

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jim Goring

Piano Prelude *At the Fireside - P. I. Tchaikovsky*

Call to Worship

We are God's people!

God is gracious and loving.

*We receive God's gifts of grace and mercy,
love and abundant life!*

God is generous and merciful.

Praise God! Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hymn 471

We are One in the Spirit

Introduction to Prayer¹

(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 cœurs.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Pardon

The Peace

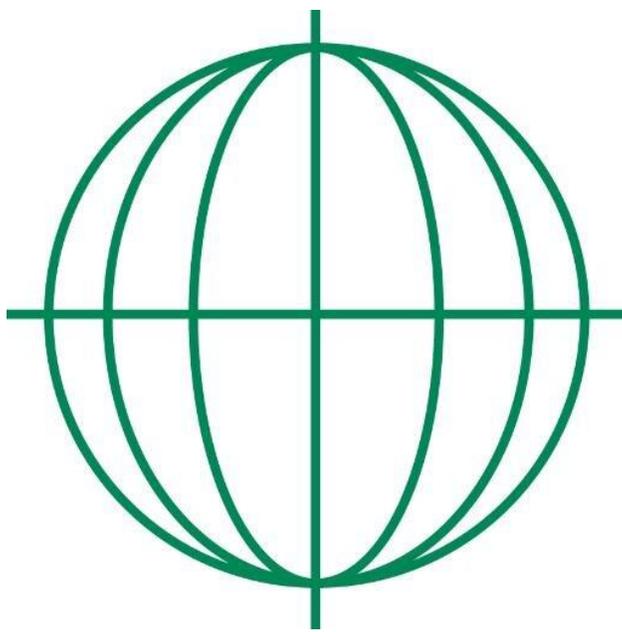
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

⌞ Downstairs/Upstairs

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

The Adventure Centre begins.



PWS&D Sunday

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the relief and development arm of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D acts to alleviate suffering, thus proclaiming that the power of God's love is greater than fear and oppression. Working with partners around the world, and ecumenical agencies, and thanks to our generous gifts, PWS&D carries out relief, development and refugee work on our behalf. www.werespond.ca

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.)

February 04, 2018

Prayer for Illumination

**Wise God, we are filled with words,
and seek silence.**

**We are filled with questions,
and seek peace.**

**We are filled with doubt,
and seek faith.**

**We are filled with weariness,
and seek rest.**

**May your Word bring us all this and more,
as we listen and learn, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Epistle 1 Corinthians 4: 1, 5-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 1.29-39

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn 296 *The Clay-Stained Hands of Love*

Sermon *Treasure in Clay Jars*

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation (refrain, 538)

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

Organ Offertory Winter Concerto, 2nd mvt. - A. Vivaldi

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 530 (vv.1, 2) *I Come with Joy*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Le Seigneur soit avec vous,
et avec votre esprit.*

Élevons notre cœur.

Nous le tournons vers le Seigneur.

Rendons grâce au Seigneur notre Dieu.

Cela est juste et bon.

Gracious God,

*we give you our thanks and praise,
for you are the creator of all that is,
and the giver of all good things.*

For our world,

*this wondrous planet spinning through space,
filled with creatures great and small,
and millions of mysteries still waiting for us to discover,
we praise you.*

**For all things that make life worth living:
for times of community and times of solitude,
for work to do and time to rest,
for our health
and those who help us when we are sick,
for what we have already accomplished,
and for dreams still unfulfilled,
we give you thanks and praise.**

*In Jesus Christ, you entered the world,
sharing our joy and our sorrow.*

*For Jesus' earthly life,
for the gospel he preached and embodied,
we praise you.*

**For his heart of compassion,
which prompted him to provide
bread for the hungry crowds
and to offer himself
as Living Bread for hungry souls.**

**For his arms of flesh and blood,
that opened wide
to welcome strangers and outcasts,
as he offered all of himself
to bring abundant life to the world.**

We give you thanks and praise.

*Remembering what you have done in Jesus Christ,
and in joyous expectation of what you will yet do,
we proclaim the mystery of faith,*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

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

Community-in-Action

Hymn **726 (Eng, fr, Eng)**

*May the God of Hope
Go with Us Every Day*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Organ Postlude

Le Banquet - *J. Franck*

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Lenten Planning Group

The Lenten planning group will meet **this morning at 11h30** and also on **Tuesday, February 13 at 19h00**.

