



Kensington Presbyterian Church  
*Growing in faith and sharing God's love*  
 since 1786

**Delivering the message**

Dec 16, 2023

**WELCOME**, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.<sup>1</sup> If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).

**Announcements**

*Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site*

**Advent & Christmas Opportunities**

Please let us know the **Hymns** you would like to sing this season.

**Blue Christmas meditative service:** Wed. Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas is not always an easy time.

Please join us for this meditative service.

**Community Caroling:** Friday, Dec. 22

with the Montreal Children's Theatre

6:30 p.m. Outdoor Caroling or indoor crafts

7:00 p.m. Hot Chocolate & Snacks

7:30 p.m. Carols & choirs around the piano

**Christmas Eve:** Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

A time of lessons and carols, stories and music.

**Christmas Morning Pot-Luck & singing:** Mon. Dec. 25 at 9:30

<sup>1</sup> note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



**Zoom Prayer Group:** Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

[us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?pwd=eUo2M09YMEw5dkZvdm9uQmpHNIUrUT09)

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**St. Andrew's Home worship & singing:** Thursday at 10:30.

Contact Rev. Peter if you would to join us.

**Jesus & Java:** Join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton

**Family Food & Film Fiestas:** paused until the new year.

**Drop Box:** Food donations are welcome for the local Food Pantry, diapers for young mothers through Head & Hands, and cloths & accessories for the New Hope Boutique.

**Café Rencountre:** Mondays 10-1 at 5964 av. NDG

Drop in for a light meal, conversation, help with tech, or talk with a community worker.

**Envelopes:** For those who would like to donate through envelopes, next year's are available.

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## Approaching God

### Call to worship

The prophets call and an apostle writes to announce that joy comes from God.

**“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me...and has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, ...to comfort all who mourn; ...to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning...”**

(Isaiah 61)

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.”**

(Philippians 4)

Grief, pain and loss are inevitable. But woven into life is the joy of living in a universe that reflects God’s beauty.

**Advent provides time to nurture joy in our lives and in the world God loves. Advent calls us to share with others the good news that comes into the world with the birth of Christ.**

Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

**Jesus Christ comes as joy to the world.**

We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**We light this candle to glow for joy.**

### Lighting the Candle of Joy



🎵 Hymn: Hope is a star - verse 3.....pg 9 (119)  
[youtu.be/OwrfmAHWuy4?t=95](https://youtu.be/OwrfmAHWuy4?t=95)

### Prayer of Approach

Amazing God,

We are gathered here to spend time with you;  
to listen for the messages you send.

**Thank you for sending angels,  
for involving ordinary people,  
and for becoming a person.**

It’s a mystery how Jesus was both God and human,  
be he was.

And he did amazing things,  
trying to show us how to live together with each other,  
and with you.


**It’s Christmas time,  
and we are sorry that we can think more about what we  
want than what others need.  
We are sorry that we do things that hurt others, and  
for the times when we don’t do something that can help.  
We are sorry that we forget your love  
or we keep it to ourselves.  
Please forgive us. . .**

At Christmas we remember that the angel told the shepherds, ‘I  
bring you good news of great joy - news for everyone.

Somebody has been born who can save everyone from ways  
that hurt - and it’s Christ the Lord.’

Holy Spirit, help us to know this good news, and believe it.

As we wait for Jesus to come again, help us to live the prayer you  
teach your followers:

 The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

**Amen.**




### *Listening to God*


 Hymn Sing

This is a time when we sing several hymn requests. You can join in on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_EPsf2FuWoen7j1iGcz\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_EPsf2FuWoen7j1iGcz_w)



 Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear the good news  
with the excitement of the shepherds  
and the acceptance of Mary. Amen.

 Intro to the readings


Today we are going to have a paraphrase of scripture. It's take from Luke 1, Matthew 1, and Luke 2.

