

Yorkminster Park BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. John Torrance Interim Associate Minister

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna Associate Minister, Discipleship

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

Mrs. Heather Hetherington Parish Nurse

The Rev. Carolyn King Associate Minister, Pastoral Care

> The Rev. Sam Lee Assistant Minister, Youth

Mrs. Miriam Little Director of Children's Ministry

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 4, 2011

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes Concerto IV para dos organos

Christel Wiens, harpsichord William Maddox, organ

Processional Hymn 83 – O come, O come Immanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

Call to Worship The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Introit - Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum, vero fluxit, sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, Fili Mariae. Amen.

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the Virgin Mary's Son, who, upon the cross, a victim hast man's salvation won. From whose side, which man had pierced, flow'd the water and the blood. By thy sacred body broken, be in life and death our food. Amen.

Minster Singers Dawn King, Director

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace and Invocation

Pamela, Kent, Vaughn and Logan The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Padre Antonio Soler

Stephanie Martin

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 51 – Joseph dearest, Joseph mine (Resonet in laudibus)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes & The Rev. Sam Lee

Story Book

Calen

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 (NT p.1-2)

The Rev. Carolyn King

Pastoral Prayer The Rev. John R. Torrance

Choral Response C.M. Palmer

Leave it all quietly to God, my soul, for my rescue comes from him alone. Amen.

Offering

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

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

Sermon – WRITTEN IN GLASS: BEHIND CHRISTMAS

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SHB 6 – Amidst us our Beloved stands (Hamburg)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion at Yorkminster Park is open to all who love Christ and seek to live in His ways.

An Act of Remembrance

Choral Preparation

Creator alme siderum

Creator of the starry height thy people's everlasting Light, Jesu, Redeemer of us all, hear thy servants when they call.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Praise, honour might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Distribution of the Elements

Recessional Hymn 185 – Lo, He comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in G)

Postlude Lucis Creator Optine

Flor Peeters

*SHB=Supplementary Hymn Book "Sing to God's Glory"

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

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude

Today's Greeters are: Harold Hetherington, Straughn Inman, and Doug Obright.

Today at 4:30pm – Toronto Baptist Ministries Carolfest

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OAnd ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe.
- 3 O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.
- 4 O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
- 5 O come, Thou key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

- 1. Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle the Child divine: God's reward thee and all that's thine In Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.
- 2. Gladly, dear one, lady mine, Help I cradle this Child of thine; God's own light on us both shall shine In Paradise, as prays the mother Mary.
- 3. Peace to all that have goodwill!
 God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
 Comes to turn us away from ill,
 And lies so still within the crib of Mary.
- 4. All shall come and bow the knee; Wise and happy their souls shall be, Loving such a divinity, As all may see in Jesus, Son of Mary.

Amidst us our Beloved stands

- 1. Amidst us our Beloved stands And bids us view His pierced hands; Points to the wounded feet and side, Blest emblems of the Crucified.
- 2. What food luxurious loads the board, When at His table sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, When Jesus deigns the guests to meet.
- 3. If now, with eyes defiled and dim, We see the signs, but see not him, O may his love the scales displace, And bid us see Him face to face!
- 4. Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Thy present smile a heav'n imparts; O lift the veil, if veil there be: Let ev'ry saint thy beauty see.

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Rev. i. 7.

O! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain:
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah!
Jesus now shall ever reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him
 Robed in dreadful majesty;
 Those who set at nought and sold Him,
 Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing,
 Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Every island, sea, and mountain,
 Heaven and earth, shall flee away;
 All who hate Him must, confounded,
 Hear the trump proclaim the day:
 Come to judgement!
 Come to judgement!
- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
 High on Thine eternal throne:
 Saviour, take the power and glory,
 Claim the Kingdom for Thine own:
 O come quickly,
 Hallelujah! come, Lord, come!

 Charles Wesley, 1707-88.
 Based on John Cennick, 1718-55.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of GERARD HANNAHSON COLLINS (GERRY)

By Earlaine.

An Act of Remembrance

Ronald Crowe Norman Purser

FAREWELL RECEPTION

We were deeply saddened by the announcement of Carolyn King's resignation from our ministerial team. Carolyn's husband Greg has accepted a job in Moncton, New Brunswick, and the family will be moving in mid-December. Carolyn has had a remarkable pastoral ministry among us over a period of time that has been too short. We are keeping Carolyn and Greg in our prayers as they begin this adjustment with Ezra and their newborn daughter, Lis. May God bless them with His peace and grace. We will have a chance to say farewell to Carolyn and her family at a reception following the 11 am worship service **TODAY** in the Heritage Room.

OUT OF THE COLD

We still need 2 more people for the evening shift (6:45 pm – 11 pm), 1 person for the overnight shift (11 pm-6 am), 6-8 more people for the morning shift (6-8 am).

Donations of DVDs are welcomed.

