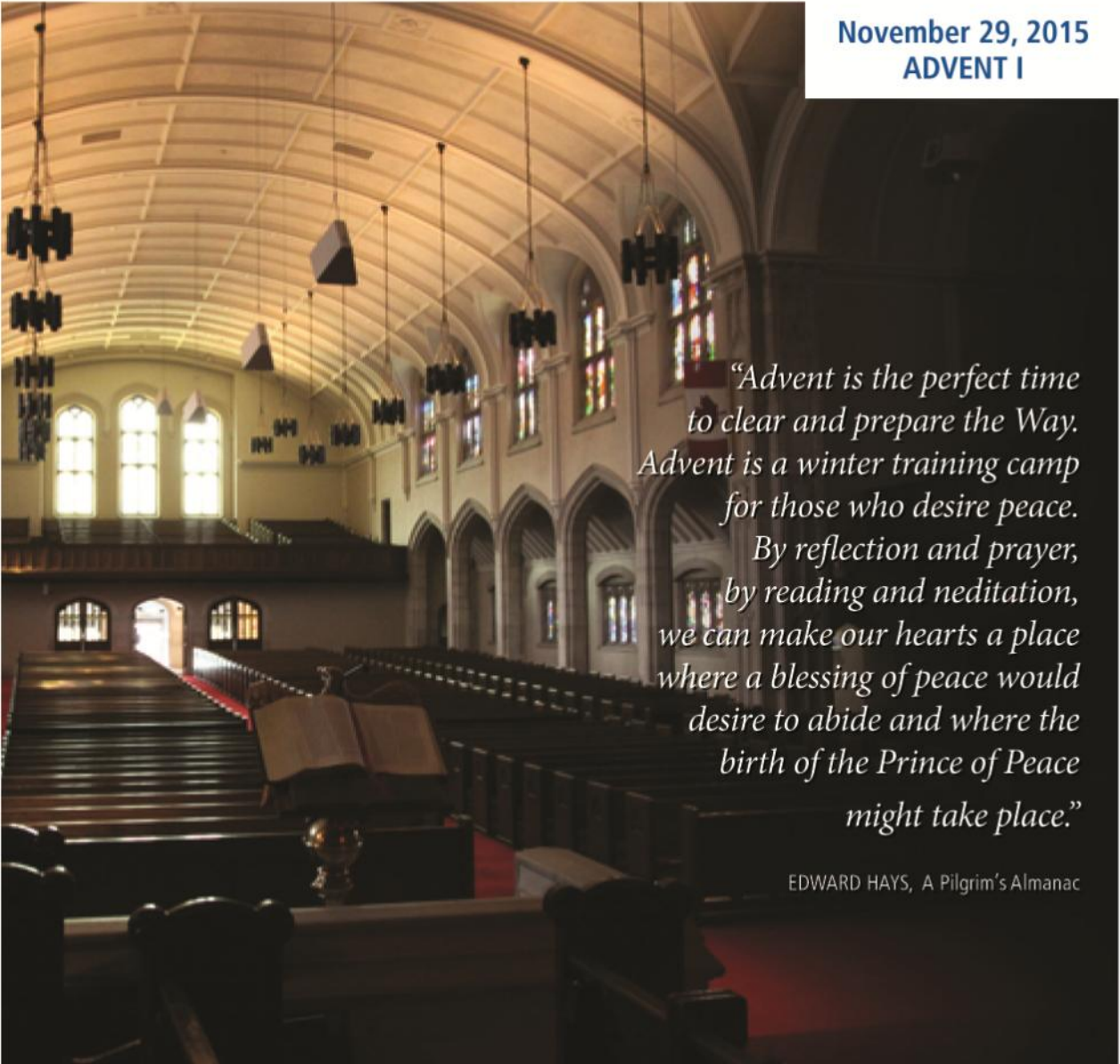


WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

November 29, 2015
ADVENT I

A photograph of the interior of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. The view is from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the front. The ceiling is a high, vaulted wooden structure with exposed beams. Several modern, geometric pendant lights hang from the ceiling. The walls are light-colored with Gothic-style arched windows, some of which are stained glass. The floor is dark wood, and rows of dark wooden pews are visible. In the foreground, an open book rests on a pew. The lighting is warm and focused on the front of the church.

*“Advent is the perfect time
to clear and prepare the Way.
Advent is a winter training camp
for those who desire peace.
By reflection and prayer,
by reading and meditation,
we can make our hearts a place
where a blessing of peace would
desire to abide and where the
birth of the Prince of Peace
might take place.”*

EDWARD HAYS, A Pilgrim's Almanac

Morning Worship Service - 11:00 am - Baptism - Advent I

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ at 10:45am.

