

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 11, 2016
Advent III



Morning Worship Service, December 11, 2016—11:00 am

Preludes—Prelude on Conditor alme siderum
Hymnus

Flor Peeters
Nicholas-Jacques Lemmems

***Processional Hymn 59**—Angels from the realms of glory (*Regent Square 231*)

***Call to Worship**

Robyn Elliott

Introit—Remember, O thou man

Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent: Remember, O thou man, how thou cam'st to me then, and I did what I can, therefore repent. Remember God's goodness, O thou man, and promise made: Remember God's goodness, how his only Son he sent, our sins for to redress: be not afraid. The angels all did sing, the angels all did sing, on Sion hill: The angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King, And peace to man living, with right good will.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace **Leticia, Mike, Luke, Renée, Hazel, & Michael**
The Lord's Prayer (*Sung Amen*)

Presentation of White Gifts and Gifts for the Children's Mission

Hymn—Go tell it on the mountain (*Go Tell It*)

[Chorus] Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! [chorus]

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
[chorus]

3. Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
[chorus]

Please remain seated during the hymn as the children collect the gifts.

***Prayer with Children & Dedication of the Gifts**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Announcements

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Scripture—Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:57-80

Julia

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Response—O let my prayer enter into Thy presence

C.M. Palmer

O let my prayer enter into thy presence; incline thine ear unto my calling. Amen.

Offering

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him, The King of kings
salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

Anthem—Thou shalt know Him

Mark Sirett

*Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners,
nor his airs, nor 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.*

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Hymn SHB 80**—People look east (*Besancon*)

Sermon—Witnesses to Christmas—Zechariah

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Recessional Hymn 41**—Lo, he comes with clouds descending (*Helmsley*)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen—Udell in A

Postlude—Lucis Creator Optime

Flor Peeters

**Congregation Stands*

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.

Join us for Coffee Talk

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

Hymn 59—Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Hymn—Go tell it on a mountain

Chorus

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. [chorus]

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! [chorus]

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [chorus]

Hymn SHB 80—People look east

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as moon and stars together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with to man and beast
He who cometh from the East,
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.
every knee shall then bow down:

Hymn 41—Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

*The poinsettias will be available for distribution after the New Year's Day morning Service:
January 1, 2017*

*The rose on the Communion Table is placed in celebration of the birth of
THOMAS ADAM
born November 28, 2016, son of Catherine and Jonathan.*

Pastoral Care

Prayers for Healing & Blessing are offered in the Centennial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service for all who wish a lay reader to pray with them.

Each **Tuesday at 9:30am**, you are invited to join the Ministerial team for intercessory prayer. If you have a prayer request, you may submit it on the Welcome Card and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **10am to 3pm**.

Other Christmas Concerts at Yorkminster Park

Orpheus Choir of Toronto—Welcome Christmas!

Tuesday December 13 at 7:30pm, Orpheus will be joined by the Hannaford Street Silver Band, gospel songstress Jackie Richardson, and Peter Holmes as narrator on a new composition by Len Ballantine. For tickets go to - <http://www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com/event/traditions-welcome-christmas/>

Amadeus Choir of Toronto—Winter Lullabies

Saturday December 17 at 7:30pm, With the Bach Children's Chorus, harpist Erica Goodman and composer Eleanor Daley. For tickets call 416-446-0188.

YP Women's Ministry

WHAT: A retreat for women of all ages - Light refreshments/Full hot lunch - Facilitator, Sister Sue Mosteller

THEME: A Deeper Encounter...With the God of Possibility

WHEN: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9am—2:30pm

WHERE: The Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 475 Yonge Street

FEE: \$55 No refunds due to hotel requirements

YELLOW REGISTRATION FORMS on tables in the Narthex and Centre Hall

All women are warmly invited for a day of spiritual nourishment and renewal.

November 2016 Financial Update

As of November 30th, our financial position is:

Income

Total Offerings by Envelope & Special Offerings – of \$727,529 are \$258,630 less than budget and \$337,825 less than last year.

Mission Offerings – of \$115,115 are \$43,385 less than budget and \$59,674 less than last year.

Total Revenues – of \$1,172,814 are \$331,732 less than budget and \$379,700 less than last year.

Expenses

Total Expenses – of \$1,551,180 are \$199,422 less than budget and \$41,300 less than last year.

