

JANUARY 23, 2011

EPIPHANY III



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Carolyn King
Associate Minister, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Associate Minister, Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee
Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL
Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministry

Mrs. Heather Hetherington
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MORNING WORSHIP – JANUARY 23, 2011

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Prelude

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymn 685 – When morning gilds the skies (omit vs 3 and 4) (Laudes Domini)

Call to Worship

The Rev. Carolyn King

Introit – Goin' Home

Spiritual, arr. Antonin Dvorak

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a goin' home; Quiet-like, some still day, I'm just goin' home. It's not far, just close by, Through an open door; Work all done, care laid by, Goin' to fear no more. Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting too; Lots o' folk gathered there, All the friends I knew. I'm goin' home! Nothing lost, all's gain, No more fret nor pain, No more stumbling on the way, No more longing for the day, Going to roam no more! Morning star lights the way, Restless dream all done; Shadows gone, break of day, Real life just begun. There's no break, ain't no end, Just a living on; Wide awake, with a smile going on and on. Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just going home.

Minster Singers

Dawn King, director

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Carolyn King

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. (*sung Amen*)

Hymn *SHB 31 – God sees the little sparrow (Providence)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Book of Songs

Renee

Scripture – Deuteronomy 32: 7-12 (OT p.208)

Nabil Costa

Acts 17:22-34 (NT p.143-4)

Window on the World

Nabil Costa

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Choral Response – Leave it all quietly to God.

C.M. Palmer

Announcements and Offering

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. (Psalm 96:7-8)

Anthem – Let the people praise Thee, O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us and bless us, and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let all the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad. Gloria.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 233 – Holy Spirit hear us (Linton)

Sermon – HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn *SHB 38 – How great Thou art (O Store Gud)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Smith of Durham)

Postlude Fugue in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude

*Soloists: **Lois Bishop**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano;
Martin Houtman, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.*

**SHB – Supplementary Hymn Book “Sing to God’s Glory”*

We are honoured to welcome Nabil Costa to our worship today. Nabil is the Executive Director of The Lebanese Society for Social and Educational Development, (LSESD), which oversees most of the Baptist work and mission in Lebanon. Yorkminster Park entered into a three year partnership with LSESD in 2010 and we look forward to more exchanges in the years to come. Plans are underway to host a conference with them in Canada and to send a team to work in their camping ministry in the summer of 2012. The government of Lebanon fell ten days ago leaving the country very volatile and vulnerable. We thank God for the work of the Baptists in the midst of these difficulties but we must also pray for them. Nabil will be making a presentation at an information session about Lebanon and the work of LSESD following the service in the Friendship Room. All are welcome.

Dear Friends at Yorkminster Park

Once again, Lebanon is at a crossroads! Yesterday, and amidst rising political tensions, eleven Lebanese ministers resigned and as a result our country’s national unity government collapsed! Where do we go from here?! Please pray for the Lord’s intervention that the current political tensions may be treated appropriately without further escalations; for wisdom for the Lebanese President General Michel Suleiman, and for Lebanese leaders that they may genuinely work towards the well-being of Lebanon and the Lebanese.

Pray for our young generation! How can we convince them that their future is in Lebanon when our country seems to be caught in a vicious cycle that keeps taking us back to the same place that we so desperately want to leave behind?

The Lord calls on us to pray without ceasing! And we call upon you to join us and pray for peace – His peace – in Lebanon. Pray as well for the troubled situations in Palestine, Iraq, Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia. We pray and may His will be done.

We’re counting on your prayer support. Thank you.

Grace and peace,

Nabil Costa

Executive Director, LSESD



A warm welcome to Yorkminster Park! Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and complete one of the Visitor's cards in the pews. The 'Welcome' packages in the pews are available for you to take to find out more about the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church community. City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 p.m. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.

Communications:

- The morning worship services are webcast on the church website: **www.yorkminsterpark.com** and are also recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the desk in the Narthex. Please find the YPBC Monthly and Weekly Prayer Calendars on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables. For more information about the Church or to read the Minister's blog, please visit the website.
- The latest Newsletter is available on the Church website and copies are available on the Narthex, Centre Hall and Heath Street tables for those without internet access.
- Please deliver notices for the calendar to the Church Office no later than **Tuesday morning**.
- Please submit 2010 annual reports to the Church office before **February 15th**.
- A selected number of large-print Bibles are available at the Narthex information table.



Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex Information table.

- *If you wish to receive regular church email communication, please email the church office and we will register your address.*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God
and placed in loving memory of*

NORMAN VAN MALDER

By Betty and family

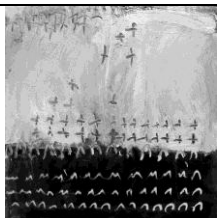
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MR. AND MRS. PAUL MATTHEWS

By Anna and Joseph Poli

Today's Greeters are: Valerie Gerber, Harold Hetherington and Leslie Leong.

