

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jack McDonald

Piano Prelude Be Still My Soul - J. Sibelius, arr. C. Berry

Call to Worship *Psalm 121*

*I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?*

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

*God will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

**The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

*The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

**God will keep us from all evil,
and keep our lives
from this time on and forevermore.**

Hymn 102 *When I Lift Up My Voice*
Psalm 142

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**God of bright glory,
in faithfulness and in love
you are present in the dark places of our lives.**

**Drive any fears and shadows from us,
wrap your arms around us,**

and be gracious to your children.

**Merciful God, we admit that at times
we are drawn more to the darkness than to the light.
Break the darkness.**

**Stretch our spirit's imagination,
and help us to move forward
into your love and healing,
to a new day through Jesus, Amen.**

Pardon

Response to Prayer *(refrain) 68*
Psalm 103

**Bless the Lord, o my soul,
and all within me honour God's name;
bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all God's blessings.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



ANCIENT POEMS & THEIR MUSIC Songs of Grief

February 10, 2019

Covenanting Service - Children & Youth Coordinator*Theresa Ndofor*Hymn **570** (vv.1,2) *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Opening Words

Promises

Children and youth of the congregation:

*Do you accept Theresa as a gift from God to help you learn and tell the stories of God, and to help you to be faithful in your daily life?***I do.**

Adults of this congregation:

*Do you accept the leadership of Theresa Ndofor and promise to support her through St Columba's financial resources, through your prayers, and to work with her in learning and telling the stories of God with our children and youth?***We do.**

Prayer and Welcome

*The Adventure Centre begins.***THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Prayer for Illumination

Living God,**help us to listen together to your Word,
that we may be filled
with the comfort of your presence,
and challenged to serve you in the world,
through Christ, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Book of Psalms

Psalm 22: 1-21, **R11**

Gospel

Matthew 27:45-51

*This is the word of the Lord.**(v.1) 73***Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's Servants.***Psalm 113***Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.****From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!**Hymn **768** (v.1,2,5) *Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort*

Sermon - Songs of Grief

M. McAuley & L. Scholey

Lament (Psalm 77)

Mercy - *Jill Barber*

Prayers of the People

*We pray to the Lord.***Lord, hear our prayer.****AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING**

Invitation

Offertory

*Dido's Lament - H. Purcell
(from the Opera, "Dido and Aeneas")*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **65** (v.1) *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.****SENT FORTH**

Community-in-Action

Hymn **748***Lord of All Hopefulness*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**Piano Postlude *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child**- S. Coleridge-Taylor***Welcome to St. Columba**

We are so very pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to stay for refreshments (served in the sanctuary following the service) and look forward to meeting you in person.

Large print hymn books and Bibles are available in the foyer. (If you wish a receipt for your financial contribution, please use the envelope inside the back cover of the Book of Praise.)

Celebration

Today, we officially recognize the Rev. Theresia Ndofor as our Children and Youth Coordinator. Theresia is a student at Presbyterian College and a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. Welcome, Theresia!

Annual Meeting and Worship

St. Columba’s Annual Meeting will take place downstairs in the S.M. Hall, as part of worship, **next Sunday at 10 am**. A lunch will follow the meeting. Annual Reports are available this morning. Please take one per household and remember to bring it with you next week.

All Committee Meeting Night

This Thursday at 7:30 pm, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place.

Think about Spring and Easter!

We are looking for people to be a part of the Eastertide worship planning group (Easter April 21, and the 4 weeks following). We will meet later this month. If you are interested, please speak to Lara.

“Let’s be Irish” Dinner, Dance and Pot O’ Gold Auction

Help raise valuable funds for our Food, Music & Children’s Ministries while enjoying great fellowship & fun on **Saturday, March 16 at 6:30 pm**. As one of two major fundraisers for St. Columba this year, we hope you will be able to support it by donating to the auction (items or experiences) and/or by attending with family and friends. We will be reaching out to many of you asking for your participation. We will have a beautiful setting, delicious three course meal, fun auction and dancing afterwards. For those who don’t dance, you can relax in the “Blarney Lounge”. You can book your table (for 8) in advance if you hurry! Please see Janet or Wendy for tickets (\$35/person) and for how you can arrange for a table. Details about the event are on the poster.

St. Columbans have Heart!

During the month of February, the Food Ministry Committee invites St. Columbans of all ages to go out of their way to connect with a neighbour, friend or family member who might be in need of some cheer. It doesn’t need to cost you money or take a lot of time. Why the Food Ministry Committee? St. Columba has received a generous donation of pre-cooked, cubed chicken and, if it suits your style, please use some of it to prepare a meal or a pot of soup for someone. But any deed will do, just as long as it brightens someone’s day. Once you have spread cheer, write it down on the heart shaped foam cut-outs in the sanctuary and pin it to the banner that says: “St. Columbans Have Heart.” No need to include any names just the cheer you shared. If you do want to utilize some chicken, contact Cheryl Doxas or Nadia Prevost, and we will give you some (with glee).

February Concert

Piano lovers, our concert on **Saturday, February 23** is for you! The duet pianists of Æterna Sirius, Elias-Axel Pettersson and Jessica Yam, will amaze you with dances by Brahms, Grieg, Dvořák, Schubert and more. Suggested donation \$15, free for kids. A portion of the donations will go to *Youth Unlimited – La Corde Pierrefonds*, a breakfast, lunch and after-school program for elementary school students.

February Sermon Series
by Michael McAuley & Lara Scholey

Psalms:
 Ancient Poems & their Music – Past & Present
Praise, Anger, Gratitude & Grief

Kid’s Page

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Jesus taught God’s Word from Simon’s boat on Lake Gennesaret.

Find 6 objects in the picture that contain the letter “T” as in Teacher. Find 6 hidden fish.



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

10 am - Worship

- Preschool Class & Adventure Centre

Thursday, February 14

7:30 pm - All Committee Meeting Night

Sunday, February 17

10 am - Worship & Annual Meeting

11:30 am - Lunch

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)