

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jack McDonald

Piano Prelude

Rejoice the Lord is King
-arr. L. Larson

Call to Worship

*Let us praise the One
who has filled the world with blessings!*

**Let us sing to the Creator
who has filled our lives with joy.**

*Troubles come upon us,
unexpected opportunities cross our paths,*

**We step forward in faith,
sharing our gifts.**

Hymn 570

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Introduction to Prayer

We Sing of Your Glory'

**We sing of your glory, we praise you again.
for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.**

**À toi soit la gloire, à toi soit l'honneur,
à toi, pour les siècles; Amen, amen.**

Prayers 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.

We are unsure of the path ahead.

Guide us and give us courage.

In the silence,

**we reflect on your gifts to us,
through Christ, Amen.**

Silence

Words of Pardon

The Peace

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

⌘ Downstairs/Upstairs

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

The Adventure Centre begins.



*Stepping Forward
in
Faith*

*Pledge Sunday
November 26, 2017*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED 3

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

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 **663** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
(tune: Austria, 497)

Sermon *Stepping Forward in Faith*

Litany

*Generous God,
you proclaim over and over
that you will always provide enough for us.*

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

*You teach us to share freely,
to step forward in faith with courage.*

**In our communities,
we want to nurture a spirit of joy.
As we share our gifts,
we want to nourish hope.**

*Guide us in our journey.
Strengthen us along the way.*

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

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.)

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING 4

Invitation

Piano Offertory Crown Him with Many Crowns
- arr. K. D. Renfrow

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **425** (vv.1, 3) *We Praise You, O God*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of 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.

Our Father...

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

A Stewardship Moment

Community-in-Action

Hymn **275** *Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Piano Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- arr. B. Edstrom

Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission.

*Dr. Kennon Callahan (1936 -),
author and teacher, congregational development*

Advent Begins Next Sunday!

Get ready for the Advent planning group’s theme, and beautiful music from the choir!

Sunday, December 24 Worship Services

10 a.m. - All Ages Christmas Worship.
10 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

CAC

On behalf of CAC, St. Columba will give Christmas baskets to needy families in the Pointe-Claire area once again this year. Collection of non-perishable food and money for food vouchers will continue **until December 10**. Please take a couple of index cards for you to take so that all the needed food items will be covered. Financial contributions can be made through your envelope. If you are able to help in assembling or delivering the baskets on December 15-17, please contact Euridice at 514-695-1856.

Stewardship 2018

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

Invitation to a Special Evening

You are invited to a special evening of discovery, dialogue and mutual respect with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples led by Prof. Christine Jamieson (Dept. of Theology, Concordia University) this **Wednesday, November 29, 19h30** at St. Edmond Church (105 Beaconsfield Blvd.).

First Fridays- Sparkle and Shine!

Let the season *sparkle* with joy! Join us this **Friday, December 1st** for an evening of *sparkle*, making spirits bright. All ages – young and old – are invited. Suggested donation is \$8 per adult but give what you can. We begin to lick the spoon *shiny* at 17h30 with snacks and *glittering* activities for the kids. Dinner is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available. May your Christmas season be filled with joy, welcoming the light that *shines* out of the darkness.

Friday Luncheon

A Christmas luncheon for those who are "*free for lunch on Fridays*" is taking place on **December 8th at 12h30**. Please join us as The Reverend Lara Scholey tells us all about herself before she began her journey as pastor here at St. Columba. A delicious homemade hot meal will be served with Christmas goodies to enjoy for dessert. Along with a suggested lunch donation of \$8.00, we ask that you bring non-perishable food items for CAC and that everyone participate in our traditional gift exchange by bringing a small wrapped gift with a value of no greater than \$10.00. Call Pat Gerard if you plan on attending: 514-695-1721.

St. Columba December Concert

Swing into the holiday spirit **on Saturday, December 16 at 19h30**, with the great voices of Guffman 5 and the very talented John sadowy on piano. You’ll love their renditions of Christmas music and jazz standards. 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.

Fundscrip

Do you often buy gift cards to give as Christmas gifts? Why not buy through Fundscrip and at the same time, help support St. Columba’s various projects? Please note that **Dec. 4 & 10** are the last two order dates to get your cards in time for Christmas. Please see the order form in the narthex, which lists the various retailers and the percentage that they will give to St. Columba.

Rohingya Crisis

PWS&D, in partnership with members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is responding to the Rohingya Crisis by helping to provide life-saving food assistance in the region of Bangladesh, where many of the refugees have fled. Please join in supporting relief efforts and continue to pray for an end to hatred and violence in Myanmar. You can make a donation to PWS&D through your St Columba envelope (cheque made to St. Columba, marked "Rohingya Crisis"), or by donating online www.werespond.ca.

Kid’s Page



God gives each of us different talents. How we use our talents matters. Our talents are a gift from God to use in serving God and other people.

Here is a list of some talents or gifts. Write ways to use them on the lines.

-  Musical Ability _____
-  A Scientific Mind _____
-  Mechanical Ability _____
-  Good Listening _____
-  Public Speaking Ability _____
-  A "Green Thumb" _____
-  Athletic Skills _____
-  Cooking Know-how _____
-  Gentleness _____
-  Artistic Ability _____

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, Lesotho, South Africa, Kenya, Mauritius, Zaire, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Guyana and the Middle East.

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

11h30 - Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 29

19h30 - Evening on Canada's Indigenous Peoples

Friday, December 01

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-14h30: Window Marché

17h30 - First Fridays: Sparkle and Shine!

Sunday, December 03 – Advent I

10h00 - Worship

11h30 - 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)