



## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

**Generous God,**  
we give thanks for sacred stories.  
Through them, you nurture our imaginations,  
increase our awareness,  
and challenge our assumptions.  
Speak to us, through the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be free to know you better  
and to serve you well.  
Amen.

The Scriptures

Psalm 111 *Book of Psalms, RI*  
Gospel *Mark 1.21-28*  
*This is the gospel of the Lord.* 812  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hymn 792 *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*  
(tune, 674)

Sermon *Freedom*

Litany

*In quietness and in darkness,*  
*In peace and in confusion,*  
*Jesus Christ wants to make his home*  
*and meet his friends.*

**He is the light of life.**  
**He is the hope for the world.**

*Through Jesus,*  
*the sick are healed, the grieving are comforted,*  
*those who are trapped in the prison of their fears*  
*are given the freedom to love.*

**He is the light of life.**  
**He is the hope for the world.**

*Jesus taught by telling stories and changing lives.*  
*He taught us by giving his all,*  
*and by loving without condition.*

**May we learn from him,**  
**and teach others his ways.**

**He is the light of life.**  
**He is the hope for the world!**

Prayers of the People

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

## AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead - arr. M. Hayes*  
*Monique Caissie, solo*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 637 (vv.4, 6) *Take My Life,*  
*and Let it Be Consecrated*

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 636 *When Voices are Confusing*

Benediction

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

Piano Postlude *There is a Light - arr. B. Edstrom*

### 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 still looking for a few more people to 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 this morning and a few more times before February 18.

**Last Chance!**

Mark's Italian themed dinner is happening this evening, **beginning at 17h00** with activities for the kids and a BYOB cocktail/get-together for the adults. **Dinner will be served at 18h00.** This is your last chance to get tickets! They are available this morning from Sandy: \$15/adult, \$7.50/child, \$45/family.

**First Fridays – February 2nd**

GUESS WHO's hosting an evening of games, food, and fun? I'll give you a CLUE! Is it "First Fridays", you ask? BINGO! You've got it! All are invited, young & old, to St. Columba for a night of fun, good company and a wonderful meal. Suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can. We begin at 17h30 with snacks and activities for the kids - activities more fun than a BARREL OF MONKEYS! Dinner is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available. This game night party will be PERFECTION! You won't be SORRY you came!

**Meeting Reminder**

Worship leaders will meet on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm.**

**Journey to Freedom**

You are invited to a night of music and a multimedia lecture exploring the history of African American Spirituals on **Friday, February 9, 19h30** at Kensington Presbyterian in NDG. Please see poster on bulletin board for more details.

**Annual Report**

If you are responsible for a group or activity, please submit your report to the office **as soon as possible.** The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 11.** Annual Reports will be available next Sunday.

**Presbytery of Montreal**

On **Tuesday, February 20,** St. Columba is hosting the Presbytery of Montreal for their monthly meeting, beginning with worship. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the work of the Presbytery.

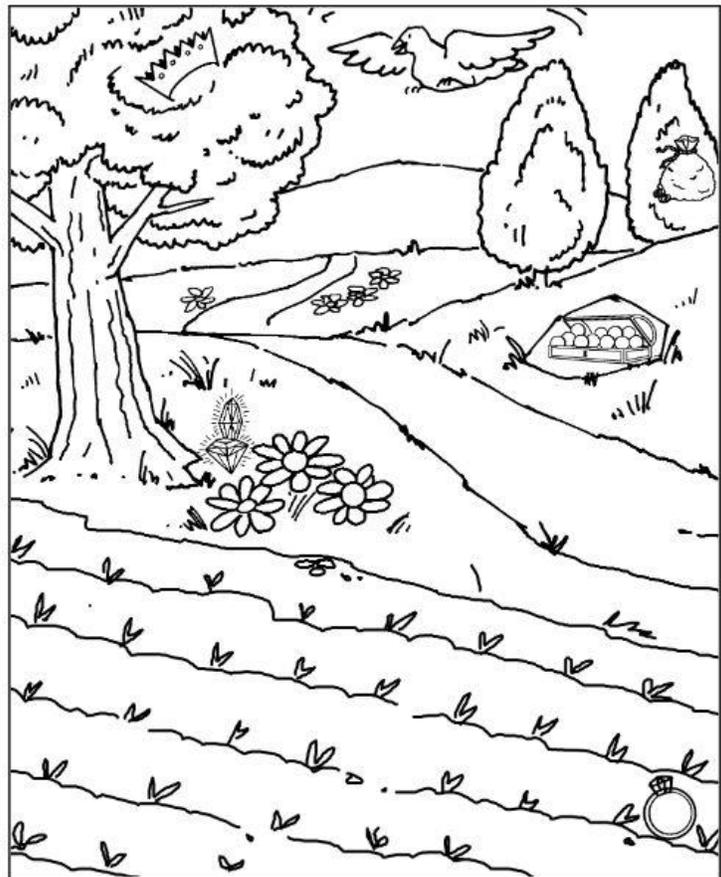
**"Coldest Night of the Year" Walk**

The St. Columba and A&P youth groups will be joining together for the *Coldest Night of the Year* on **Saturday, February 24.** This fundraising activity will benefit the St. James Centre and entails walking anywhere from 2 to 10 km at dusk, with a light meal provided afterward. St. Columba youth are welcome and encouraged to take part. Participants will be collecting pledges next Sunday. For more information, please see Leticia Dupont.

*Kid's Page*

The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure.

Find these treasures hidden in the field below.



## 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** - Lenten Planning Group

**11h30** - Choral Group

**17h00** - Mark's Annual Dinner

### Friday, February 02

**09h00** - St. Columba Crafters

**10h30-15h00**: Window Marché

**17h30** - First Fridays

### Sunday, February 04

**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)**