Preludes

Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme
Conditor alme siderum

Johann Sebastian Bach
Flor Peeters

Processional Hymn 81 - Hark the glad sound (Richmond 255)

Call to Worship

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Introit - Thou shalt know Him when he comes (congregation seated) *Mark Sirett*

Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown; but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Michael, YJ, Ava, Noah, and Samuel

The Lord's Prayer (seated) (sung Amen)

Please see inside cover of the hymn book.

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10 (OT p.554)

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Gloria Patri - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Hymn *SHB 117 - When he cometh (Jewels)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Book of Heroes

Hazel

Announcements

Scripture Romans 8:18-28 (NT p. 164-5)

Brennan Rabbets

Luke 3:1-6 (NT p. 61)

Sermon - Surprised by Hope: The Hope of Salvation

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Response

W. Maddox

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:
be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

Offering

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6: 17)

Anthem - And the glory of the Lord (Messiah)

G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Doxology (Hymn 766)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hymn 443 - Just as I am, verses 1–3 (Woolworth)

Words of Introduction

Choral Preparation

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire. (Text at Hymn 226)

Following the Baptism of Luke Reyes the congregation will remain seated and sing

Hymn 443 - Just as I am, vs. 4 & 5 (Woolworth)

Following the singing of the hymn, the congregation rises and sings:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto him that sitteth
upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Invitation

Recessional Hymn 595 – Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol 502)

Benediction

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Amen - Smith of Durham

Postlude - Rondeau (Adbelazar)

Henry Purcell

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

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

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano
Martin Houtman, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers on the pedestal are dedicated to the glory of God
and placed in loving memory of*

CECIL YIP

*By Yvette; Christopher, Jen, Katherine and Matthew;
Adrian, Sue, Carolyn and Ewan.*

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LUKE iv. 18-19.

HARK the glad sound ! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyeballs of the blind
To pour celestial day.
- 4 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, altd.

When He cometh

1. When He cometh, when He cometh,
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own,

*Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.*

2. He will gather, He will gather
The gems for His Kingdom,
All the pure ones, all the bright ones,
His loved and His own,

Like the stars of the morning...

3. Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own,

Like the stars of the morning...

JUST as I am—without one plea,
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,
 Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
 Has broken every barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

7 Just as I am—of that free love
 The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 Here for a season, then above,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

- LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find Thy promised rest;
 Take away the love of sinning,
 Alpha and omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy grace receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Never more Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish, then, Thy new creation:
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen

Evening Worship Service - 7:00pm - An Iona Liturgy
The Rev. Deborah Ban preaching

YP REFLECTS

In the spirit of Stewardship of Treasure, be inspired by our “YP Reflects” on the web.
Visit YPReflects.com and read the NEW devotional by Nikhil Celly.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TALK

After the morning worship service, we invite you to join us for coffee in the Narthex.

SERMON TALK BACK

Following this morning’s service, everyone is invited to participate in a NEW worship initiative. At approximately 12:20pm we will gather at the front of the Church for our first session of YP Talkback, an opportunity to discuss the sermon together. Lead by the Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, the session will last approximately 20 minutes and will take the form of a Q&A. There will be an opportunity for those who are watching online to participate by emailing their comments or questions to talkback@yorkminsterpark.com or writing a question on paper and pen provided in the Narthex.

PRAYERS

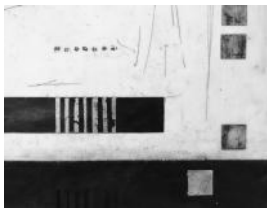
If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, members of the Pastoral Care Committee are present in the Chapel to offer PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING each Sunday in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, following the morning worship service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

DISCIPLESHIP

Enrich your spiritual life in this season of preparation by including an advent devotional in your festive routine. You are invited to choose one of the following -

- Unto us a Child is Born by Henri Nouwen which can be found in the Narthex and Centre Hall.
- The Canadian Baptist 2015 Advent Reader can be found online at baptist.ca/advent

YP GALLERY • Night Gold



Paul Roorda uses gold leaf, ashes, beeswax and old book pages to explore changing belief systems and the passage of time. The art in this exhibition makes reference to icons, horizons, aging walls and ritual markings to contrast tension and emotional paralysis with the possibility of renewed reflection and understanding.

Duration of Show: Saturday, November 21 to Sunday, December 20

BOARD OF MISSION - Refugee Sponsorship Update

We are asking the congregation to help us gather clothing (new or gently used) for Chancella and Charlene for their anticipated arrival from Ghana in the coming weeks. They are both size Ladies Small. Specifically, we are looking for a few coats and sweaters along with tops, pants, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, shoes and boots size 7 1/2. Please bring your gifts to the Friendship room on **December 6** either before or after the Sunday morning service. Thank you for your practical help!