Meeting Reminder

Worship leaders will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 19h00**.

All Committee Meeting Night

This **Thursday, February 8 at 19h30**, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place for Resource & Stewardship, Property, Food Ministry, Media Relations and Accessibility. If you wish to attend a light supper at 18h30, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Annual Meeting and Worship

St. Columba's Annual Meeting will take place downstairs in the S.M. Hall, as part of worship, **next Sunday at 10h00**. Annual Reports are available this morning. Please take one per household and remember to bring it with you next week. If you will see someone from St Columba this week who is not here, please give one to them. The report will be also sent in the news from the pews this week. A lunch will follow the meeting. Please speak with Sandy if you can contribute to the lunch.

Presbytery of Montreal

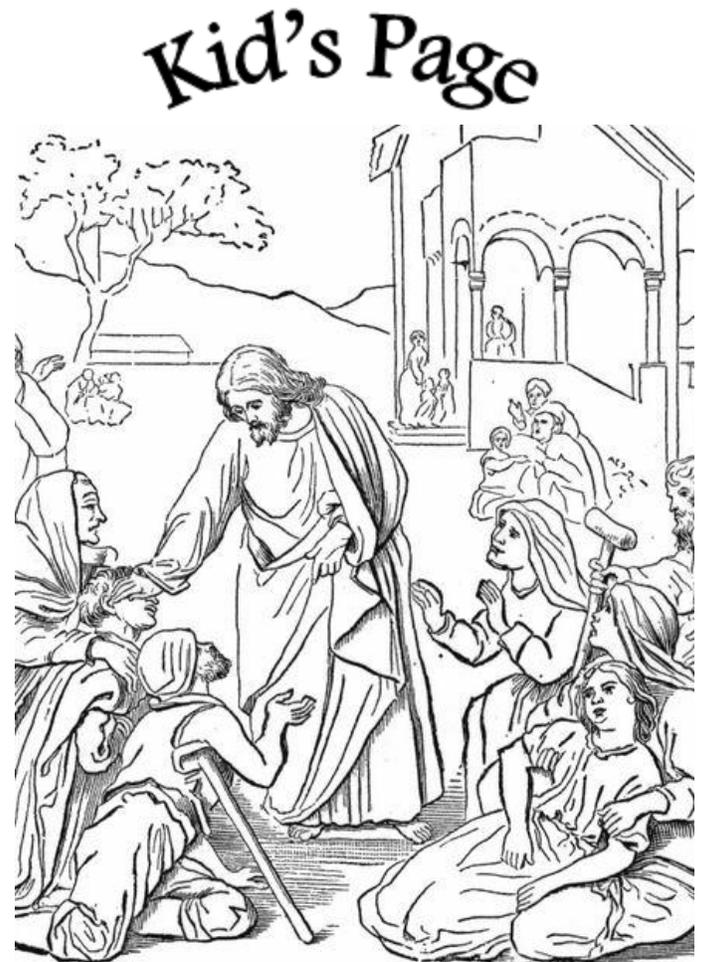
On **Tuesday, February 20**, St. Columba is hosting the Presbytery of Montreal for their monthly meeting, beginning with worship. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the work of the Presbytery.

Concert: Romantic Inspiration with TwinMuse

If you love piano music, treat yourself to the stellar TwinMuse piano duo, Hourshid & Mehrshid Afrakhteh, playing music by Brahms, Debussy, Liszt and Lecuona on **Saturday, Feb. 24 at 8 pm** (please note later time). 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.

"Coldest Night of the Year" Walk

The St. Columba and A&P youth groups will be joining together for the *Coldest Night of the Year* on **Saturday, February 24**. This fundraising activity will benefit the St. James Centre and entails walking anywhere from 2 to 10 km, with a light meal provided afterwards. By walking at dusk during a cold winter's night, participants will feel a hint of the challenge faced by those experiencing homelessness during our harsh winter months. Members of our youth group will be collecting pledges this morning. For more information, please see Leticia Dupont.



**Jesus traveled all over Galilee,
preaching and healing the people**

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 - Lenten Planning Group

Tuesday, February 06

19h00 - Worship Leaders Meeting

Thursday, February 08

18h30 - Dinner

19h30 - All Committee Meeting Night

Friday, February 09

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, February 11

10h00 - Worship & Annual Meeting

11h30 - Lunch

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)