Why these two gospels, because each gospel tells different parts of the story - emphasizing different aspects of the Good News. There two talk about Jesus' birth. John is more philosophical, and Mark skips straight to Jesus being an adult. Matthew tells of the universal event with Kings, Magi & stars in the heavens. Luke is more personal with Mary & shepherds.

Today Gabrielle will be delivering the messages - but be careful, God doesn't just stand and talk.



Glory to God on High - Hi Qi

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>2</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Luke 1](#): 5-56

[Matthew 1](#): 18-25

[Luke 2](#): 1-20

 Pageant: Delivering the message

*Dear Lord, please bless these words  
and the meditations of our hearts. Amen.*

**G:** Hello. I'm Gabriel(le), and I've got a lot to do. I need some helpers. Could all the little angels come and join me?

[kids come up]

Great.

God has decided it's time to try something amazing. As you know, God likes to involve people - and we've been asked to let them know about their part.

The first person we need to find is Zachariah. Both he and his wife Elizabeth are really good people. He's the minister in a church.

We need to find him... what's a minister wear? [*a stole or like a special scarf*]

Good.

Could you please find him and give him this letter.

When he's done, I need you to bring it back.

[kids go and search with letter.]

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<sup>2</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963  
or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

**Z:** Oh, I've got mail. I wasn't expecting this.  
I wonder if I should open it?  
What do you think?

Okay, let's find out what it says.

*Dear Zachariah and Elizabeth,  
Don't be afraid. (hhmmm)*

*You two will be having a baby! You'll call him John (that's an odd choice) - and he will bring you great joy. He help a lot of people to focus back on the way God wants us to live. This is all to prepare the way for the Lord!*

*God bless  
Gabriel(le)*

*P.S. please give this message back after reading it.*

*This is ridiculous. I don't believe it. Just wait until I te...  
[Z's voice stops working]*

**G:** Oh, Zachariah. You're usually so faithful, but sometimes God's plans are hard to understand. We'll give you some time to think about it... by taking away your voice until John is born.

Now little ones, come back here.

[kids come back]

We need to let six months pass. Let's spin around 6 times.

Okay. It's time for the next message. This one is going to Mary. I'm going to go in person, but can you help me find her? You'll recognize her because she's wearing a blue hijab.

[kids go and look]

G: [to the little angels]

Thank you.

[to Mary]

Hello Mary. You are  
in for a treat. The  
Lord is with you.

M: [look perplexed, or afraid, or both]

G: Mary, please don't be afraid.

We're bringing you news of  
great joy.

You're going to have a baby!

You'll call him Jesus, and he

will be the Son of God. He will

be the best King ever - and be king forever.

M: [tap empty ring finger for G to see, raise eyebrows, lift hands & shrug  
shoulders to ask how this could happen]

G: True, you're not married yet. Don't worry about it, through God  
all things are possible. Just look at Elizabeth.

[Mary looks confused]

Oh, you didn't hear yet. Despite being really old, she's  
pregnant.

M: [clasp hands with excitement, bring them to your heart and bow  
your head in acceptance]

G: Thank you Mary.

[to little angels]

Okay, let's go back and find out what's next.

G: [open little envelop]



Mary & Angel - Marcia Carole

Joseph. Oh, this is important.

Joseph is Mary finance. They've been dreaming of getting  
married and starting a family. Sadly, Joseph found out already  
that Mary's pregnant and he's planning to leave her. Having a  
baby is hard. Mary & Jesus will need Joseph, and Joseph needs  
them too.

Okay, we need a plan. I think if we just show up Joseph might be  
too scared and have a heart attack. What could we do? ... Let's  
send a dream.

Joseph works hard in construction - and sometimes falls asleep  
without taking off his construction cloths. I'll get the dream  
sorted out, while you go quietly to find him, we don't want to  
wake him up, and then come back.

...

Great.

Here's the parts of the dream. I need you to take them over  
and hold them by his head (but don't hit him, then he'll wake up  
and be scared).

[send sections of dreams one at a time]

...

