

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jennifer Kendall

Organ Prelude

Come to Me, Spoke God's Son
- J. Pachelbel/D. Buxtehude

Call to Worship

God calls us this day to a life of joy and adventure.

With God,

joy cracks through the bonds of despair.

*We come to hear the story
of God's faithfulness to past generations.*

We come to be empowered

for our own adventure of faith.

*Praise God who calls us to journey
in the expected and in the unexpected.*

**This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Hymn 646

Lead Me, Jesus; I Will Follow

Introduction to Prayer ¹

(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

Gracious God,

**your light and love cause the most ordinary journey
to become an adventure.**

**You have called us to live in faith and freedom,
but we live with tightness in our chest.**

**You have called us to move in a new direction,
but we cling to the path we know.**

**You have called us to reach outward in love,
but at times we draw inward for protection.**

**You have called us with abandon, in trust,
but often we live carefully, in fear.**

God forgive us. Amen.

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.



The Adventure of Faith

January 21, 2018

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

**Guide us, O God, by your word and spirit,
that in your word we may find light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your ways discover our peace, Amen.**

The Scriptures

History 1 Samuel 3.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 1.14-20

This is the gospel of the Lord. 812

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!**

Glory to God, glory to God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Saviour*

Sermon *The Adventure of Faith*

Anthem *Follow Me, Spiritual - arr. J. Carter*

Litany

*Like Abraham and Sarah,
we have accepted your call
to journey into unknown territory.
Guide us on the adventure.*

We give thanks that you travel with us, O God.

*Like Moses and Miriam,
we have accepted your call
to lead children toward freedom.
Grant us courage to speak out and stand up.*

We give thanks that you travel with us.

*Like Ruth and Samuel,
we have accepted your call
to risk ourselves for your plan of hope.
Help us to know when to take a risk.*

Shine your light to guide us.

*Like Andrew and Mary Magdalene,
we have accepted your call
to share the story of God working in our life.*

Shine your light to guide us.

*Like Paul and Priscilla,
we have accepted your call
to be the church and shine your light in our community.*

**On this great adventure, fill us with your spirit,
and ground us in each step.**

**Give life to our faith, action to our love,
and direction to our work.**

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Piano Offertory *Winter Morning - J. Brickman*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 637 (vv.1, 2) *Take My Life,
and Let it Be Consecrated*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Community-in-Action

Hymn 641 *One More Step Along the World I Go*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Organ Postlude *Light of the Minds that Know Him
- M. Balderston*

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.)

Lent Planning Group

Lara is looking for people to explore themes, and help plan the Lenten worship season (February 18 - April 1). If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak to Lara. The group will meet briefly after church next Sunday, January 28, and a few times before February 18.

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **tomorrow** from **11h15-13h15**. If you can volunteer some time to help at the luncheon, please contact Cynthia Homan at 514-695-5451 or cynthiahoman@gmail.com.

Session

Session will meet on **Thursday, January 25** at **19h30**.

St. Columba Concert Series

Warm yourself with an intimate concert by candlelight next **Saturday, January 27 at 19h30**, featuring captivating music from around the world. Argentinian tango, folk music from Quebec, Spain & Israel, classical music from Germany & Turkey and much more. 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.

Change of Date - Mark's Annual Dinner

Mark's sausage and pasta dinner will now be on **Sunday, January 28. It begins at 17h00** with activities for the kids and a BYOB cocktail/get-together for the adults. **Dinner will be served at 18h00**. Come gather for tasty, Italian food and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome. Tickets are available this morning from Sandy: \$15/adult, \$7.50/child, \$45/family. Cheese, sausages and raffle tickets for sale.

First Fridays – February 2nd

GUESS WHO's hosting an evening of games, food, and fun? I'll give you a CLUE! Is it "First Fridays", you ask? BINGO! You've got it! All are invited, young & old, to St. Columba for a night of fun, good company and a wonderful meal. Suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can. We begin at 17h30 with snacks and activities for the kids - activities more fun than a BARREL OF MONKEYS! Dinner is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available. This game night party will be PERFECTION! You won't be SORRY you came!

Annual Report

If you are responsible for a group or activity, please submit your report to the office **as soon as possible**. The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 11**.

Journey to Freedom

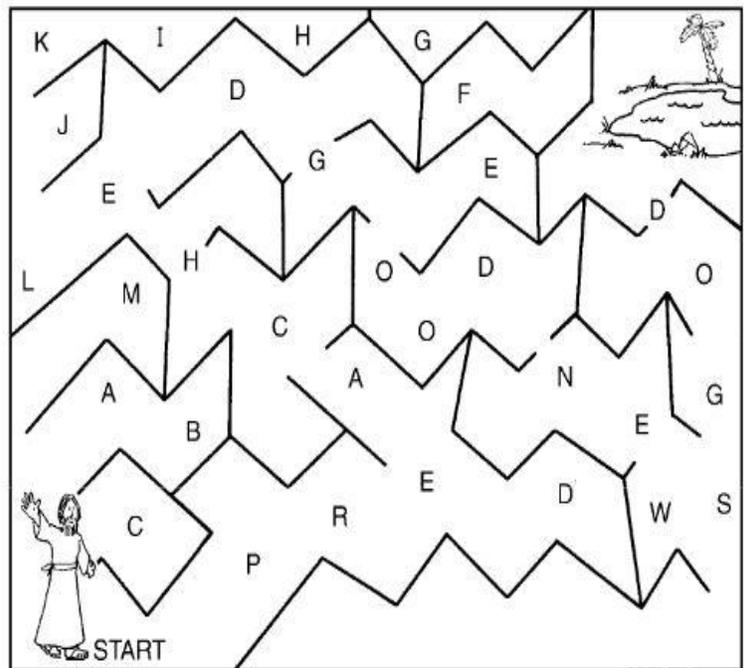
You are invited to a night of music and a multimedia lecture exploring the history of African American Spirituals on **Friday, February 9, 19h30** at Kensington Presbyterian in NDG. Please see poster on bulletin board for more details.

Kid's Page



Jesus went from the wilderness to Galilee.
What did He do there?

Find your way through the maze. Write the letters that you find on the correct path in order on the lines below.



Jesus _____ the
_____ of _____!

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, 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 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

Monday, January 22

11h15-13h15 - Maywood Lunch

Thursday, January 25

19h30 - Session

Friday, January 26

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-14h30: Window Marché

Saturday, January 27

19h30 - Concert: World Music with Tessala

Sunday, January 28

10h00 - Worship

11h30 - Lenten Planning Group

17h00 - Mark's Annual Dinner

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)