

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Graeme McDonald

Piano Prelude

My Faith Looks up to Thee

- T. Fetteke

Call to Worship

*Come and worship the Holy One,
our Creator and Redeemer.*

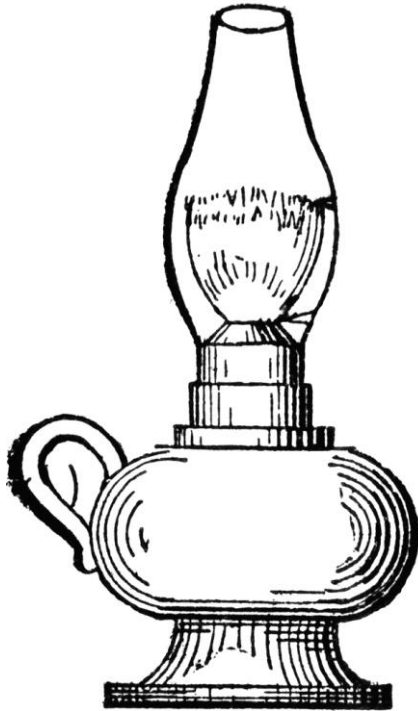
**God gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.**

*We are the powerful and the powerless,
the strong and the weary,*

**Needing the strength and light of God
for the journey.**

Wait for the Lord, and you will renew your strength.

**Let us run and not grow weary,
walk and not faint.**



Nurturing our Light

Hymn 655

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

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

Loving God, we are in awe of your wonder.

**You choose to be in relationship with us
and you call us by name.**

**Renew us by your power
and fill us with your love.**

**God of peace, we admit that we rush through life,
denying ourselves time**

to discern and reflect on your presence.

Open our hearts to moments of grace.

**Help us to recognize opportunities
to mend the relationships of our lives.**

**Free us and forgive 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.

November 12, 2017

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

**God of hope,
open our ears to your voice
speaking afresh to us this day.
Touch our yearnings by your words.
We are ready to listen. Amen.**

The Scriptures

Prophet Isaiah 40.28-31
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 25.1-13
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn **662** *Those Who Wait on the Lord*

Sermon *Nurturing our Light*

Litany

*Jesus, you too became tired,
and withdrew from the crowds
to spend time in prayer.*

**Help us to take time to renew our strength,
to receive as well as to give.**

*Jesus, you too enjoyed time with friends,
telling your tales at the close of the day.*

**Connect us to others who nurture our spirits
and encourage the use of our gifts.**

*Jesus, you kindled faith when lamps were low.
You shed your light as darkness fell.*

**We are a people of hope.
There is always light in the darkness,
and new possibilities in the midst of despair.**

Come, Lord Jesus.

Meet us and fill us with your love.

We are a people of celebration.

**God, may we experience
the joy of following together,
and the fun of learning more about your ways.**

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

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Invitation

Offertory *Minuet - C. Gluck*
Laura Downey, flute

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **625** (vv.2, 3) *Seek Ye First*

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

Community-in-Action

Hymn **330** (vv.1, 4, 5, 6) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Benediction

Christ's light in our souls.

Our lives shaped by his.

Christ's love in our hearts.

Our love warmed through his.

Christ's peace on our path,

Our path following his....

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Piano Postlude

Presto in F - J. C. Bach

Name Tags, Please!

Please wear your name tags to help Lara and her family get to know you. If you have lost yours, add your name to the bulletin board.

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **on Monday, November 20** from **11h15-13h15**. Baked goods and fruit can be dropped off next Sunday (marked "35 Maywood"). If you can volunteer some time to help with serving/socializing with the residents at the luncheon please contact - nadia@stcolumba.ca / 514-546-2468 OR cynthiahoman@gmail.com / 514-695-5451.

Invitation to a Special Evening

You are invited to a special evening of discovery, dialogue and mutual respect with Canada's Indigenous Peoples as Prof. Christine Jamieson (Dept. of Theology at Concordia) discusses Indigenous peoples' deep relationship to the land, their language and culture; compares Indigenous and Judeo Christian perspectives; and shares how the Truth and Reconciliation Committee is enabling the reconciliation between all Canadians. Consider attending this unique occasion on **Wednesday, November 29, 19h30** at St. Edmond Church (105 Beaconsfield Blvd.)

FundScrip

Rose-May would like to thank everyone for the awesome response to the pre-bought FundScrip cards that have been sold so far! Please see Rose-May after worship to see the selection of cards (including Tim Hortons!) that are available for purchase this morning.

CAC

We have begun to collect non-perishables for our Christmas baskets. There is an index box in the narthex with cards for all items needed, so please take a few on your way out this morning. **Collection will continue until December 10.** Let Euridice know if you can help with assembling the baskets or delivery on December 15-17.

St. Columba Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9h00-13h00
 Wednesday: 13h00-16h00
 Thursday: 9h00-17h00

Lara will be in her office from Tuesday-Friday.



Marché St-Columba

Friday, November 17, 16h30 - 20h30
Saturday, November 18, 9h30 - 14h00

There is less than one week left to prepare for our biggest fundraiser of the year! There are still many ways to get involved:

1. **Plan to volunteer at the event** – help with setting up or taking down, packaging baked goods, selling at the tables, serving meals, washing dishes etc. It's a great way to share an awesome day with fellow St. Columbans and to meet our many wonderful visitors. All volunteers are asked to **wear black bottoms and white tops with a splash of red/green**. Speak with Camille or Brendan this morning to sign up or contact them at mohabir@videotron.ca or 514-695-5974.
2. **Pick up containers from Cheryl** and make some **last minute soup**. Freeze it at home to be dropped off Thursday evening or Friday.
3. **Bake your specialty** to donate to the bake sale. St. Columba is well known for its home baking, so help fill the table! Items may be dropped off Wednesday evening, anytime Thursday or Friday morning.
4. **Re-gift some items** in perfect condition or gently used for the Home Decor table or Hostess Gift.
5. **Pass the word along** to friends, family, neighbours, and co-workers. Pick up some posters from the narthex to post wherever you can, send emails or post the event on Facebook.
6. **Plan to come to the Marché** for dinner or brunch and get some of your Christmas shopping out of the way!



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

Tuesday, November 14

19h00 - Advent Planning Group

Wednesday, November 15

13h00 - 15h00 - Packaging Baked Goods

Thursday, November 16

14h00 - 16h00 - Packaging Baked Goods & Table set-up

19h00 - 21h00 - Packaging Baked Goods & Product set-up

Friday, November 17

09h00 - 16h30 - Packaging Baked Goods

13h30 - 16h30 - Restaurant set-up in the WIWC

16h30 - 20h30 - Marché St-Columba

Saturday, November 18

09h30 - 14h00 - Marché St-Columba

Sunday, November 19

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)