

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude We Gather Together - arr. B. Edstrom

Call to Worship *Psalm 30*

*Sing praises to God, you faithful,
give thanks to God's holy name.*

**Weeping may linger for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

*You turn our weeping to dancing,
you remove the garments of mourning,
and clothe us with gladness.*

May we praise you and not be silent!

We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

Hymn 757 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Introduction to Prayer ¹ (sung)

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Ouvre nos coeurs, ouvre nos pensées;

Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Ouvre nos coeurs.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Living God,

**you are the beginning of our journeys,
our guide and our destination.**

**There is no joy like the joy of your presence,
in the midst of your people!**

**You lead us through times of weeping and transition,
to springs of new life and new beginnings.**

Patient God,

we are a people in a hurry.

**We confess that we value faster more than deeper,
and getting there more than growing.**

Teach us to trust, and to wait.

**Open our eyes to new life around us,
through Christ, Amen.**

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

⌘ Downstairs/Upstairs

⊕ Rings & Upstairs/Downstairs (see back of hymn books)

The Adventure Centre begins.



Road to Damascus

May 06, 2018

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.)

All are welcome to share in Communion this morning.

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Pentecost Intergenerational Service

Next week, we celebrate Christian Family Sunday and Pentecost, the Birthday of the Christian church, with worship for all ages. **You are invited to wear red** (colour of Pentecost) and join us for cake following worship.

Presbyterian College Convocation

All are welcome to the Celebration and Convocation of The Presbyterian College, to be held on **Tuesday, May 8 at 19h30** at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. The guest speaker is Professor Richard J. Mouw (Professor & former President of Fuller Seminar) and guest soloist will be Raneen Lee. A light reception to follow.

All Committee Meeting Night

This **Thursday, May 10 at 19h30**, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place. If you wish to attend a light supper at 18h30, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Brainstorming Meeting:

The Needs of Asylum Seekers Living in West Island

There are a growing number of asylum seekers crossing the border from the United States. Yvan Dumoulin, with help from members of the congregation have already reached out to support families moving to the West Island. In response to a letter to Session, there will be a meeting of interested people at the church this **Thursday, May 10, 19h00** to further explore the need and brainstorm possible responses by St. Columba. Please speak to Birgit Ritzhaupt, Erin Beettam or Lara Scholey if you have questions.

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **on Monday, May 14 from 11h15 - 13h15**. Baked goods and fruit can be dropped off next Sunday (marked "35 Maywood"). If you can volunteer some time to help at the luncheon, please contact Cynthia Homan at cynthiahoman@gmail.com or 514-695-5451.

Action Réfugiés Montréal Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Action Réfugiés will take place on **Wednesday, May 16** from **18h00-20h00** at St. Jax Montréal (Shatford Hall), 1439 Ste. Catherine St. O.

Writing Prayers & Experiencing Worship

There will be a workshop on writing prayers and experiencing worship offered this spring. At St Columba, we thrive on different voices and perspectives offering prayers and leadership in worship. If you have never been a worship lay leader, and are interested in learning more, or if you simply want to learn more about why we worship and pray the way we do, join us for two gatherings at the end of May and beginning of June. Dates TBA. Please speak to Lara for more info.

New FundScrip Promoter Needed

We are looking for someone to act as our FundScrip promotor, succeeding Rose-May, who enthusiastically has brought us this far. The FundScrip process is not onerous and whoever takes on the role will make a positive contribution to St. Columba. Please speak to Rose-May or Ian MacDonald.

Children and Youth Coordinator

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator has begun! Position description and details is available on the St. Columba website and Facebook page, and hard copies are in the narthex. Please forward and share! **Deadline to apply is June 8**. Speak to Tom Gardner (chair of search committee) or Lara if you have questions. The search committee will meet next on **Wed., May 16 at 19h00**.

Road Construction

Construction on the roads around the church (Rodney and Vincennes) will take place during the spring and summer. You will receive updates in News from the Pews, and in worship. Please speak to Dave George if you have questions. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Financial Report to 30 April

	2018	2018	2017
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Envelope and PAR	42,341	41,853	48,652
Other revenue	29,145	28,959	29,280
Expenses	79,158	81,250	77,339
Income / (deficit)	(\$7,672)	(\$10,438)	\$593

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

a national church fund providing aid for relief and development in the Developing World.

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 encouraging people to "Venture Out Beyond Our Cancer" by giving opportunities for respite from the stress of treatments.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

10h00 - Worship

Thursday, May 10

18h30 - Dinner

19h00 - Brainstorming Meeting: Asylum Seekers

19h30 - All Committee Meeting Night

Friday, May 11

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, May 13

10h00 - All Ages Worship

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)