

# CALLED TO WORSHIP

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*Gather us in, the done and the doubting,  
the wishing and wondering,  
the puzzled and pondering,  
who long for the company found at your feast.*

**Gather us in, the bright and the bustling,  
the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers  
who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.**

*Gather us in, the proud and the pretentious,  
the sure and the superior, the never inferior,  
who long for the levelling found at your feast.*

**Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,  
the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching,  
who long for the nourishment found at your feast.**

*Gather us in, from untold excesses,  
from treasured successes,  
from fears and oppression,  
from tears and depression,*

**to be offered new wine, to be given a seat,  
to become like the least, to be found at the feast.  
Gather us in!**

Hymn 411 (vv.1-4)

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Pardon

Response to Prayer

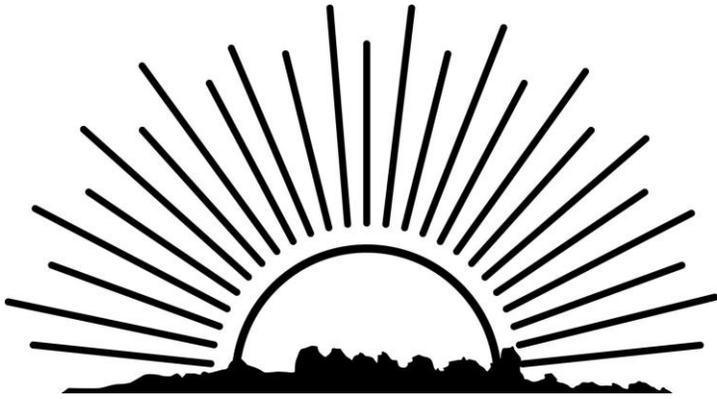
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**Bless the Lord, o my soul,  
and all within me honour God's name;  
bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all God's blessings.**

The Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**



**Transfiguration Sunday  
March 03, 2019**

## **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.)

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Torah Exodus 34:29-35

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

*This is the gospel of the Lord.* (refrain) **376**

**Shine, Jesus shine;**

**fill this land with the Father's glory;**

**blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river flow;**

**flood the nations with grace and mercy;**

**send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Hymn **187** *We have come at Christ's Own Bidding*  
(tune 110)

Sermon - Transformation

## THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **534** *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

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.**

*Almighty God,*

*You brought light out of darkness,*

*set the sun to brighten the day,*

*the moon and stars to illumine the night.*

*Your radiance warms our needy hearts.*

**You lead us by the light of your truth,  
into the way of righteousness and peace.**

**Through long generations,  
you have been faithful and kind  
to all your children.**

*Therefore we join our voices*

*with the faithful in every time and place saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Out of your great love for the world,  
you sent your only Son to be one of us,  
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.  
In his face, we have seen your glory.  
In his life, we see your love.*

**The world was dark at his death,  
but the light of his life could not be extinguished.  
From the grave, he rose like the sun,  
with blinding power and radiant peace.**

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us,  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that all who share this bread and cup,  
may be nourished by your unbounded love,  
and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world.*

**God of hope, be with all who are sick this day  
and all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.**

**Be in places**

**where justice and darkness appears to dominate.**

**Bring healing, strength and peace....**

*With praise and thanksgiving,*

*we pray in the words your Son taught us.*

**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

**Loving God,**

**illumine our lives with the radiance of Christ's love.**

**Inspire us to shine in faith and witness**

**as your followers.**

**Nourished and filled by your Spirit,**

**may we love others, as he loved them,**

**Amen.**

Community-in-Action

Hymn **769** *Lord of Light, Whose Name and Splendour*

Benediction

Postlude

## COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

All are welcome to share in Communion this morning.

### With Gratitude

We thank Sylvia Bruns for her music leadership this morning while Michael is on holidays. Welcome back, Sylvia!

### Exploring our Stories of Faith

The stories of Christian faith were always meant to be read in community. You are invited to explore, play, and hear them in a new way through study and movement. Stories we will explore are: the Prodigal Son returns, Adam and Eve eat the apple, Moses talks to the burning bush, Jesus heals and brings a girl back to life. Exploratory groups will meet on **Wednesdays** for four weeks in the lounge and sanctuary – **March 20, 27, April 3, 10**. Two groups will meet (exploring the same story on the same day): one during the day (**12:30 - 2 pm**), and one in the evening (**7 - 8:30 pm**). All are welcome as we explore together. You may attend a single session, or all of them. Speak to Lara if you have questions.

### “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 attending with family and friends.

The auction will have some spectacular offerings, such as:

- a cleaning lady for 6 hours
- 10 Sessions at "Santé KOR" to get ready for summer
- A fun weekend away at a cottage for six people
- Dinner with a fun couple learning all about Jazz and how the Greeks(!) invented it
- 2lbs gold fudge (Jane’s fudge)
- and many more!!!

We will have a beautiful setting, delicious three course meal, entertaining auction and dancing afterwards. For those who don’t dance, you can relax in the *Blarney Lounge*. See Janet or Wendy for tickets (\$35/person).

### AAAC & Pre-School

Adventure Centre will be back again on March 10, and the Preschool class (2 and 3 year olds) will meet next week in the nursery during worship. Please pass the word along!

### Window Marché

Please note that the Window Marché will be open **this Friday** from **10:30 am -1:30 pm**. Come by for some delicious & nutritious food to take home for those busy weeknight meals!

### Painting Party

The Property Committee has organized a second painting party this **Saturday, March 9**, starting at 8 am. Donuts and coffee to be provided. Lunch will be bought by the group. There are many tasks other than painting so even if you’re not a painter, you can still make a big contribution. You don’t need to come for the entire time.

### Coffee & Greeting Rosters

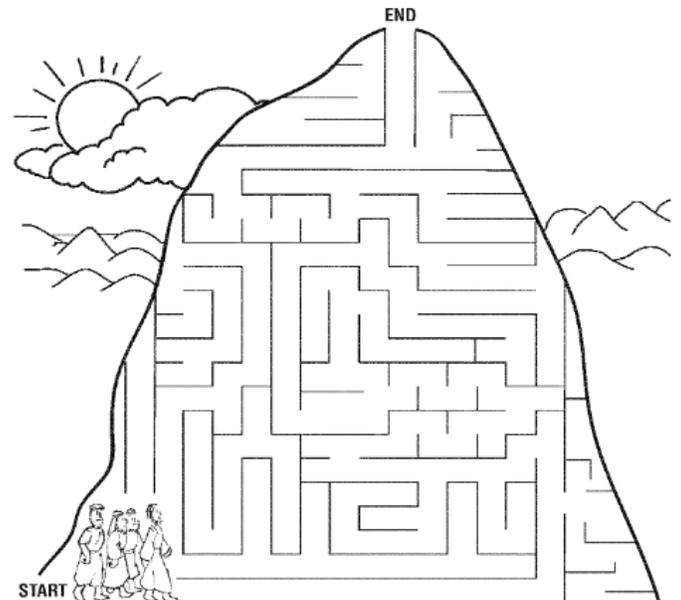
We need your help in filling up our rosters! Please pick a date and add your name to the bulletin board.

## Kid’s Page

### Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

Find the route to the top of the mountain.



## 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 & Communion

### Friday, March 08

**10h30-13h30:** Window Marché

### Saturday, March 09

**8 am** - Painting Party

### Sunday, March 10

**10 am** - Worship

- Preschool Class & Adventure Centre

### 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)