COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC Form 8-K January 26, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 2018 COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 0-20288 Washington 91-1422237 (IRS (State or other jurisdiction Employer (Commission Identification of incorporation) File Number) No.) 1301 A Street 98402 Tacoma, WA (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Items to be Included in this Report

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Item 8.01 Other Events

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" and Item 8.01 "Other Events."

On January 25, 2018, Columbia Banking System, Inc. issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 and a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.22 per share. The dividend will be paid on February 21, 2018 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press release dated January 25, 2018 reporting the financial results of Columbia Banking System, Inc. for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 and quarterly cash dividend

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: January 25, 2018 /s/ HADLEY S. ROBBINS Hadley S. Robbins President and Chief Executive Officer

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