

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2024



Sunday, December 22nd, 2024, 11 a.m.

Morning Worship - Advent IV

*All who are able are invited to stand

Preludes - Noël Suisse
The Holy Boy

*Louis-Claude D'Aquin
John Ireland*

***Processional Hymn 78** - O Come all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles) omit vs. 4, 5 & 7

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Introit - Angels' Carol

John Rutter

Choristers
Jessica Willingham, Conductor

Lighting of the Advent Candle of LOVE

Kennedy, Diana and Ruth

The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

The Rev. John R. Torrance

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Christmas Story presented by the children

Gospel Lesson - Luke 2: 1-16

Heather Mackey

Hymn SHB 8 - Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1 & 2 remain seated)

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?*

Gloria...

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 2: 1-11

Heather Mackey

***Hymn SHB 8** - Angels we have heard on high (vs. 3 & 4)

*Come to Bethlehem,
and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

Gloria...

*See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.*

Gloria...

***Hymn 60** - Away in a manger (Cradle Song)

Prayer with the Children

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
and Heather Mackey**

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Response - Hear my prayer, O Lord, my God

S. Alec Gordon

Offering

On entering the house the magi saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2: 11)

Anthem - What sweeter music

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day, that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome Him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart. Which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling. What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

***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 68** - In the bleak midwinter (Cranham)

Sermon - "I Knew You'd Come"

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Recessional Hymn 72** - Joy to the world (Antioch)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Amen** - Udell in A

Postlude - Rondeau (Abdelazar)

Henry Purcell

Carillon - O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. Ronald Barnes

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur

**Jessica Willingham, Emily Lapin, Loren Graziano, sopranos
Margaret Terry, Cassandra Amorim, altos
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors
Stephen King, Joseph Ernst, basses
Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician**

Parents are invited to go and sign-out their child(ren) in Cameron Hall during the Postlude.

FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY

See the selection of books for Advent and Christmas on the Narthex book cart. You can access further books of interest from the library catalogue online.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, to be held today at 4:30 p.m. will feature the congregational singing of carols, anthems by our choir and the nine lessons which this year will be read by clergy from different denominations. Throughout 2024, the Toronto Council of Churches in partnership with the Toronto Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church has been marking the 60th anniversary of the modern ecumenical movement by highlighting a service in a church of a different denomination each month. We are honoured that Yorkminster Park was chosen as the final church to be highlighted in this important year. We look forward to welcoming not only our distinguished readers but also visitors from various traditions. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a beautiful service based on the tradition of King's College, Cambridge dating back to 1918.

The **CITY CAROL SING** will be broadcast in Toronto on CITY TV on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. and Christmas Day at 11 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY - FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday December 29th will be a day of rest for Heather Mackey and our Family Ministry Team after a very busy season. We are grateful for their hard work and devotion and they look forward to offering their ministry again the following Sunday morning (January 5th). Next week children are invited to stay in the service.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2024
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	Budget
Donations from Congregation	\$ 1,034,805	\$ 1,050,650	\$ 1,332,500
Use of Facilities, Sundry Income	\$ 300,812	\$ 279,091	\$ 316,720
Total Revenue	\$ 1,335,617	\$ 1,329,741	\$ 1,649,220
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$ 1,729,147	\$ 1,587,991	\$ 1,944,750
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ (393,530)	\$ (258,250)	\$ (295,530)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$ 91,324	\$ 86,079	\$ 121,000
Operating deficit	\$ (302,206)	\$ (172,171)	\$ (174,530)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 104,647	\$ 125,517	\$ 150,000

Members and friends of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, the ministries and operations of the church are ongoing as we share God's generosity and love. None of this can happen without your continued support.

