

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Wendy Davies

Prelude *Barcarolle / Cradle Song*
- J. Offenbach / J. Brahms

Call to Worship

*O give thanks to God
for all the goodness we are shown!
God's steadfast love endures forever!*
**God quenches the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

Hymn 802 *For the Fruits of All Creation*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Creator God,
**we are grateful for the abundance
of ways you bless us.**
We breathe, and it is your breath that fills us.
We look and it is your light by which we see.
We move and it is your energy moving in us.
We give you thanks and praise.

God of mercy,
we admit that at times, we forget to be grateful.
**We rush to the next challenge or concern
without giving thanks for a new day,
a new opportunity, or an ever faithful loved one.**
Forgive us,
and open us to your Spirit
who teaches us to be grateful,
and strengthens us to serve, Amen.

Pardon

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

Hymn 515 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

Sacrament of Baptism

Opening Words

Presentation by Session

Promises

Question to the Congregation

*Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Edric, by word and deed,
with love and prayer,
encouraging him to know and follow Christ?*
We do.



Thanksgiving Sunday
October 13, 2019

Apostle's Creed - 539

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism and Blessing

Presentation - Lighting of Edric's Candle

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you
to share with us in this ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

Sung Response - 514

**Jesus, we are gathered;
Jesus, we are gathered;
Jesus, we are gathered;
we are gathered together with you.**



Time with Children and Youth

Sung Response - 804

**For all your goodness, God,
we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet,
we give you thanks.**

The Adventure Centre begins.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

**Nourishing God,
feed us by your Word,
your wisdom and your Spirit,
that we may be comforted
and challenged by your story,
and given the courage to respond,
in Jesus' name, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Epistle Philippians 4.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn 803 (vv.1,2) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Sermon *Gifts & Gratitude: No Strings Attached*

Litany for Thanksgiving Sunday

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

**For all good gifts, Generous God,
we give you thanks.**

For the world:

**for things great and small, beautiful and surprising;
for things seen and unseen, understood & mysterious.**

For the wonder of earth and sea and sky:

**for the beauty of nature and wildlife;
for the rhythm of the days and seasons,
for growth and rest, for seedtime and harvest.**

For human life and the talents you have given us:

**for talking and thinking together;
for burdens and joys shared; for challenges met;
for relationships that give life meaning;**

For our circle of family and friends:

**for children and their curiosity and joy;
for the insight that comes with the passage of time;
and for memories and events that we cherish.**

For your care and grace in all situations and circumstances:

*for comfort and direction, for care and support,
for strength and vision,*

**for all good gifts, Generous God,
we give you thanks.**

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Invitation

Offertory Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart
- H. Smith / arr. J. Sanborn
Carolyn Klause, violin

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 798 (vv.3,4) *What Gift Can We Bring?*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. Amen.

Community-in-Action

Hymn **807** *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*
(vv.1,3 Eng; v.3 fr)

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 *Now Thank We All Our God*
- arr. J.C. Kellner

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Baptism

This morning, we welcome Edric Achille, son of Amina Kreps and Domenico Leopardi, in the Sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for special treats and coffee/tea to meet Edric and congratulate his parents.

Many thanks to Caroyn Klause for her musical contribution to our service this morning.

Guest Speaker

Next **Sunday, October 20**, a representative from Youth Unlimited LaCorde will share about their work offering meals & after-school programmes to elementary students.

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday – October 27

During worship on October 27, guests from Justice Ministries (PCC) and an Indigenous Elder are leading us in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, storytelling that explores the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non- Indigenous peoples in Canada using blankets on the floor to represent the land. Worship and storytelling will go until 11 am, then important debriefing in small groups and closing until 11:40 am, followed by a light lunch. We hope you can plan to stay as we learn together.

October Food Drive – Christian Action Chrétienne

As part of the Food Ministry's mission to improve food security, and to participate in World Food Day (Oct.16), we invite St. Columbans to dedicate October to increasing CAC's provisions. Let's challenge ourselves to see how many articles of the designated food we can bring in each week. Our efforts will make a great difference to those who rely on the food bank. Please place the non-perishable food items at the front of the sanctuary.

October 13 – Canned fruit

October 20 – Boxed food – cereal, crackers etc.

October 27 – Protein – peanut butter, meat or fish etc.

Session

Session will meet again on Tuesday, October 22.

Maywood Luncheon

The next lunch takes place on **Monday, October 21** from **11:15 am-1:15 pm** Baked goods and fruit can be dropped off next Sunday (marked "35 Maywood"). If you can help with serving/socializing with the residents, contact Cynthia Homan at 514-241-6346 or cynthiahoman@gmail.com.

St. Columba Concert

Join us on **Saturday, October 26** at **7:30 pm**, as we voyage through time to discover great music from Arab, Jewish, Mediterranean and Québécois cultures, with the tremendously talented musicians of *Tessala* – Samuel Bonnet, classical guitar; Khalil Moqadem, oud; Nathaniel Huard, percussion/riqq & bendir. 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.

Ways to Help for the Marché

1. Help get the word out! Posters are available this morning from the narthex. Please take a couple to distribute in your neighbourhood.
2. If you do your own canning, consider donating a few jars of jam, preserved fruits, pickles, salsa or chutney.
3. If you have a hobby (sewing, knitting, needlepoint, woodworking, rug hooking, center pieces, artwork, candles etc.), see Wendy Davies to donate some of your talent.
4. We are in need of empty Mason jars - all sizes: 125 mL, 250 mL, 500 mL and 1 L.

Baking Workshops

Please join us next Sunday after worship for our weekly baking workshop in the downstairs kitchen.

Welcome to St. Columba!

We are called to love, respect and value God's world and all the people who inhabit it.

Our community is strengthened and enriched by the full inclusion of people of all ages, races, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, spiritual perspectives & socioeconomic backgrounds.

Everyone is invited to travel with us as we each explore our journeys of faith, whether the path is clear or winding, easy or exhausting, or sometimes just feels like it is going round in circles.

Together, we work to make our community one where God's love is truly known.

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, flute 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

10 am - Thanksgiving Sunday, Baptism

Friday, October 18

10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Window Marché

Sunday, October 20

10 am - Worship, Youth Group

11:30 am - Baking Workshop

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)