ART GALLERY



Margaret Glew
“Letters to a Friend”
Up until February 20

DOXA



Today
Youth Worship Service
By youth for youth
In Cameron Hall
“Doubt”

Worship Band
Audio Video Extravaganza
Interactive

Snacks after service



January 28-30 **Please note dates***

Blizzard Sr. High Youth Retreat
at Muskoka Woods Sports Resort

Please pray for His will in to be done in the lives of the youth as they are touched at BLIZZARD. Pray please for seeds to be planted, watered, harvested for lasting relationships to be developed, safety and good health. Please keep our Pastors, Leaders and Students on your hearts; may the love of God be evident in and through each one as they reach out to this generation.

January 30 – “Gray Matters” for Jr high

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship 101 in Room 304 beginning TODAY at 9:45am

The primary focus is to prepare participants for Baptism and church membership. With this foundation each new believer and prospective member will be set on the right path and have a basis for future growth.

Discipleship 200 in The Library beginning TODAY at 9:45am

Discipleship 200 will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Teacher – Cheryle Hanna

The Study of Genesis: The Abraham Cycle

The Abraham cycle recounts the life history of the first ancestor of Israel to settle in Canaan. It describes his migrations and sites of worship, promises from and covenants with God, dealings with the land's inhabitants and domestic life. Gradually, it focuses on the status of his two sons, Ishmael and Isaac.

Day of Fasting and Prayer: Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2010

The season of Lent is a time to reflect on the suffering of Jesus Christ. A good place to begin this time is with personal and corporate repentance. Fasting is one way to express our repentance for sin and fasting also prepares us inwardly to receive the necessary strength and grace to complete a mission of faithful service to God. We will begin our corporate fast after the Pastors' Pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday and end the fast just before the Ancient Future worship service on Ash Wednesday. Information on fasting and sample prayers will be provided.

Lenten Group Leaders Wanted

The task of the leader is to guide 6-8 persons through a weekly study of the Lenten texts with the help of a leader's guide. The leader's guide not only reviews each of the scriptures in detail, but also provides lesson plans and a choice of activities for each scripture. The other members of the group have a book and all are expected to read prior to the gathering.

The host provides water, tea/coffee and a place. The time and day are completely up to the leader/host. Training and orientation will be held for all.

To volunteer contact Cheryle Hanna at channa@yorkminsterpark.com or call (416) 922-1167, ext. 235.

If you need additional information please contact
The Rev. Cheryle Hanna at 416 922-1167, ext 235.

***Discipleship information booklets are available online at
www.yorkminsterpark.com/grow/pdf/Discipleship_Brochure.pdf,
on the Centre Hall, South and Narthex tables.***

BOARD OF MUSIC

HYMN SING

Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.

Your forty eight requests and suggestions for the Hymn Sing have been received and reviewed. Thirteen of the requests will be included in the Evening Service on Sunday, January 30, 2011, which will commence at 4:30 P.M.

CAMERON CABARET

Friday, February 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Music is happy to present fifteen musicians of our Choir and Congregation in Cameron Hall at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, February 11, 2011. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets (\$10 each) will be available in the Centre Hall after the morning service on Sunday, January 30, and Sunday, February 6, 2011. As there will be refreshments it would be helpful to know on February 6, 2011 how many will come, so please get your tickets early.

The programme is varied. It will include music of Arlen/Harburg, Cymbala, Dylan, Haydn, Mozart, Neubauer, Porter, Puccini, Schubert, Sousa, Sprague/Borop, Telemann, and Wagner. The performers will include our Director of Music and Holmes Times Two or Holmes².

HAITI A YEAR AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE: THE GOOD AND BAD NEWS



"Canadian representatives of Jesus (in the form of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee) have in the past year built over 800 homes, provided 3,500 tarps, 22 community latrines, 19 wells, 1,400 toolkits for removing rubble...." from a letter to the National Post, January 17. **Ken Little**, who leads this relief effort in Haiti, will bring a report from the frontlines to the Afternoon Mission Fellowship on **Thursday, February 3, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** Bring a bag lunch; tea provided. All women and men are invited.

Please Pray for the Appreciative Inquiry Summit

On **February 4 & 5** the leadership of the church will be on retreat to develop a new long range plan for the congregation. In preparation for this retreat many people have been interviewed as part of the Appreciative Inquiry process to examine the fondest memories of the church and deepest hopes for the church. A team of lay people has been reading these interviews and identifying themes for the leaders to both celebrate and address as they prayerfully look ahead. We thank all who have participated in the process to date and we encourage everyone to continue to support the process through prayer

We ask your support of this important process by praying each day leading up to the Summit and during the Summit. Please also continue to pray in the weeks following the Summit as we continue to process the hopes on the congregation's heart. We encourage you to use the following sentences to assist you in your prayers. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

- Please pray for the leadership of the church that in the midst of many voices they will discern the leading of the Holy Spirit and hear the one voice of Christ as they look ahead.
- Please pray that as the leadership hears the report of the voices of the people they will be able to listen with sensitivity and grace.
- Please pray that as the leadership looks ahead they will humbly recognize that though we cannot know the future we can in faith do what our Baptist ancestor called his generation to do, "Expect great things from God; Attempt great things for God."
- Please pray that in all things we will remain true to the Gospel of Christ.
- Please pray that in the midst of many voices and any diversity of opinion there will be a unity in the Holy Spirit and a renewed commitment to our common cause in Christ.
- Please pray for Alan Brisco and all who will be participating in the facilitation and leadership of this event.

