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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today – Advent IV

- 10h00 - Worship
- 11h30 - Choral Group
- 21h45 - Piano Renditions of Christmas Carols
- 22h00 - Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 31

- 10h00 - Worship: Summerlea United Church, Lachine

Sunday, January 07

- 10h00 - Epiphany Sunday

*Hidden Advent:
Hidden Courage*

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)

*Advent IV
December 24, 2017
10h00*

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Noël - arr. *W. Gudger*

Welcome & Community-in-Action

Call to Worship

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.*

**The light shines even in the places
where shadows touch our lives.**

*Rejoice, then, you people,
for Christ's presence lives among us,
and brings light to our world.*

Theme - **Hidden Advent**

Advent IV: **Hidden Courage**

Hymn **154** *Silent Night*

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Joy

For God so loved the world...

**that the Lord looked with favour upon Mary,
to conceive and bear the Son of the Most High.**

For God so loved the world...

that the Son of God took flesh and dwelt among us.

For God so loved the world...

**that the Lord lifted up the lowly
and humbled the proud and powerful.**

For God so loved the world...

**that God gave us Jesus, God's only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.**

Opening Prayer

Sung Response (V.4) 119

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

**The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

The Scriptures

Gospel Luke 1:46-55

Anthem God with us - *R.E. Schram*

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

Prayers of the People

Invitation

Offertory Jazz Gloria - *N. Sleeth*

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn **149** *Away in a Manger*

Oh, the Things that Happened that Night...

Welcome

Part I: Mary and Joseph

Carol **155** (vv.1, 2) *That Boy-Child of Mary*

Part II: The Animals

Carol **150** (v.1) *Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good*

Part III: Angels

Carol **139** (v.1) *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Part IV: Shepherd

Carol **133** (v.1) *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

Part V: Wise Persons and Star

Carol **173** (v.1) *We Three Kings*

Part VI: Conclusion

Hymn **153** (vv.1, 4) *Joy to the World*

Benediction

Piano Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High
- *V. Labenske*

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.)

Kid's Corner



COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a joyful Christmas. We especially welcome visitors with us. May the Prince of Peace be born for you and for our world this Christmas.

With Appreciation

Many thanks to Charlotte Adams, Monique Caissie, Graeme MacDonald, Camille Mohabir and Brian Ruse for their hard work and dedication on this year's theme, *Hidden Advent*. Special thanks to Brian Ruse for his leadership this morning.

Message from Lara

Please take note that Lara will be on holiday and the office will be closed from December 25 - January 01. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Kay Diviney at 514-842-3431.

Ecumenical Service

This year, our annual ecumenical worship service will be on **Sunday, December 31 at 10h00** at Summerlea United Church, 225 – 50th Avenue in Lachine.

Epiphany Sunday

We will join together once again at St. Columba on **Sunday, January 07** to celebrate Epiphany.

St. Columba Books

The books will remain open only until **December 31, 2017**. Please pick up your envelopes for 2018, which are in your mail slots, if you have not done so already.

Save the Date

Mark's Annual Dinner will be on **Sunday, January 21st**. Come gather for tasty, Italian food and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome.

St. Columba Concert Series

Warm yourself with an intimate concert by candlelight on **January 27 at 7:30 pm**, 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.

Stewardship 2018

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.

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.