

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Wendy Davies

Organ Prelude

Short Preludes - J. S. Bach
- Carl Ek

Call to Worship

*During this season of Lent,
let us repair the breach, and preserve the harvest.*

**Let us cherish the dark, rich earth
that nurtures the tiny seed to reach for the sun
and bear much fruit.**

*We are called to repair the breach,
to tend the gardens of the earth.*

**So let us honour the One who cares for creation,
waters the fields and the farms,
grows the harvest and calls us to protect the crops.
Let us worship God.**

Hymn 190

You Thirsty Ones

Prayer of Adoration

**Loving God, we praise you for coming to us
in Jesus the Servant-Christ.**

**Make us strong in your strength,
wise in your wisdom,
gentle in your compassion.**

**God of light, grant us patience
when the way is hard to find,
and our purpose is unclear.**

**Fill us with your love,
in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Response to Prayer

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**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



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.



**Lent III
March 24, 2019**

Prayer for Illumination

**Wise God, we seek a way forward when we are lost.
We seek new vision when the way is hard.
Open our hearts and our minds
and our spirits to your Word.
Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening,
Amen.**

The Scriptures

Prophet Isaiah 55:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

This is the gospel of the Lord. 573

**I'll love the Lord with all that lies inside me;
I'll love the Lord with body, soul and mind.
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I'll love the Lord with body, soul and mind.**

Hymn **667** *God You Touch the Earth with Beauty*

Sermon - *When We Lose Our Purpose*

Litany

At times, we feel lost, and the way is unclear.

Lost and found, hide and seek,

O God, you search for us and wait for us.

Even Jesus found himself in the wilderness.

He refused to live only for himself.

Lost and found, hide and seek,

O God, you search for us and wait for us.

Jerusalem was lost to Jesus.

The leadership of entire countries may lose their way.

Lost and found, hide and seek,

O God, you search for us and wait for us.

At times, we lose sight of our purpose,

we don't know what to do next.

*Members of a family may become lost to one another,
estranged and distant.*

Lost and found, hide and seek,

O God, you search for us and wait for us.

We listen for God calling us out of our confusion.

Lord, we are lost without you.

In hope, we do what we can,

longing for the day when we will be found.

O God, you search for us and wait for us.

Grant us your patience and your peace.

PWS&D Moment for Mission

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Invitation

Piano Offertory

The Journey - J. Brickman

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **202** (vv.1,5,6)

We Lay our Broken World in Sorrow at Your Feet

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn **674**

In the Bulb there is a Flower

Benediction

726

Praying, let us work for peace,

singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Organ Postlude

Irish Voluntary - C.V. Stanford

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.)

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. Join us **this Wednesday** during the day (12:30 - 2) or evening (7 - 8:30 pm), as we study the story of **Moses and the Burning Bush**, Exodus 3.1-14. Speak to Lara if you have questions.

Session meets again this Thursday at 7 pm.

Youth Group Activities

St Columba Youth Group are offering delicious baked goods for a donation after church on Sunday, March 31! Money will go towards the Lenten offering for PWS&D: reproductive health for women and girls in India. **Youth will meet next Saturday at 1:30 pm** to bake, and to practice the Passion Play for April 7. Please speak to Theresia, Leticia or Mike for more information.

St. Columba Concert: Jazzing it Up!

The Marcel A Trio returns to St. Columba **next Saturday at 7:30 pm** for another memorable concert! Come and join us for great jazz renditions of favourite Beatles' songs and film music. A portion of the concert donations will be given to Youth Unlimited LaCorde - Pierrefonds, which offers meals and after-school programs to elementary school students.

First Fridays – Hope is an Open Heart

Hope is what helps us find the good in any situation and carry that with us into the future. Come and celebrate the power of hope at our **April 5** community supper. All are welcome – young and old – everyone needs hope in order to thrive! We begin with snacks and fun activities for the kids at 5:30 pm, but come when you can. Dinner is served at about 6:30 pm. It is BYOB. Juice, water and coffee are always available, as well as vegetarian options. The suggested donation is \$8/adult, but give what you can.

Dix Mille Villages Annual Meeting

Cedar Park United is hosting this year's AGM of our store on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 pm**.

PWS&D Offering

During Lent, we are receiving a special offering for PWS&D: Maternal, Newborn and Reproductive Health (please make cheques out to St. Columba, designated to PWS&D). Presbyterian World Service and Development, the relief and development arm of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been working for decades to educate and care for families, and to enable them to live more abundantly in Malawi, India and Afghanistan. Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Refer to www.werespond.ca for more information.

Empty Bowls

St. Columba's Food Ministry is once again partnering with *Corbeille de Pain* to host an Empty Bowls event to fight hunger in our community. It will take place at St. Columba on **Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25, sold at the door & on Facebook, for a hand-made ceramic bowl donated by a Quebec potter & a meal of home-style soup and bread. Kids can join the fun for \$5 (meal only). If you are available to help out, here are the different spots where volunteers are needed:

Soup making: Friday, March 29, 10am - 1pm and Thursday, April 11, 1-4 pm and/or 4-8 pm, both at St. Columba.

Set up: Friday, April 12, 2 - 5 pm at St. Columba.

Event Day: 9am - 1pm and/or 1 - 5pm: Duties could include reception, cash, bowl display room, kitchen, dining room, dishwashing, bake sale table, etc.

If you are interested, contact Corbeille de Pain (514-894-5850 or corbeilledepain.direction@gmail.com) indicating your availability and the task that you would like to do.

Choral Group

Anyone interested in singing with the Choral group for Palm Sunday and Easter (April 14 & 21) should speak with Michael. Practices begin today after worship & coffee time.

In Need of Two Dressers

The Refugee Committee is looking for 2 dressers for one of our newly arrived families. Speak with Jennifer if you have one to offer.

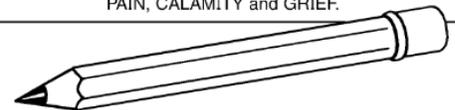
Kid's Page

The Parable of the Fig Tree



Some people thought terrible disasters had happened to others because they were being punished for something.

Find what they blamed other people's misfortunes on. Shade in all boxes that contain letters that are in the words PAIN, CALAMITY and GRIEF.



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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 - Lent III

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Refugee Task Group

- Accessibility Committee

- Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 27

12:30 - 2 pm - Exploring Our Stories of Faith

7 - 8:30 pm - Exploring Our Stories of Faith

Thursday, March 28

7 pm - Session

Saturday, March 30

1:30 pm: Youth Group - Baking & Play Practice

7:30 pm: St. Columba Concert – Jazzing It Up!

Sunday, March 31 - Lent IV

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Choir Practice

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)