

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

*Worship Leader: Monique Caissie*

Piano Prelude Rejoice the Lord is King - arr. L. Larson

Call to Worship

*Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us,  
we come to worship and to praise.*

**With thanks we offer to God  
the creativity of our minds,  
the warmth of our hearts,  
and the joy of our spirits.**

*We love because God has first loved us,  
freeing us from burdens and despair.*

**With glad hearts,  
let us join together to worship God –  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.**

Hymn 267 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
(v.1 Eng; 2 fr; 4 & 5 Eng)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Generous God,  
we are ready to see your power and your love  
working through us.  
Your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope.  
We move through each week  
understanding more about your blessings  
and your grace.  
God of mercy,  
we admit that at times  
we pull away from being generous.  
We are hesitant to share our gifts.  
May we take hold of the abundant life found in you,  
through Christ,  
Amen.**

Response to Prayer (sung)

**Listen Lord, listen Lord,  
Not to our words but to our prayer;  
You alone, you alone,  
understand and care.**

Pardon

The Peace

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

Recognition of Transfer of Membership

Catherine Delisle  
Isaac Adams  
Matthew Adams



# Live Courageously

Pledge Sunday  
November 25, 2018

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.

Generations of Generosity *Sandy Steadman*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

**Wise God,  
as we read your Word,  
give us courage.  
May we hear your voice,  
and in hearing, let our lives be changed  
and your world transformed. Amen.**

The Word

Letters *Ephesians 1:15-23*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Hallelujah! (sung) 532**

Hymn **334** (tune:262) *God who gives to Life its Goodness*

Sermon *The Courage to Invest*

Litany

*Creator of all, the earth is yours,  
the world and all who live in it.*

**We have enjoyed the harvest of your generosity,  
and an abundance from our investments,  
at home, at work, at church,  
and in every aspect of our living.**

*We bring these gifts you have given,  
returning your generosity.*

**We offer ourselves, our lives,  
our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours,  
that we may nourish hope,  
and build on a spirit of joy.**

*Bless these gifts, our investment in your future,  
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.*

**Thanks be to God  
for his indescribable gifts of love and life!**

Invitation

Piano Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
- arr. B. Edstrom*

Presentation of Gifts

Hymn **275** (v.4) *Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.**

A Stewardship Moment

*Brian Ruse*

## SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn **651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Benediction

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Piano Postlude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns  
- arr. K. D. Renfrow*

### 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.)

**Good News!**

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Children and Youth coordinator, starting on December 2. Theresia Ndofo 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 the children and youth of St Columba, and we look forward to welcoming her!

**New Members**

This morning, we officially welcome to St Columba by transfer of membership: *Catherine Delisle* from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pierrefonds. *Isaac Adams & Matthew Adams* from Bethel Presbyterian Church, Scotsburn, NS. Welcome!

**Stewardship 2019**

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

**Bring your Toddlers to Church!**

A new class for 2 & 3 year olds will begin during church in the nursery on Dec. 9. This is a new program, and will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**CAC**

Collection will continue until **Sunday, Dec. 9**. There are index cards for all the needed food items and money (for food vouchers), as well as a sign-up sheet for donations of small gifts for the children. Financial contributions can be made through your offering envelope or given to Euridice. Sign up if you are able to help with assembling the baskets on Dec.13/14 or delivery on Dec.16. Euridice can be reached at 514-695-1856 (H) or 438-882-4349 (C).

**Session**

Session will meet this **Tuesday at 7 pm.**

**Friday Luncheons are Back!**

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](mailto:office@stcolumba.ca) or by calling Janet McDonald @ 514-808-1742.

**Message from Lara**

Please take note that Lara will be on holiday this week from Thursday, November 29 – Saturday, December 1

**Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol**

If you have reserved tickets for our Dickens event on **Saturday, December 15 at 7 pm**, please see Laura after church. This show is now sold out! The proceeds will benefit the West Island Palliative Care Residence capital campaign and St. Columba.

**Future Dates for the Window Marché**

Please note that the **Window Marché will now be open from 10:30 am -1:30 pm** on the following dates: Dec.7, and Jan.11 & 25. In 2019, the Window will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

**Planned Giving**

A legacy or planned gift is given from accumulated assets rather than from monthly income (eg. wills, investments) and funds long term ministry. A legacy gift to St. Columba will help us to speak for the vulnerable, nourish our community and one another in God's grace for years to come. Please consider making a legacy gift, now or in your estate plans. Thank you.

**Nametags**

Please wear your nametag each week so that newcomers can learn your name. If you do not have one, add your name to the sign-up posted on the bulletin board.

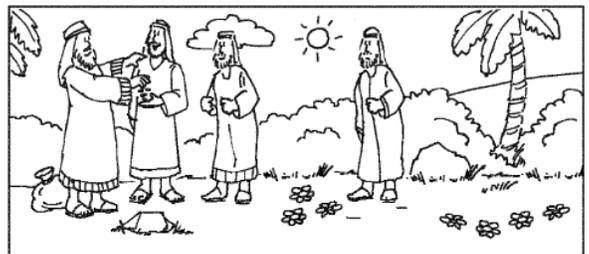
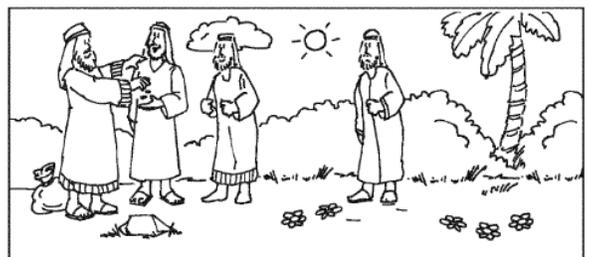
*Advent begins on December 2!*

**Kid's Page**

**The Parable of the Talents**

Before he left on a journey, a master entrusted his servants with some talents (a type of money).

Find 15 things that are different in the bottom picture.



## 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

11:30 am - Choir Practice

### Tuesday, November 27

7 pm - Session

### Sunday, December 2 – Advent I

10 am - Worship, Communion

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 the year of Jubilee.

Luke 4.18,19 (Isaiah 61.1,2)