1) Joseph, don't be afraid to get married to Mary

...

2) the baby is from the Holy Spirit

...

3) and Jesus will save people from their sins

...

[wave to wee angels to come back quietly. As Angels going back, **Mary**  
starts going to Elizabeth]

**G:** Oh, look over there. Mary's visiting Elizabeth. They both see how much good God is doing by challenging their lives - and will also bring good by challenging the world.

And it looks like Mary is about to sing a song - let's hear/join.

♪ Canticle of the Turning, or a Magnificat.....pg 11

[*Joseph* walks over to *Mary*. They hold hands and walk around the group back to their seats near the back of where people are sitting.]

**G:** Wow! Did you hear her sing about how God will be with the people who are struggling and need help? ...and that those who think they're so great, won't be so great.

She really gets it.

Still, just because God favours you doesn't mean life is going to be easy.

Let's see what will happen when Mary is very pregnant.

Let's spin around 8½ times.

So, when Mary is very pregnant, she & Joseph have to go on a big trip. The king of kings (as he calls himself), Ceasar Augustus, orders everyone to return to their home town to be counted. Joseph is from Bethlehem, so he and Mary have to go there. They are poor and have to walk. Lots of other people also have to go to, so when they get there...



Road to Bethlehem Michael Torevell

there's no place to stay. Not with relatives. Not in hotels. Finally,

they find a spot.

It's nice and warm because there are lots of animals in their room - because they are in a barn. After a long and hard trip, laying in some warm hay, you might think Mary relaxes and falls asleep, but no. She relaxes and delivers a baby - The Baby - The Son of God has been born!

Now, who should we tell?

Somebody important? Somebody popular? Somebody no-body likes? or cares about?

[open little envelope and look at note inside]

Well, it seems God wants us to tell the night shepherds - the ones no-body likes or cares about.

What do Shepherds do? [look after sheep]

Right, so if we find the sheep we'll find the shepherds. Off you go. . .

♪ While Shepherds watched their flocks by night.....pg 10 (138)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wevr3Vt37Ec](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wevr3Vt37Ec)

[After hymn, *Mary* takes baby Jesus and walks around]

**G:** And this is how God chose to come into the world - as a little baby. Not able to talk to people yet, or even walk. God - but vulnerable, needing people, crying when poopy. Growing up at first as a refugee, then in an ordinary house and going to school.

And yet, Jesus grew up to be so much more than just an ordinary person. Jesus shows us what it can be like to live as God

wants us to... even when it hurts.

And Jesus shows us that pain isn't the end - Joy is.

And more than just showing us how to live a good life, Jesus is how we can be saved from all the bad parts of ourselves. All those things we have done, or failed to do, that hurt others, the environment, and even ourselves... Jesus can bring healing, peace & love.

This is the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



### *Responding to God*

🎵 Hymn: Joy to the World.....pg 12 (153)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGyYAzrctzk>

💬 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies.  
Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Memories: Share something from this Christmas Pageant, or another.

Etching: What is something that should be surprising/shocking about the Christmas story?

Values: What is the Good News? Why is Jesus coming like this good news? What about Jesus is good news?

Wonder: What are different ways of sharing the Good News? words? actions? creativity?

Actions: Who is somebody you could share the good news with? (and how)

Prayer: ...that we will be brave like Mary, supportive like Joseph, and share the Joy like the shepherds.

### ✦ Spirit Sightings

The Holy Spirit was at work in this Christmas Pageant, creating a space in which we could interact with each other... and with God.

I read this week about another congregation that is exploring new ways of being church. We heard about them a couple of years ago when Jen deComb preached. The Well Church in Mississauga has always tried to be a space for the 1.5 generation - those raised by immigrants, but in a Canadian context. They are in between.



With help from Presbyterians Sharing they have re-set their focus around spiritual formation. This has included worship, small groups, children's programs, and retreats. By focusing on spiritual formation and becoming more Christ-like, the congregation has not only grown closer as a community, but they also feel better equipped to share their personal stories of hope and transformation with friends and neighbours.

