

DECEMBER 25, 2011

CHRISTMAS DAY



Yorkminster Park

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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 25, 2011

CHRISTMAS DAY

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes Joseph est bien marié *Claude Balbastre*
Zu Bethlehem geboren *Helmuth Walcha*

Processional Hymn 98 – Hark! The herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Minister: “Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

People: “**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well pleased. Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.**”

Minister: “Lift up your hearts!”

People: “**We lift them unto the Lord!**”

Introit – In Bethlehem’s low stable

Angus J.F. Sinclair

In Bethlehem’s low stable, our Saviour Christ is born; My soul to Him I offer upon this blessed morn: *Eja, Eja, upon this blessed morn.* O child of love from heaven, my heart I give to thee. In all life’s joys and sorrows, Thine always shall I be. Depart Thou never from me, but make me pure within That I may bear Thine image in this dark world of sin. In Thy blest love rejoicing, Thy praises shall I sing, Accept my heart’s pure off’ring, Lord Jesus, newborn king.

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

The Rev. Sam Lee

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)

Presentation of a Child and Dedication of Parents

Miriam Little and The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SBH 103 – Twas in the moon of wintertime (Huron Carol)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Announcements

Scripture – Luke 2: 1-20 (NT p.59-60)

Offering – *What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give Him: give my heart.*

Anthem – Myn lyking

R. R. Terry

I saw a fair mayden sytten and sing. She lulled a lyttel chylde, a sweete Lording.

Lullalay, lullalay, lullay my dere herte, myn own dere derling.

There was a mickle melody at that chylde’s birth. All that were in heav’nly bliss, they made mickle mirth. Angels bright sang their song to the chylde, Blyssid be thou, and so be she, so meek and so mild.

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – THE CRADLE AND THE CROSS

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Preparation – Of the Father’s love begotten

Corde natus ex parentis

Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see: evermore and evermore.

Welcome to the Table & Words of Institution

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(The congregation joins with the minister.)*

We bless and adore you, O Christ, Son of God, yet born of Mary: Son of God, yet our brother: Eternal Word, yet a child in a manger: clothed in glory, yet wrapped in swaddling bands: Lord of heaven and earth, yet humbling yourself: strong in your weakness, mighty to save. We bless and adore you, O Christ!

Here now we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. In fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, we ask you to fulfill in us, and in all people, the purpose of your redeeming love: we pray in your Name. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

A Christmas Day Prayer (unison)

We pray you, O Father, to bless all to whom Christmas brings little joy. For all who are racked with pain or overwhelmed in sorrow; for those who will spend the hours watching their loved ones suffer: for all who, far from home, are lonely and friendless and sad. We pray for all whose minds will fill with memories of other days when loved ones were with them, who have passed into your nearer Presence. We pray for all who spend the day in busy service for humankind on land and sea and in the air. O God, strengthen us that we might share in the task of spreading the glorious news of our Saviour’s birth and death and resurrection, so that the world might taste and see the riches of His grace! Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, according to your word: for our eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Recessional Hymn *SHB 52 – Joy to the world! (Antioch)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

Postlude

The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks Music)

G.F. Handel, arr. E. P. Biggs

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’

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by the
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN
to celebrate the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Today’s Greeters are: Kim Aikenhead, and Barbara Smith.

WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. 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. The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website. All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex. A large print version of this bulletin is available in the Narthex. If you would like one, please ask an usher.

PRESENTATION OF A CHILD AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We welcome these parents as they present their child to God and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little one: **Jesse Robert Finn**, born on September 29, 2011 Son of Lianne and Stuart Finn.

Carols by Candlelight on CTS (Cable channel 9) tonight at 9:00pm

Watchnight Service
The Rev. John R. Torrance
December 31, 2011, 11:15pm

New Year's Day Service
The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
11:00am (no 7 pm service)

JANUARY EVENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE
For Rev. Kerr Spiers
Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 4:30pm

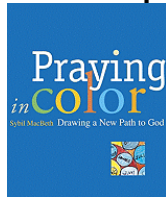
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?
Please see Narthex Audio Desk or Centre Hall for ballots which are due by **January 1, 2012**

JOIN THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY



Be part of the Afternoon Mission Fellowship's annual adventure with Baptist women across Canada. Follow our guide, Carol Belford, into Mark's story of Jesus' encounter with the Syrophenician woman. Then reach out to victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where your special offering will help CBM provide counselling, support groups, medical help, food aid and access to micro-credit. **Thursday, January 5 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich; tea and cookies are provided. All women and men are invited.

**WHEN: Saturday January 28, 2012 -
9 am - 3:30 pm**



WHAT: "PRAYING IN COLOUR"

A day-long women's retreat with
Rev. Cheryle Hanna

WHERE: Novotel Toronto (North York)
Yonge and Sheppard area - 3 Park Home Ave.
Coffee, light refreshment and a full lunch included
Registration fee: \$40.

Registration forms will be available early in January.

Watch for details.

All women are warmly invited!

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2012 offering envelopes are in the NARTHEX today. Please pick up your set.

2011 Donations

All donations to be receipted for 2011 must be received by December 31, 2011. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 25th or hand-delivered to the finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2011. All donations postmarked December 31st must be received by January 5, 2012.

Christmas Holiday Church Office hours:

December 26, 2011 – church office closed

December 27, 2011 – church office closed

December 30, 2011 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

January 2, 2012 - church office closed

LUKE ii. 1-20.

HARK ! the herald-angels sing
 HGlory to the new-born King,
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies ;
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 " Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Hark ! the herald-angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.*

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see !
 Hail, the incarnate Deity !
 Pleased as man with men to dwell,
 Jesus, our Immanuel.
- 3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace !
 Hail, the Sun of righteousness !
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Risen with healing in His wings,
 Mild, He lays His glory by ;
 Born, that man no more may die ;
 Born, to raise the sons of earth ;
 Born, to give them second birth.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88, altd.

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1. Twas in the moon of winter time,
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim
And wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:

*Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped His beauty 'round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your King is born,

3. O children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The holy Child of earth and heav'n
Is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant Boy,
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:
Jesus your King is born,

Joy to the world

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrow grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.