

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
- C. Wesley / P. Perkins

Call to Worship

*Among the poor and the proud,  
the persecuted and the privileged,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.*

*With a gentle touch, an angry word,  
a clear conscience, and burning love,*

**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*That the kingdom might come,  
the powerful might stumble,  
the humble might be raised.*

**Hope is growing, seeds are being planted,  
new possibilities are taking shape.**

**Christ is coming to make all things new!**

Hymn 122 (vv.1,3,5,7) *Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Sung Response

124 (v.2)

**People with sickness are praying for health.**

**Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.**

**People in poverty want to have wealth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**These days of adventure when all people wait  
are days for the advent of hope.**

Pardon

The Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

Advent 1: *Seeds of Hope*



Time with Children and Youth

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Rob & Heather Aitken

*Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

*Keep awake,*

*for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*

**The world wakens us with worry these days.**

**Where shall we find hope?**

*In times of worry,*

*Jesus asks us to shine with pure, clear light.*

*We light the candle of hope*

*so hope will shine into every dark corner more brightly.*

(The candle is lit.)



## A Season of Growth: *Seeds of Hope*

Advent I  
December 01, 2019

**Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle hope in our hearts.  
Shine in our lives whenever we are worried,  
to strengthen our trust in you.  
Help us act on the hope we find in you.  
Let our faithfulness shine in the world you love.  
Amen.**

*As we wait for you, Jesus,  
we will shine with hope!*

Sung Response (tune: Away in a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings  
from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

The Adventure Centre begins.

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 24:36-44  
*This is the gospel of the Lord.* 159  
**Oh come, let us adore him;  
oh, come let us adore him;  
oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Hymn 109 *All Earth is Waiting*

Sermon *Seeds of Hope*

Anthem *Creation will Dance and Rejoice - D. Angerman*

## THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation

Piano Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter  
– G. Holst / B. Wolaver

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 119 (v.1) *Hope is a Star*

Prayer of Great 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.**

*Almighty God, we praise you for your creation,  
for this season when the earth around us sleeps,  
waiting to be awoken in the spring to grow again.  
But you, O God, empower us to grow in every season.*

**Open our eyes to witness  
the seeds of hope you have planted,  
growing slowly, making a difference  
in our lives, our community and our world.**

*We give thanks for your prophets,  
who challenge us with our failures,  
and call us to dream and work towards a new world,  
where war and poverty are no more.*

*We join with the whole creation  
to lift our hearts in joyful praise saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*We praise you for coming to earth  
and entering time in Jesus.*

*He came to nurture, to empower,  
to make the rough places smooth.*

*He made a place for those who had no place,  
and gave life to those who had been treated as dead.  
There were those who wished to keep the circle small.  
His purpose and presence was too much,  
so they crucified him.*

**Here, O God,  
we celebrate your Son's death and resurrection.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*God of compassion,  
you reached into the darkness and brought forth light.  
You planted seeds of hope  
where others only saw despair.*

*We pray for your people and for your broken world.*

*Be with all who find this season difficult.*

*Bring peace to all in conflict,  
bring healing to the sick and grieving.*

**Send your Spirit  
upon these hidden gifts of bread and wine.**

**Nourish us to grow  
as we travel on our Advent journey.**

**Help us to see  
hidden signs of your power and your presence.  
To you be all honour and glory, wonderful God,  
forever and ever.**

**All this we pray as Christ taught us, saying,**

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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine  
 Communion of the People  
 Prayer after Communion

## SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn **110** *Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus*

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 Finale for Advent  
 - C. Wesley / H. Coleman

## COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

### With Appreciation

Many thanks to the Advent planning group for their work on this year's theme, *A Season of Growth*. Thanks to Charlotte, Camille, Bonnie, Birgit and Rob.

### A Service of Reflection and Remembrance

Please join the West Island Women's Centre and area churches at **St. Columba** on **Friday, December 6** at **noon** for a service of remembrance, reflection and candle lighting to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the École Polytechnique tragedy in which 14 women were killed.

### Looking for volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Adventure Centre in January and February. You will be given a curriculum and a lesson outline. Please consider sharing your gifts with our children. For more info, contact Bonnie.

### CAC Christmas Baskets

If you have taken an index card or signed up to buy a gift, please remember to bring your items in by **Sunday, December 15**. Financial contributions can be made through your offering envelope or given to Euridice. Please sign up if you are able to help with assembly (Dec.15) or delivery (evenings of Dec.17/18) of the baskets.

### First Fridays - Small but Mighty!

Join us on **Friday, December 6**, for a mighty **First Fridays Christmas dinner**. All are welcome – older and younger. We begin at 5:30 pm with snacks for all, as well as mighty activities for your small ones – giving you time to relax...but come when you can. Dinner is served around 6:30 pm. The event is BYOB with juice, water and coffee always available, as well as vegetarian options. The suggested donation is the small sum of \$8 per adult, but give what you can. Kids are free. Hope to see you there!

### Monthly Video Series

St. Columba continues its monthly video series, with a third discussion, *Is the Bible the Word of God?*, on **Wednesday, December 11 (12:30 or 7 pm)**, as we take a step back and reflect on our faith.

### St. Columba December Concert

Ease into the holiday spirit on **Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 pm**, with the *Montreal Welsh Male Choir*. You'll love their beautiful arrangements of Christmas choral music along with wonderful storytelling. 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.

### Stewardship 2020

Please remember to read the information from the Resource and Stewardship Committee, fill out your pledge form and return it as soon as you can. Thanks for your generosity!

### Advent 2019



#### **December 22 – Advent 4**

**10 am** – All Ages Christmas Worship

#### **December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**9:45 pm** – Carols that Swing

**10 pm** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

#### **December 29**

**10:30 am** - Ecumenical Service hosted by Dorval Strathmore United Church, 310 Brookhaven, Dorval.

## 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 – Advent I

10 am - Worship, Communion

11:30 am - Choral Group

### Wednesday, December 04

7 pm - Advent Planning Group

### Friday, December 06

10:30 am-2:30 pm: Window Marché

12 pm - École Polytechnique: Service of Remembrance

5:30 pm - First Fridays

### Sunday, December 08 – Advent II

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Choral Group

### 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)