

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

As with Gladness Men of Old
– arr. B. Wolaver

Call to Worship

*God of God,
Light of Light,
true God of true God,*

We come to worship you.

*Object of the magi's search,
subject of an old man's song,
fulfillment of the Baptist's words,*

Shine your light among us.

*Mary's son,
Joseph's son,
God's only son,*

Fill us with your grace.

Strengthen us to serve.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine (See panel 6)

Introduction to Prayer ¹

(sung)

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvre nos pensées;

Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Ouvre nos cœurs.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvre nos pensées;

Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Ouvre nos cœurs.

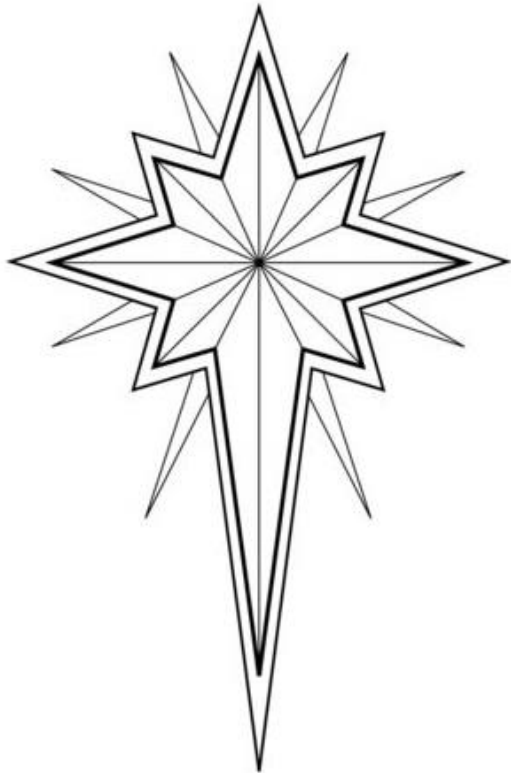
Pardon

(standing)

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Epiphany

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.)

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

Guiding God,

we come on many paths to seek your star.

Light up our minds and our hearts

by your stories.

Nudge us and challenge us,

that we may discover

new ways to serve you and love you,

through Christ, Amen.

The Scriptures

Prophet

Isaiah 60.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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Glory to God, glory to God,

glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hymn **712**

Arise, Your Light is Come

Sermon

Manifestation

Solo

*An Old French Carol – arr. S. Liddle
Charlotte Adams*

Litany

Wise God,

you are older than the ages,

and you dance in the starlight,

and you love us.

You share bread with strangers,

and you welcome little children,

And you understand us.

Wise God, you wrestle with the powerful,

and you comfort all who need you,

and you disturb us.

Wise God,

shining in darkness,

seen by those who love you,

found by those who seek you.

We are here to learn from you.

Kings and nations, weak and powerful.

Sons and daughters, rich and needy.

Strong and mighty, weak and gentle.

All are coming to meet with God.

With our questions, our answers,

and all the mysteries of this New Year,

We come to meet with you, O God.

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Piano Offertory

Coventry Carol - *arr. V. Labenske*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **173** (vv.1, 5)

We Three kings

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 **172**

As with Gladness Men of Old

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Piano Postlude

We Three Kings - arr. V. Labenske

Activity for Youth and Adults

For prayerful pondering during this New Year:

- Name and give thanks for a moment of wonder.
- Resolve to offer a gift this year in a particular way.
- Name some aspect of darkness and pray for light.
- Name a companion on the journey, and give thanks for their support.

This Morning

Children and youth are invited to stay upstairs during worship. The Gospel will be a dramatic reading with the children involved. Please pick up a children’s bulletin from the narthex and Christmas storybooks will be available from Lara during the service.

A&P Youth Retreat

The St. Columba Youth have been invited to attend a weekend retreat hosted by St. Andrew & St. Paul from **Friday evening, January 12 – Sunday, January 14**. This year’s theme is *Discovering your Personal Strengths*. Contact Léticia at l.dupont7250@gmail.com, if you are interested. See bulletin board for more info.

All Committee Meeting Night

This **Thursday, January 11 at 19h30**, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place for Resource & Stewardship, Property, Food Ministry, Media Relations and Accessibility.

Save the Date

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

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place on **Monday, January 22** from **11h00-13h00**. 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 on **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.

Annual Report

Annual Report time is upon us once again! If you are responsible for a group or activity, please submit your report to the office **no later than Sunday, January 21**. The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 11**.

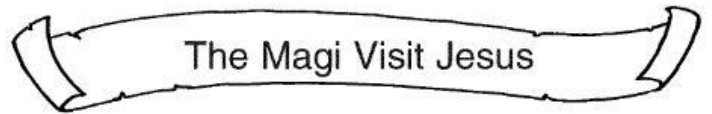
Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your 2018 envelopes from your mailboxes this morning.

Coffee & Greeting Rosters

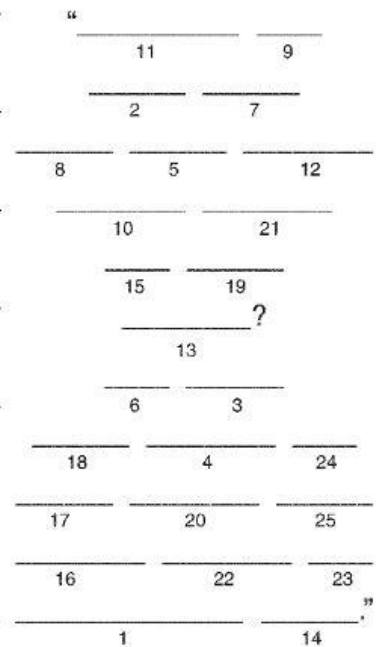
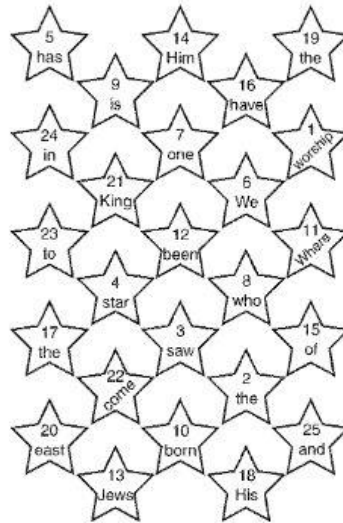
We need your help in filling up our rosters! Please pick a date and add your name to the bulletin board.

Kid’s Page



Some Magi came to Jerusalem. What did they ask?

Match the numbers with the words in the stars.



This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine. I’m gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine. I’m gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine. I’m gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO! I’m gonna let it shine.
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 Hide it under a bushel - NO! I’m gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don’t let anyone blow it out. I’m gonna let it shine.
 Don’t let anyone blow it out. I’m gonna let it shine.
 Don’t let anyone blow it out. I’m gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Repeat verse 1

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 - Epiphany

10h00 - Worship

Thursday, January 11

19h30 - All Committee Meeting Night

Friday, January 12

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-14h30: Window Marché

Friday, January 12 - Sunday, January 14: Youth Retreat

Sunday, January 14

10h00 - Worship

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)