These are some ways the Holy Spirit is working in Kensington, and other congregations.

### ✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**: [kensingtonchurch.ca](https://www.kensingtonchurch.ca). Just click the 'Donate Now' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can also donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is

info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) are also good options.

### Prayers of the people

Dear Jesus,  
As God, you can be intimidating,  
able to create the universe  
knowing everything - even secrets  
bigger than we can imagine.  
But as Jesus,  
we can approach you.  
We can see that you know what it's like  
to be human.  
We can see that you care enough about us,  
to be one of us.  
And so we know that we can come to you  
and share everything  
our worries, our questions, and our joys.

God of love  
**Come Lord Jesus, come.**

Dear Jesus,  
There are a lot of people here in Montréal, and around the world,  
who are homeless; who don't have enough food to eat, or who  
struggle between the two.  
We remember Mary & Joseph, who struggled with this in the  
story, and after you came.  
May you be with those who struggle now,  
and teach the world to look after each other.

God of love

### **Come Lord Jesus, come.**

Dear Jesus  
Sometimes we worry about helping others,  
or telling people about you.  
What will people say?  
Will we have a good life if we share?  
As we remember that Mary & Joseph risked losing their friends  
and family to help you change the world,  
Help us to trust you,  
and look for the people you want us to work with.

God of love  
**Come Lord Jesus, come.**

Dear Jesus  
Making the word better is hard work. In the news we are  
reminded of the hard work that teachers and nurses do,  
...and there are many others who also work hard.  
In this story, we remember the shepherds  
who worked in dark, cold nights - risking their lives to help the  
sheep in their care.  
Help us to support those who help others,  
and be prepared to work hard to help as well.

God of love  
**Come Lord Jesus, come.**

We also remember how the shepherds felt joy and meeting you,  
and shared it with everyone they met.  
Help us also to feel that initial joy and excitement,  
and share with people who need some love and joy.



God of love  
**Come Lord Jesus, come.**

Dear Jesus,  
 Thank you for coming.  
**Amen.**

♪ Hymn: People in Darkness are Looking for Light.....pg 10 (624)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5im4x-VHtE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5im4x-VHtE)

✦ **Benediction**

*May God, who sent the angels  
 to share the good news of the Saviour's birth,  
 fill you with so much joy  
 that you can't stop sharing the good news.*



**Hope is a star**

MOON BEAMS Irregular

Unison

C Em F Em

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
 2. Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

F C Dm /E Fmaj7 Gsus G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.  
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.  
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.  
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain Am /G F G (F/A G/B) C Am F

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first

G (Am7 G7/B) C Am /G F Dm7 C

and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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# While shepherds watched

WINCHESTER OLD 8686 CM

F C Dm Bb F C F /A Gsus4-3 C

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground,  
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;  
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day is born of Da-vid's line  
 4. "The heav-en-ly babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-played,  
 5. Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng

F Bb F Bb/D F C Dm A F C Dm Bb C F

the an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry shone a-round.  
 "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you, all hu-man-kind.  
 a Sav-iour, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:  
 all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man-ger laid."  
 of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song:

- "All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the earth be peace;  
 good will henceforth from heaven to earth  
 begin, and never cease!"

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# People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

D Em F#m Gmaj7 A Bm

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.
2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health.
3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.
4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

Come, come,

Em7 A Em /D A/C# D

come, Je-sus Christ.  
 Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.  
 Peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth.  
 Peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree.  
 Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Bm E7 Asus4 - 3 A/G DF#

Come, Lord Je-sus Christ. These days of ad-ven-ture when

Em7 F# G6 D/A A7 D

all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of

- (1) love.
- (2) hope.
- (3) peace.
- (4) joy.