Our Net Position – is a YTD deficit of \$378,366

Last year the YTD deficit was \$39,966.

Offering Envelopes

The **2017 offering envelopes** are in the **Centre Hall** today. Please pick up your set.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

AT YORKMINSTER PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – ADVENT III
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
11:00 am Service of Comfort and Hope

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 – ADVENT IV
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015
7:00 pm John McDermott Family Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 pm Bethlehem on Yonge Family Service
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 am Worship Service
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 – New Year's Eve
11:15 pm Watchnight Service

Youth Ministry

Our next event is our annual Christmas Party taking place **December 16th from 6pm—9:30pm**. We will be doing a potluck, so please let Brennan know what you are bringing. We will also do a gift exchange. This year we will meet at Brennan's place. Please RSVP with Brennan at brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com.

Bethlehem on Yonge

Did you know that last year at **Christmas Eve's Bethlehem on Yonge** we had almost 600 people who registered at the census table? 385 of them were visitors! Imagine having the opportunity to share with so many the story of the birth of our Lord!

We would love you to be a part of this wonderful event. Come to the church at 3:30pm and join the celebration for 1-2 hours.

How can you help? We need people for the following roles: soldiers, angels, census-takers, Bethlehem tour guides and hosts/hostesses in Cameron Hall.

Prefer working behind-the-scenes? Set the stage: prepare kid-friendly tables in Cameron Hall. Bake Christmas treats (nut-free) and bring them on or before Christmas Eve. Invite neighbours and friends to visit.

To volunteer, please contact Kelly Dixon at kdixon@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1361.

Service of Comfort & Hope

The Christmas season can be difficult and challenging for many of us, especially if we have experienced grief and loss in the past year, or if we are going through significant life transitions. Sometimes we just need a little time to slow down in the midst of this busy season. On **Saturday, December 17th at 11 am** we will hold our annual Comfort and Hope Service in the chapel, followed by a light luncheon in the Friendship Room. All are welcome.

This Sunday at Yorkminster Park: December 11, 2016

Every Sunday

9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room 120
10:00am	Youth Fellowship, Cameron Hall
10:00am	Choristers, Room 203C
10:00am	Pilgrim with Jesus, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am	Parenting Life Group, Youth Zone 508
10:50am	Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213

Today

11:00am	The Rev Dr. J. Peter Holmes, White Gift Sunday, Main Sanctuary
4:30pm	Carols By Candlelight, Main Sanctuary

This Week at Yorkminster Park: December 11, 2016

Monday

7:00am

Men's Morning Brew Bible Study, Friendship Room 302

5:00pm

Art Committee Meeting, Administrative Board Room 502

Tuesday

9:30am

Prayers, Chapel (*all are invited to join*)

10:00am

Dorcas Group, Room 508

10:00am

Open Door, Narthex

12:10pm

Lunchtime Chamber Music, Main Sanctuary; *Rising Stars Recital*

7:00pm

Board of Mission Meeting, John Gladstone Library 301

7:00pm

Christian Education Board Meeting, Youth Zone 508

7:00pm

Church Governance Committee Meeting, Red Board Room 120

Wednesday

10:00am

Open Door, Narthex

12:30pm

Noonday Organ Recital, Main Sanctuary; *Rashaan Allwood*

5:00pm

Out of The Cold, Gymnasium

Thursday

10:00am

Open Door, Narthex

6:30pm

Divorce Care, Youth Zone 508

7:30pm

Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

9:15am

Senior Gentle Fitness—Low Intensity, Youth Zone 508

10:15am

Senior Gentle Fitness—Moderate Intensity, Youth Zone 508

5:45pm

Bay Street Life Group, Offsite (note change of time from Brochure)

6:00pm

Youth Christmas Party, Cameron Hall

Saturday

11:00am

Service of Comfort & Hope, Main Sanctuary

Next Sunday

11:00am

The Rev Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Advent IV, Children's Nativity, Main Sanctuary

4:30pm

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Main Sanctuary



John McDermott Family Christmas

December 22, 2016 - 7:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased at the church office and at the door:

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20

or online at: **EVENTBRITE: \$21.80** www.eventbrite.com

A fundraiser on behalf of the House of Compassion

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. 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 Narthex*.

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 Narthex*. 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 Narthex is located in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

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