

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jack McDonald

Organ Prelude

We Praise You Creator - R. Currie

Call to Worship

*Our God is preparing a feast for all people;
a wonderful banquet
with vintage wine and gourmet food,
**the choicest meats, and lavish desserts,
and the whole world will be invited!***

*God will wipe away the tears from every face,
and lift the despair from every heart.*

Together, God's people will proclaim:

This is our God, in whom we place our trust!

Let us rejoice in the saving grace God brings!

Hymn **410** (vv.1-3)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

*Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors
and welcome us into Your presence.
You spread a table before us,
filled with the richest fare—
a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.*

We come with joy to worship,

to eat and drink at Your table,

to taste and see Your goodness,

to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives.

We admit, gracious God,

*that we have failed our neighbours, near and far,
in having access to the food they need.*

We confess our struggle to trust in Your abundance.

**Give us strength that we might follow your way,
and live with faithfulness and integrity.**

Prepare a table before us,

in the name of Jesus Christ,

our host and companion. Amen.

Response to Prayer

(sung)

Listen Lord, listen Lord,

Not to our words but to our prayer;

You alone, you alone,

understand and care.

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Stories from St. Columba's Food Ministry:

Window Marché – *Edith Tomkins*

First Fridays – *Martina Tchipeff*



Food and Faith

October 14, 2018

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

God of abundance,
we hunger for more than bread alone.
Feed us with your Spirit,
that our emptiness might be filled,
and our cravings satisfied,
through the One who is our bread.
Amen.

The Word

Prophet Isaiah 25:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 6:34-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Sermon *Food and Faith: The Delight of Food*

Hymn **190** (vv.1-3, 5) *You Thirsty Ones*

Litany

Holy One,

You invite us to the banquet of life.

All parts of the world are invited –

enemies and friends,

the alienated and powerful,

those close at hand and those far off.

You prepare a table before us.

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Come and drink – even if you have no money!

Come, take your choice of wine or milk – it's all free!

Why spend your money on food

that does not give you strength?

Why pay for food that does you no good?

Come and listen to me,

and you will eat what is good!

You prepare a table before us,

so we may delight in the gift of food.

God prepares a feast.

We are grateful for these gifts of nourishment.

You prepare a table before us.

Surely God's goodness and unfailing love

will follow us all the days of our lives,

and we will dwell in God's house forever.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Invitation

Piano Offertory Thanks to God - *J. A. Hultman*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **425** (v.1) *We Praise You, O God*

Prayer of Dedication

SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn **534** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Benediction 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.

Piano Postlude *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*
- W. Moore / J. Sanborn

Enjoying the Meal

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.)

This Morning

Worship resources this morning are from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), an ecumenical response to hunger. Presbyterian World Service and Development leads projects through, and contributes to other church’s development and relief projects around the world through CFGB. www.foodgrainsbank.ca

Pre-order forms are ready!

Pre-order forms are available in the narthex. The deadline to order is Sunday, October 28. Some items have limited quantities so first ordered, first served. Pick up will be on Saturday, November 3rd from 9 - 11 am.

Baking Workshops

A schedule of evening workshops is on the bulletin board. Please take a few minutes after worship to sign up. (4-5 people are needed for each evening). No experience necessary -just bring your apron & join the fun! Here are this week’s workshops:

- Monday, noon - 4 pm:** ingredient prep.
- 6:30 - 9 pm:** pie filling
- Wednesday, 9 am-noon:** pie assembly

Christian Action Chrétienne

During the month of October, you are invited to bring in some non-perishables for CAC. Suggestions of needed items are peanut butter, cookies, canned meat and jam.

Maywood Luncheon

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

Guest Speaker

Next Sunday, we will welcome John Bannerman as guest speaker. John is a minister and member of the PWS&D committee. This national church committee is meeting at St Columba **October 18-20**. You are invited to donate to Presbyterian World Service and Development by designating your gift, PWS&D.

Adventure Centre

This year, we are using ‘Seasons of the Spirit’ ENCORE multi-age curriculum, that is engaging for children. It uses art, poetry, music, crafts and games to bring the stories of faith alive, and is easy to use for volunteers. If you are willing to share your gifts with our children age 4-12, even for one or two weeks, please speak to Lara or sign up on the bulletin board.

Session

Session will meet on Thursday, **October 25 at 7 pm**.

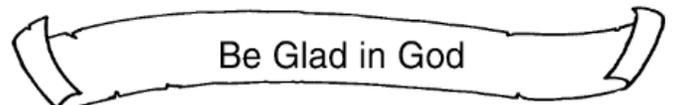
St. Columba Concert

Join us on **Saturday, October 27 at 7:30 pm**, as we launch our season with great Celtic music. You won’t want to miss this toe-tapping evening with the tremendously talented musicians of Bùmarang - Kate Bevan-Baker, fiddle/vocals; Sarah Pagé, harp/vocals; Dave Gossage, flute/whistle. 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.

Prayer Writing

The last Prayer Writing workshop will be on **October 30 at 6:30 pm**.

Kid’s Page



Isaiah said, “On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.”

Find 14 differences.



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

10 am - Worship

11:15 am - Enjoying a meal together

Monday, October 15

11:15 am - 1:15 pm - Maywood luncheon

Noon - 4 pm - Ingredient prep

6:30 - 9 pm - Pie filling workshop

Wednesday, October 17

9 am - Noon - Pie making workshop

Thurs, Oct.18 - Sat, Oct.20: PWS&D Committee meetings

Friday, October 19

10:30 am - 2:30 pm: Window Marché

Sunday, October 21

10 am - Worship: Guest speaker - John Bannerman

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)