At the same time we will shortly start the process to sponsor a family from the Middle East. Any extra clothing received beyond our initial needs will be saved in anticipation for our Syrian refugee family. With two, or possibly three sponsorships in process we need to fill two key volunteer roles: a volunteer co-ordinator (to mobilize and organize volunteers to help with resettlement) and a financial manager (to help with the financial management involved in two or three sponsorships). Please contact the Church Office or Michael Wills (mwills@chartwellconsulting.ca; 416-485-4074) to volunteer or for more information.

COME JOIN US

Helpers needed for Christmas set-up of the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, December 1**. Our two beautiful Sanctuary Christmas trees will be put up. We need volunteers to help with the assembly of the trees, the fluffing of branches, the testing and installation of the lights and other related tasks. Even if you can only come for two or three hours, your help is important. Please come to the Church between **7:30am and 11:30am**.

BOARD OF FINANCE UPDATE

Often the General Fund is thought to be all about the building, heating and lighting but it is not so. In addition to the salaries of our ministerial and administrative staff, the many programs of Christian Education, such as Sunday School, the Gathering and Life Groups are supported through the General Fund. Music, Webcasting and the Youth Programming would not exist without this support. In addition, the work of the administrative team, including caretakers, provides support to every activity that takes place here at YPBC including our work in Missions.

As of the end of October, we have a deficit of \$53,551 which although less than we budgeted, thanks to some one-time special offerings, it is still of concern.

We are hopeful that we can break even by year end with the support and prayers of the congregation.

	General Fund Revenue and Expenses January 1st to October 31st, 2015		
	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
Offerings excluding amounts for Missions*	\$ 847,887	\$ 1,013,629	\$ 834,466
Other Revenues (excluding Recoveries from Trust Funds)	\$ 180,099	\$ 173,552	\$ 161,200
Total Revenue	\$ 1,027,986	\$ 1,187,181	\$ 995,666
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$ 1,304,137	\$ 1,309,829	\$ 1,231,441
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ (276,151)	\$ (122,648)	\$ (235,775)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$ 70,300	\$ 69,097	\$ 60,713
Operating deficit	\$ (205,851)	\$ (53,551)	\$ (175,063)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 124,684	\$ 158,126	\$ 111,542

Bells on Bay St. PRESENTS A Portrait of Christmas
Wednesday, December 2, 2015 • 7:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Guest Speaker: Marina Glogovac, President and CEO, CanadaHelps

Philanthropic Partner: Greg Paul, Founder, Sanctuary

Location: Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Tables: \$600/Tickets: \$60 • RSVP by November 26, 2015

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bells-on-bay-street-toronto-tickets-19054749268>

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Gym Night Friday, December 4, 6pm - 9:30pm. Come join us for an evening playing various games in our gym. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP with Brennan brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com

THE CHRISTMAS CAKES ARE COMING

The Men's Baking Group will have this year's Christmas Cakes ready for sale starting **December 6th** following the morning service. The proceeds from this year's sales will be donated to the House of Compassion.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR OUR ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Please bake and bring 3 dozen home-baked goodies to the Heritage Room Kitchen before the morning service of **Sunday, December 13**. Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.

BETHLEHEM ON YONGE

Did you know that last year at Christmas Eve's Bethlehem on Yonge we had over 480 people who registered at the census table? And 268 of those were visitors! Imagine having the opportunity to share with so many about the birth of our Lord!

We need your help in making the evening a welcoming success.

How can you help? *Sign up to be one of our characters: be a soldier, guide, shepherd, angel, or wise man; and Mary and Joseph!

*Be a host to welcome people *Take an Ice Lantern mould home and prepare some ice lanterns *Bake cookies (nut free) to give to our guests *Invite neighbours and friends to visit.

Today, Sally Roy will be in the centre hall to talk to you about the opportunities. (or contact Miriam Little mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com)

REMINDERS FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

- If you plan to have a meeting on-site at the church, please call the Church Office to reserve a room.
- If you wish to place a notice in the calendar, please submit your information by Tuesday of the Sunday prior and your notice will be appear for two Sundays.
- Please be advised that annual reports for 2015 are due January 31, 2016.

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2015 AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday

9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am	Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am	Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am	Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am	Youth Bible Study, Room 510
10:00am	Being the Beloved Bible Study, Boardroom 502
10:50am	Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:00am	Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, The Sacrament of Baptism <i>(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)</i>
11:20am	Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm	Refugee Sponsorship Committee, Library
12:30pm	Full Life Group, Room 508
1:00pm	Ball Hockey, Gym
7:00pm	Rev. Deborah Ban, An Iona Liturgy

Monday to Friday

9:00am	Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room
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Monday

7:00am	Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
7:00pm	'Surprised by Hope' Bible Study, Library
8:00pm	Dance Class, Gym

Tuesday

8:00am	Christmas Trees Set up, Sanctuary
10:00am	Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am	Dorcas Group, Room 508
12:00pm	Community Basketball, Gym
5:30pm	Deacons Executive, Library
7:00pm	Board of Deacons, Friendship Room

