

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Monique Caissie

Piano Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

– arr. J. Vogt

Call to Worship

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

**Like weary travelers,
we have come to find rest.**

Sometimes, the way is very dark.

Jesus said:

I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.**

O God, remind us of your Spirit, remind us of your light.

**Knit us together as members of your church family,
that we may shine Christ's light in the world.**

Hymn *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* (See panel 6)

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 coeurs.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Everlasting Spirit,

you work in our lives,

empowering us to serve you.

You claim us and call each of us by name.

For this, we give you thanks and praise.

Forgive us when we lose sight

of our identity as your children.

Forgive us when we restrict our faith

to what we do in worship or in church.

Fill us with gratitude as your people.

Free us from regret,

and help us to begin again, through Christ, 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.



Baptism

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Prayer for Illumination

**God of light,
You created us as a people who seek community.
Shine upon our hearts and our minds,
that in hearing your word we may know you better,
and in glimpsing your mission
we may serve you, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Torah Genesis 1.1-5, 14-19
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 1.4-11 812
This is the gospel of the Lord.
**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Hymn 515 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

Sermon *Called into Community by Name*

Litany

*Faithful God,
in baptism you claim us.*
Let us remember our baptism and give thanks.
*For the people and congregations
who helped us grow in faith,*
let us remember our baptism and give thanks.
*For the babies, children and youth
we have watched grow in faith,*
**we remember their baptisms,
how they have grown in grace,
and we give thanks.**
Baptism is a celebration of God's love and grace.
**It is a beginning and a belonging:
the beginning of a faith journey,
the belonging to the family of God.**
*We are called together to be the church,
called into a new life of growth and service.*
Remember your baptism and give thanks.
**Remember that all of us are called together
to be God's people.**

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING 4

Invitation

Offertory Deep River, Spiritual - arr. Lloyd Larson

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 174 (v.1) *Worship the Lord in the
Beauty of Holiness*

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 178 (tune:162) *When Heaven's Bright with Mystery*

Benediction

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Organ Postlude Light of the Minds that Know Him
- arr. 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 on Sunday, January 28, and a few times before February 18.

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **on Monday, January 22** from **11h00-13h00**. Baked goods and fruit can be dropped off next Sunday (marked "35 Maywood"). 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.

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.

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

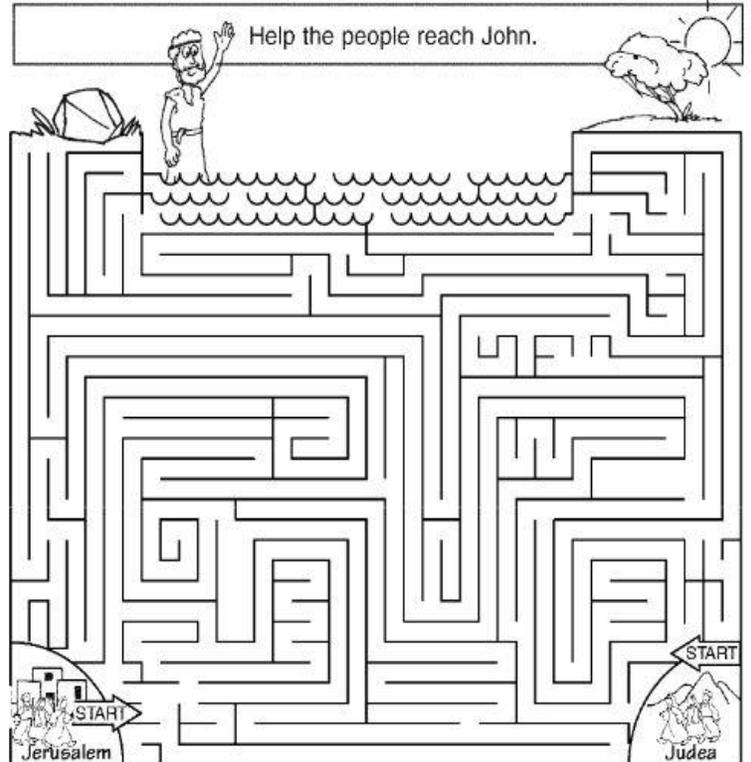
Please remember to pick up your 2018 envelopes from your mailboxes this morning. Please check your envelope number and **if you have mistakenly picked up #47**, contact Ian MacDonald!

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

People came from Jerusalem and the Judean countryside to be baptized by John in the Jordan River.



Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Refrain:

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain,
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family

Refrain

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

11h30 - First Fridays Planning Meeting

Friday, January 19

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-14h30: Window Marché

Sunday, January 21

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)