

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- arr. P. Perkins

Call to Worship

*Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted, among the privileged,*

Christ is coming to make all things new!

*With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience, with burning love,*

Christ is coming to make all things new!

*That the kingdom might come,
that the world might believe,*

that the powerful might stumble,

that the humble might be raised,

Christ is coming to make all things new!

Hymn 125 (vv.1,2,3,5)

People, Look East

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle *Amina & Sara Kreps*

People of hope,

*God desires people to remember the ancient promises
and hold fast to the vision*

of heaven and earth made new.

Make us those hopeful people!

God longs for people

who will not let discouragement be the last word;

but who wait for God's Word.

Make us those hopeful people!

God yearns for people

who push back against the dark lie of hopelessness.

God's call to hope transforms the world.

Make us those hopeful people!

Opening Prayer

**God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
in this season of Advent,**

we hold fast to your promises and live in hope.

Give us courage to resist the world's anxiety.

Bring light to our path

as we await the bright dawn of your presence.

Amen.

Sung Response

(V.2) 124

People with sickness are praying for health.

Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.

People in poverty want to have wealth,

Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

**These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of hope.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Under Construction

Advent I
December 02, 2018



Time with Children and Youth

Song *Although We Go Our Separate Ways*

**Although we go our separate ways
to listen, learn and teach,
keep us together, God, and share
your love with all and each;
your love with all and each;**

The Adventure Centre begins.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 21: 25-36

This is the gospel of the Lord. 122

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,

O Israel.

Hymn 129 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Sermon *Under Construction: Demolition*

Anthem *English Advent Prayer - arr. P. Liebergen*

Litany

With demolition,

we rip up our pot-holed broken ways,

in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Christ is coming to make all things new!

We lay the road bed for a strong foundation.

We make the crooked straight,

and the rough ways smooth.

Christ is coming to make all things new!

We hope for a better way,

where the low are made high,

and the high brought down low.

The hungry are filled with good things,

and the rich go away empty.

Christ is coming to make all things new!

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation

Offertory *Concerto for two flutes, 2nd mvt*
- D. Cimarosa

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 118 (v.3) *Hark the Glad Sound*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...we join with the whole creation

to lift our hearts in joyful praise...

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again...

Our Father...

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Community-in-Action

Hymn **110** *Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Postlude *Concerto for two flutes, 3rd mvt
- D. Cimarosa*

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Good News!

This morning, we welcome Theresia Ndofo as our new Children and Youth coordinator! Theresia is a student at Presbyterian College, and has served as a pastor and school chaplain in the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon. She looks forward to getting to know our children & youth!

With Appreciation

Many thanks to the Advent planning group for their work on this year's theme, *Under Construction*. Thanks to Monique, Amina, Charlotte and Jim for their leadership this morning. We also thank flutists Sabrina Banach and Sylwia Niedzwiecka for their contribution to our worship today.

Stewardship 2019

Please remember to pick up your Resource and Stewardship information from your mailbox, carefully consider its requests and return it as soon as you can.

First Fridays

Join us **this Friday** at our **First Fridays Community Supper** to find out who thought that grubby, smelly shepherds were important – somebodies who mattered! Come share the gifts of good food, fellowship and fun. All ages – both younger and older - are welcome! **We begin at 5:30 pm** with snacks and kids' activities, but come when you can. **Dinner is served around 6:30 pm.** It is BYOB. Juice, water and coffee are always available as well as vegetarian options. The suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can.

Bring your Toddlers to Church!

A new class for 2 & 3 year olds will begin during church in the nursery **next Sunday**. This is a new program, and will continue on the 2nd Sunday of the month, or more often if it is popular. They will be in church for the first part of the service, like the children in Adventure Centre. Please pass the word along! Speak to Wendy Davies if you are willing to volunteer.

All Committee Meeting Night

On **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 pm**, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place.

Friday Luncheon

A Christmas luncheon for those who are *free for lunch on Fridays* is taking place on **December 14 at 12:30 pm**. To celebrate this season of Sharing and Caring we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items to fill a basket placed at the centre of your table and a pair of warm adult socks for Montreal's homeless people. An \$8 donation will help to cover costs of the lunch. Please confirm your attendance before Dec. 7 by emailing office@stcolumba.ca or by calling Janet McDonald @ 514-808-1742.

Christmas Baskets

If you have taken an index card or signed up to buy a gift, please remember to bring your items in by **next Sunday, December 9**. Financial contributions can be made through your envelope. If you can help with assembly or delivery, add your name to the sign-up sheet or contact Euridice at 514-695-1856 (H) or 438-882-4349 (C).

Gifts of Hope

For the person who has everything, gifts may be made in honour of a friend or family member through PWS&D. General donations may be made (gifts of hope), or donations to a specific project of relief, development or mission (see Gifts of Change catalogue at church entry or online). The person receives a beautiful card indicating the gift given. www.presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change

Fundscrip

Do you often buy gift cards to give as Christmas gifts? Why not buy through Fundscrip and at the same time, help support St. Columba's various projects? Please note that **December 2 & 16** are the last two order dates to get your cards in time for Christmas. Please see the order form in the narthex, which lists the various retailers and the percentage that they will give to St. Columba.

Give Thoughtful Gifts This Year

When you purchase gifts, do you think about who made them and under what conditions? Dix Mille Villages does! Support our store through the Christmas season, knowing that fair trade ensures that those who produce our gifts also benefit. Dix Mille Villages – 290 Lakeshore, Pte-Claire.

Advent 2018



December 23 – Advent 4

10 am – All Ages Christmas Worship

December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:45 pm – Carols that Swing

10 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 30

10:30 am - Ecumenical Service hosted by Beaurepaire United Church, 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ST. COLUMBA



Dix Mille Villages

a non-profit store committed to providing vital fair income to people around the world by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories. Purchases help to pay for food, education, health care and housing.

Christian Action Chrétienne

an ecumenical project of Pointe-Claire churches helping those with financial needs.

Extra Hands

a group of intellectually challenged adults who work each weekday at St. Columba doing various appropriate tasks.

Family Life Centre

a joint project of 8 United and Presbyterian churches providing referral services, workshops & short-term counselling on issues of family life.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

the development and relief agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In addition to relief and refugee work, PWS&D seeks to transform communities through programs in food security, sustainable livelihoods, health and human rights.

Presbyterians Sharing

the budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a portion of which is used to support projects in Canada, China, Taiwan, Japan, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Malawi, Kenya, Mauritius, Ghana, Romania, Guatemala, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine.

Refugee Action Montréal

a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches providing help to refugees and education to the churches.

St. Columba Music Centre

a teaching centre at St. Columba offering lessons in piano, guitar and voice.

Tyndale - St. George's

a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in the Little Burgundy neighbourhood of Montréal, active with community projects.

VOBOC

an organization that empowers Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) with cancer to improve health outcomes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today – Advent I

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Choral Group

Friday, December 07

10:30 am-1:30 pm: Window Marché

5:30 pm - First Fridays

Sunday, December 09 – Advent II

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Choral Group

CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSE

God's spirit has anointed us and sent us
to proclaim good news to the poor,
to release the prisoners,
to restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed,
to announce that
this is the year when God will act.

Luke 4.18,19 (Isaiah 61.1,2)