Reminder: The number of cases of flu in the city has escalated. Public Health is stressing the importance of getting the flu vaccine. Ten more clinics have been set up at City Centres. Please see the Centre Hall bulletin board, call 311 or visit Toronto.ca/health to find one near you. Also, many hand sanitizers are dispersed throughout our Church building. Kindly use good judgment if you are not feeling well and refrain from being in public places.

MARK THE DATES -

Lenten Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces in Buffalo from April 4 to April 5 with Dr. Holmes, William Maddox and Corey Keeble.




"I'LL BRING THE CHOCOLATE"

Our books sold out quickly! For anyone who missed the opportunity to purchase a book at our women's retreat on January 15 you may order a copy from Bernice Quek through the READ ON Bookstore. The price of "I'll Bring the Chocolate" is 12.99 plus tax. Phone: 416-620-2934. Email: books@readon.ca web: www.readon.ca

(YPBC Women's Ministries)

BOARD OF MISSION

<p>MORE TURKEY ANYONE?</p> 	<p>Canadian Baptist Ministries is planning a Spring 2011 Turkey Short Term Mission Opportunity Thursday, April 30 - Thursday, May 12, 2011. This trip will be led by Blair Clark, Canadian Baptist Ministry Associate General Secretary and David Phillips, our global partner in mission in Turkey. It is designed for Team Supporters of CBM personnel in Turkey, for pastors and leaders of Canadian Baptist Churches and for believers with a passion for both church and mission. If you are interested, please find copies of the Itinerary and Participant Applications on the north hall table.</p>
<p>Australia Relief</p>	<p>For anyone interested in donating to the flooding disaster relief in Australia, the Australian Baptists have set up a disaster relief fund. Kindly forward any funds to Canadian Baptist Ministries, The Sharing Way and designate for Australia Relief (Australian Baptist Aid.) Cheques may be made out to YPBC and designated at the bottom as outlined.</p>

YP Centre Greeters This Week

(10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday;

9:30am-1:30pm Tuesday)

Monday – Isabel Robertson

Tuesday – Marion Duncan

Wednesday – Jennifer D'Asari

Thursday – Elizabeth Chamberlain

Friday – Mary Harris

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011

Sunday

- 9:15am – Minster Singers Rehearsal, Heritage Room
- 9:45am – Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room
- 9:45am - Discipleship 101, Room 304
- 9:45am - Discipleship 200, Library
- 10:00am – Choristers, Heritage Room
- 10:15am – SPARK Children’s Ministry, Friendship Room
- 10:50am – Nursery for newborn to 2 years old
- 11:00am – The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
- Classes for toddlers to junior high after the Children’s Prayer*
- 11:00am – Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
- 12:15pm – Reception for Nabil Costa, Friendship Room
- 7:00pm – The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Monday to Friday

Meals on Wheels

Monday

- 7:00pm – Men’s Book Club, Library
- 7:00pm - Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Committee, 3rd Floor Boardroom

Tuesday

- 9:30am – Prayers in the Chapel
- 10:00am – 3:00pm: Open Door, Narthex
- 10:00am – Dorcas, Room 103
- 10:00am – Women’s Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
- 12:30pm – Men’s Basketball, Gym
- 7:15pm – Pastoral Care Committee, Library

Wednesday

- 10:00am to 12:30pm: Open Door, Narthex
- 12:30pm – Noonday Organ Recital: *Angus Sinclair*
- 6:00pm – Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym
- 7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study, Friendship Room

Thursday

- 7:30am - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Library
- 10:00am – 3:00pm: Open Door, Narthex
- 11:40am – Youth Drop In, Youth Zone and Gym
- 12:30pm – Men’s Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm – Brentwood-Toronto (AA), Heritage Room
- 7:00pm - House of Compassion Board Meeting,
Red Boardroom
- 7:30pm – Senior Choir, Cameron Hall

Friday

- 9:00am- Men’s Baking Group, Heritage Room Kitchen
- 7:00pm – Recreational Volleyball, Gym

Saturday

- 9:00am - Men’s Baking Group, Heritage Room Kitchen

Next Sunday

- 9:15am – Minster Singers Rehearsal, Heritage Room
- 9:45am – Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room
- 9:45am - Discipleship 101, Room 304
- 9:45am - Discipleship 200, Library
- 10:00am – Choristers, Heritage Room
- 10:15am – SPARK Children’s Ministry, Friendship Room
- 11:00am – The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
- 4:30pm – Hymn Sing



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