Wednesday

7:15am	Bells on Bay St, offsite
10:00am	Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm	Advent Soup and Study, Friendship Room
12:30pm	Noonday Organ Recital – <i>Andrew Adair</i>
6:45pm	Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym

Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
10:00am YP Women's Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Brentwood Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

9:15am Senior Gentle Fitness - Mild, Room 508
10:15am Senior Gentle Fitness - Moderate, Room 508
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym
6:00pm Youth Event, Gym and Youth Zone
6:30pm Bay Street Life Group, offsite

Saturday

12:00pm Art Gallery, Centre Hall
11:00am Stick Drama Rehearsal, Room 205
2:00pm City Carol Sing, Sanctuary
3:00pm Walking Life Group, offsite (For details call Mary/Nikhil at 416-880-9372)

Next Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Being the Beloved Bible Study, Boardroom 502
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am Youth Bible Study, Room 510
10:00am Refugee Sponsorship Donation Drop Off, Library
10:15am Children's Ministry, Room 205
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)
11:20pm Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm Full Life Group, Room 508
1:00pm Ball Hockey, Gym
2:00pm John McDermott Concert Rehearsal, Cameron Hall
4:30pm Christmas Truce Service - Special WWI Liturgy with RH Thomson

CELEBRATE WITH US

Advent
&
Christmas
at
Yorkminster Park
Baptist Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – ADVENT I

11:00 am Morning Worship

7:00 pm Evening Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

2:00 pm City TV Carol Sing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT II

11:00 am Morning Worship

(The Sacrament of Holy Communion)

4:30 pm Christmas Truce Service

Special WWI Liturgy with RH Thomson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – ADVENT III

11:00 am Morning Worship

4:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:00 am Service of Comfort and Hope

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 – ADVENT IV

11:00 am Morning Worship Service

4:30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

7:00 pm John McDermott Family Christmas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Bethlehem on Yonge Family Service

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

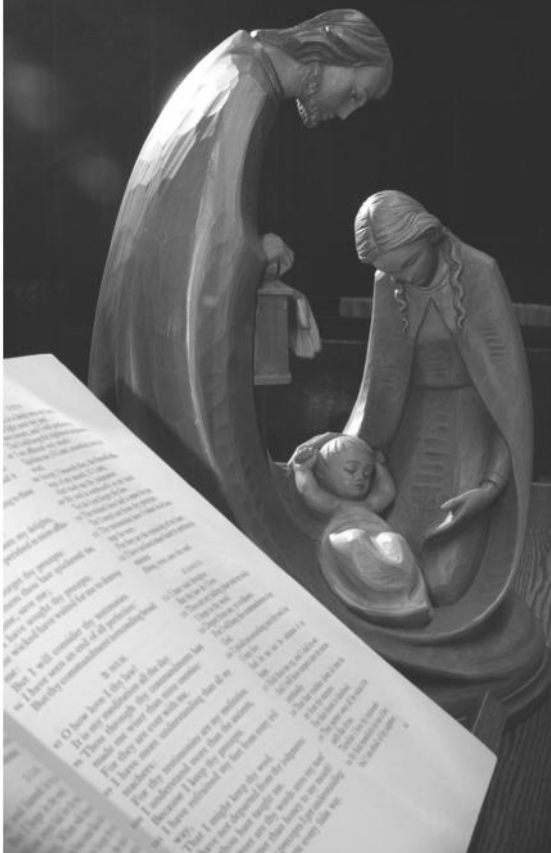
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 am Worship Service

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:15 pm Watchnight Service



YPBC | DISCIPLESHIP

ADVENT SOUP & STUDY

FOUR **WEDNESDAYS** OF DECEMBER

12:00-1:00 pm, Friendship Room

Enjoy a bowl of **homemade soup** & prepare your soul for Christmas

MENU

December 2 Peace of Christ

December 9 Pardon of Christ

December 16 Presence of Christ

December 23 Power of Christ

Please register so we can reserve
a bowl of soup for you. Sign-up
at Centre Hall Desk or email

dban@yorkminsterpark.com

Chef: Phil and Miriam Irwin

Leader: Rev. Deborah Ban



We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Parking: Parking is FREE on Sunday mornings until 12:45 pm. at City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair). Don't forget to have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.

Accessibility: A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship on the Narthex information table. If you would like one, please ask an usher. Hearing assistance is also available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

For Children: Nursery is available for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to Grade 5 after the Children's Prayer. Parents are reminded to pick up a pager before the service, or when the children head to classes. Youth are encouraged to join Doxa Youth Worship in Cameron Hall today.

Fellowship: Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected: 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.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office at info@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1167.

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah A. Ban
Minister of Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox
BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministries

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess
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