- Board of Finance and Administration

CELEBRATE WITH US ADVENT & CHRISTMAS *at Yorkminster Park*

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Bethlehem on Yonge

The Christmas Story re-enacted in the park

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service With guest reader RH Thomson

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

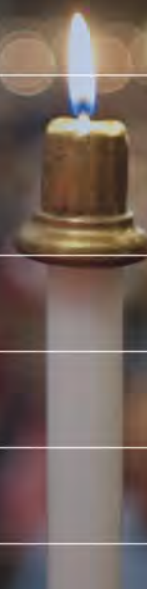
11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, December 29

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 31 - New Years Eve

11:15 p.m. Watchnight Service





Lighthouse Kids DOXA Youth

Every Sunday Morning at 11am:

Upon arrival, parents are to sign-in their child (Gr. 5 & under) at the Centre Hall Table before the service begins and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall following the Choral Amen of the Service (during the Postlude).

- Children/youth and their families stay in the Sanctuary for the first part of the Worship Service
- After the Children's Prayer Time in the Worship Service, children, youth and leaders will go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning
- For Youth (Gr. 6-12) joining online, please use our zoom link to gather with DOXA at 11:40am (Hybrid)

Mid-Week Ministries:

Tuesdays ONLINE:

- Family Ministry (ALL ages) 6:30-7:15pm

After DOXA every Sunday, we encourage YOUTH (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs to connect with snacks and activities!

To receive our weekly Family Ministry E-update, Zoom links or any information about our ministries, schedule, events, collage and more, please contact **Heather Mackey** at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com

Family Ministries sold Christmas gifts made by children/youth and collected non-perishable food items to support our COTH Food Bank as well as collected gifts cards and funds for OOTC Mission at our Family Ministry Christmas Party. We appreciate your support and gifts shared. Thank you!

Like us on [Facebook](#)  | Follow us on [Instagram](#)  | Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) 

Family Ministry Collage - December 22nd, 2024



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, December 22

11:00 am Sunday Worship Service, Advent IV, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
4:30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

Monday, December 23

9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, December 24

All Day Church Office Closed
9:00 am Meals on Wheels
4:00 pm Bethlehem on Yonge, Cameron Hall
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

All Day Church Office Closed
11:00 am Christmas Day Morning Worship, Communion,
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Out of the Cold, Overnight Shelter Only, Gymnasium

Thursday, December 26

All Day Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27

All Day Church Office Closed
9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, December 28

12:00 pm YPBC Art Gallery Open, YP Centre Hall

Sunday, December 29

11:00 am Sunday Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary

Monday, December 30

9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 am Meals on Wheels
11:15 pm Watchnight Evening Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All Day New Year's Day, Church Office Closed

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

Thank you for joining us in person and online via our webcasts.

Stay Connected: Please [share your email address](#) to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park and to notify you of any special upcoming services and events. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

Accessibility: Large-print Bibles and calendars, hearing assistance and a limited number of wheelchairs are available upon request. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

Offerings and Gifts

There are a number of ways to make offerings or gifts to the church.

In Person: Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or events.

By Mail: Send your offering to the church by mail (please send cheques, if possible).

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.

Online: Visit yorkminsterpark.com > Give Tap to Give using our TipTap display **OR**

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code:

It will take you directly to our Canada Helps page. ▶



Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

In the prayerful hope of true reconciliation and healing, we acknowledge the land we are meeting on has been the site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to live, work and worship on this land.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Paula Willis

Minister of Pastoral Care
and Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox

BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

Ms. Heather Mackey

Director of
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The Rev. John Torrance

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Hymns – Dec 22nd 2024

Hymn 78 - O come, all ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant, O
come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem; come and behold
him born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2 God of God,
Light of Light, lo! he abhors
not the Virgin's womb; very
God, begotten, not created:

3 See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh
with lowly fear; we too will

thither bend our joyful
footsteps:

* 4 Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring, offer
him incense, gold, and
myrrh; we to the Christ child
bring our heart's oblations:

* 5 Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger, fain
we embrace thee, with awe
and love; who would not love
thee, loving us so dearly?

6 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation, sing, all ye
citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest

Hymn SHB 8 - Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria...

Come to Bethlehem,
and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria...

See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria...

Hymn 60 - Away in a manger

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head ;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus ; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Hymn 68 - In the bleak mid-winter

- 1 In the bleak mid-winter.
Frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone ;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.
- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain ;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign :
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.
- 3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air ;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the belovèd
with a kiss.
- 4 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 I can I give him —
give my heart.

Hymn 72 – Joy to the word

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their Songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.