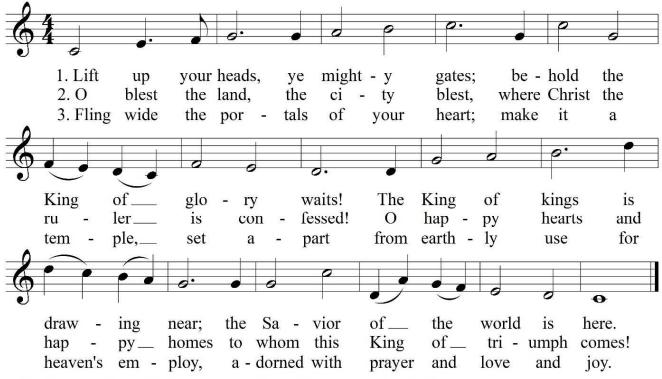
All are invited to come forward to the two stations for Communion at the direction of the ushers. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place it back in your hand. If you are not receiving, 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn - # 436 - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" - Verses 1-3



Words: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878.

Music: TRURO (LM), melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789;

harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – "Jesu, My Friend and Savior" (J.S. Bach) – 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.

Featured Announcements:

Lunch Bunch—Lunch Bunch is on Wednesday, February 19, at Noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to attend this time of fellowship and food.

Scout Sunday

Welcome to our Scout families. We are grateful for our relationship with Boy Scouts of America Troop 262. Join us after the service for a pancake breakfast in the parish hall.



New Member Class

All are welcome.

Are you new? Newish? Just want to know more? Come find out more about our church today, Sunday, February 2, after the pancake breakfast. Fill up your plate with pancakes and other "fixin's" and join Fr. Michael in the church office to hear more about the ministry at St. Columba's.

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, February 14.

CROP Walk—Get your walking shoes ready!! Five weeks from today is our 42nd annual Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk. Start getting donations and join us **Sunday, March 9**, 2025, at Pitts Ranch Park, registration at 12:30 p.m. See Bev Pearson for more details.



February 2025 is here already!

February is the month to celebrate both Valentine's and President's Days. It is also the month to finally put away lingering Christmas decorations and get ready for Tax Season! As you begin to gather your 2024 tax information, it's a good idea to set aside a large envelope (or empty Amazon box) to place any tax forms such as 1099's or year-end statements as they come in. This simple task will make things a lot easier as you prepare for your tax appointment.

It is not too soon to contact your tax preparer to set up an appointment. Having this scheduled on the calendar will motivate you to focus on the task, as well as save time and avoid the stress that comes with procrastination. File early and relax!

If you have any questions, please contact Maria D. Fernandez, CPA, mdfernandezcpa@gmail.com



Youth Group News—Calling all Middle School and High School Students!

Sunday, February 23, is the first Youth Group meeting. Meet in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch, games, and Bible Study. Francina Anderson and Eleanor Tyas are looking forward to leading this group and are eager to support the young people of the congregation. Email Francina for more info: francina.anderson@stcolumbaca.com.



Help Feed the Youth Group

The youth group is looking for help with the lunch fellowship component. They are in need of a main dish, drinks (preferably non caffeinated), and dessert. If you are able to cook or donate any portion of the meal, they would be so thankful. They would not turn down take-out either!

Please see the sign-up in the narthex for the months of March through May, or contact Francina Anderson, <u>francina.anderson@stcolumbaca.com</u>.

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!

Children and Youth Ministry 2025

For Sunday 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.

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.

See the announcement above about our first Youth Group meeting.

For any questions, see Francina Anderson.

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 Mini stry" in the memo of your check. Your support is so appreciated by our food clients who truly need our help!

We need plastic grocery bags—please bring your bags in—we pack them with fresh produce for the families each distribution.

St. Columba's Church Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson, michael.anderson@stcolumbaca.com Director of Family Ministries: Francina Anderson, francina.anderson@stcolumbaca.om Music Director: Brett Hanley, brettwhanley@hotmail.com Office Manager: Carol Browning, office.manager@stcolumbaca.com

Vestry

Senior Warden: Lara Tyas Junior Warden: Tim Brown Jeff Chung Frances Cogswell Michele Hauser Maurice Hill Lyle Hyde Tom Ledsam

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Dana Stone, Bruce Keller, Chase Thorne, Betty Anear, Rev. Susan Klein, Millie Shutt, Justin Sandoval, Jerry Gillespie, Ann Daniel, Bruce Anderson, Keli, 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:

Gail Amendt, Richard Lappine

For the repose of the soul of: Jack Shutt and for his family and friends

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 the Altar Guild.



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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