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# 69 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

LUKE 1:46-55

Em C D Em

1 My \_\_\_\_\_ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my  
 2 Though \_\_\_\_\_ I am small, my \_\_\_\_\_ God, my all, you \_\_\_\_\_ work great \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who

C D Em G

heart is great, and my spir - it \_\_\_\_\_ sings of the won - drous \_\_\_\_\_  
 things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the  
 left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice \_\_\_\_\_  
 holds us fast: God's \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ must de - liv - er \_\_\_\_\_

D Em C Em G

things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your  
 past to the end of the age to be. Your ver - y  
 tears ev - ery ty - rant \_\_\_\_\_ from his throne. The hun - gry  
 us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing

D Em

sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you  
 name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
 poor shall \_\_\_\_\_ weep no more for the food they can  
 word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which

C D Em

did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery  
 holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Fm C D Em

tires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

down draws near, and the world is a - bout to • turn!

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 Music (STAR OF COUNTY DOWN 8.6.8.6 D refrain 9.8.10.8): Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

# Joy to the world

ANTIOCH 8 6 8 6 CM with repeat

D A7/E D/F# Em/G D/A A 7 D D/F# G Em

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

A 7 D (G/DD) (GD D)

ceive its King; let eve - ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

/F# Em/G A

room and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his -

Tenor and bass v.1 And heaven and na - ture sing (Bass), and

A7/C# A7 /G D/F# (aug) G A Bm Em/G D/A A 7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing (Similarly for vv 2, 3 & 4)

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With support from Presbyterians Sharing, The Well Church (Mississauga) provides a welcoming space for those who identify as a third culture community; that is, one that is neither the culture of mostly immigrant parents nor the dominant culture of Canadian society. In a post-pandemic world, the ministry has decided to re-set their focus around spiritual formation, in everything from small groups to children's ministry, retreats and conferences. They are also training leaders to be elders with spiritual formation at the centre. By focusing on spiritual formation and becoming more Christ-like, the congregation has not only grown closer as a community, but they also feel better equipped to share their personal stories of hope and transformation with friends and neighbours.



DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, December 17** Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us.

**Monday, December 18 (International Migrants Day)** We pray decision makers address much-needed protections for the rights of migrant workers and open just and fair pathways to permanent residence in Canada.

**Tuesday, December 19** We pray and give thanks for the Rev. Daniel Cheng, General Secretary of the Bible Society in Taiwan, as he retires after nine years of dedicated service.

**Wednesday, December 20** We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's, Lunenburg as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.

**Thursday, December 21** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Theresa Charlton, serving as synod clerk for British Columbia.


**Friday, December 22** We pray for the treasurers of congregations who work hard all year to keep the financial books in order.

**Saturday, December 23** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Two Rivers Church as they open their hearts and homes to those living in Guelph, ON.

# Christmas at Kensington 2023

**Christmas Decorating** - Saturday, Dec. 2 from 6:30 p.m.

**Pot-luck Lunch** - Sunday, Dec. 3 at about 11:30  
(after the 10:30 worship)

**Movie Series** - Fridays   
pizza 6:30, movie at 7 (RRSP appreciated)  
Dec 1: Rise of the Guardians  
Dec 8: Elf  
Dec 15: Muppets Christmas Carol

**Montreal Children's Theatre Community Dinner**  
Sat., Dec. 16 Volunteer or reserve a spot at a table  
by calling Sandra 514-268-0963

**Christmas Pageant** - Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10:30  
This will be an active and joyous time for all ages.

**Blue Christmas: a peaceful service**  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
Christmas is not always an easy time.  
Please join us for this meditative service.

**Community Caroling** - Friday, Dec. 22  
with the *Montreal Children's Theatre*  
6:30 p.m. Outdoor Caroling or indoor crafts  
7:00 p.m. Hot Chocolate & Snacks  
7:30 p.m. Carols & choirs around the piano



**Christmas Eve** - Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
A time of lessons and carols, stories and music.

**Christmas Morning** - Monday, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m.  
Pot-Luck breakfast and Carol Sing



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