Please contact Denise Roeleveld at 416-483-0371 or den_roe@sympatico.ca and/or Joyce Rankin at rankinj@rogers.com.

Helper needed on Fridays to assist with preparation for seasonal services.

Please contact the Church Office for more information.

Please provide announcements by Tuesday for inclusion in the calendar.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

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.

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER BE AN USHER?

It was the author of the 84th Psalm who first said, "I'd would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God. .." The Psalmist knew the importance and value of a good usher who would offer a warm welcome to strangers and escort others to their familiar places. A good usher helps keep the calm in any emergency situations and kindly directs people who may be in search of another part of the building. Even the smile of an usher is a gift to a visitor or someone coming to church with a heavy burden on their heart. While being an usher does mean getting to the church on time, in fact, in plenty of time, the reward of personal fulfillment is great. We are grateful to all who serve on our team of ushers, but new ushers are needed. If the role of an usher sounds like a fit for your spirit and personality and you would be willing to take a shift, please contact the Chair of Ushers, Mr. Albert Schnell, at 416-968-3992 or email him at <albert.schnell@sympatico.ca Wouldn't you rather be an usher?



YP GALLERY

Robin Laws Field "Surfaces" November 25 - December 21

A collection of mixed media art quilts. Artworks are based on the artist's own photographs of intriguing surfaces ranging from ancient pavements to rustic fences. It is the use of a threaded needle that is common to all Laws Field's artworks.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Property Committee gratefully acknowledges the gift of 250 new upholstered chairs for use in the Heritage Room generously donated by the Yorkminster Park Women's Ministries. In addition, we'd like to advise that we are in the early stages of preparing a conceptual plan to remodel the Heritage Room and would welcome your input. This is the only unimproved space in the church, and ironically, it is also one of the most used. The room's primary "multi-purpose" usage will continue with improved lighting and sound equipment being included in the proposed update. Please forward any comments and suggestions to Gordon Mackay at gmackay@mackaywong.com or Ralph Neal at uppercanadahouse@bellnet.ca. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Doug Purdon "Christmas Eve" Christmas Cards are available from the YP Women for \$15 per box. Cards may be purchased from Judy MacDonald in the Centre Hall or by contacting the Church Office.

Order Anthony Batten Christmas cards at 416-504-5296 or tph.ca starting at \$1.70 each.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This week in Children's Ministries

This week our children are starting a new theme and will be learning about:

First Look – The monthly theme for December is 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever' and the memory verse is: "God has given a Son to us" Isaiah 9:6. This week the scripture is taken from *Micah 5:2; Luke 1:26-33,38,46;* God told us He would give us Jesus through the Angel and Mary. The bottom line which we want to impress on our preschoolers is: GOD GAVE US JESUS.

252Basics – The monthly theme is 'Generosity' and the memory verse is, "Be rich in good deeds... be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV. The scripture lesson is taken from Luke 12:13-21; the parable of the rich man. This week the bottom line which we want to impress on our Grades 1 to 5 kids is: PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN STUFF.

"In Our Own Backyard" Christmas 2011 Children's Mission Project

Make a **difference** to people in our own city this winter.

Each year we have given gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. We have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people 'in our own backyard'! We are collecting items to help two ministries here in the city.

- 1. Shoreham Court Community in partnership with Karen Robinson and Youth Unlimited.
- 2. Evergreen (a branch of Yonge Street Mission) which ministers to homeless street youth.

How can you help?

You may pick up an empty gift bag in the Narthex or the Centre Hall, take it home and fill it. Or just bring a gift along and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall by **December 11th**. Information sheets are on the Centre Hall table.

BEACONYOUTH MINISTRY

College and Career Sunday at 12:30pm

in the Youth Room
Lunch will be provided
Studying the letter to the Romans
For more information, contact Sam Lee
slee@yorkminsterpark.com or
416-922-1519.

We are looking for people to volunteer to provide lunch.

Christmas Social – December 9

Sunday Schedule

10am - Doxa, our youth worship service will be happening every week in Cameron Hall.

Please pray that God will meet the youth at the service and that their lives will be transformed by Jesus Christ.

11am - Everyone in the main service. After Prayer with the Children, junior high and senior high small groups meet in the Youth Zone.

Youth Christmas Party

Dec 17, 5pm @ Sam's House - Pot-luck and gift exchange

THE CHRISTMAS CAKES

The Men's Baking Group will have this year's Dark Christmas Cakes for sale **today**. Proceeds donated to charity.

TORONTO MENDELSSOHN Festival of Carols

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

This popular concert of music and stories for the festive season makes a great family holiday event. Join in the audience sing-along of favourite Christmas carols.

For tickets, or to contact the TMC,

please send an email to admin@tmchoir.org or call 416-598-0422.

ADVENT PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES

Friday, December 9th. Join Dr. Peter Holmes, William Maddox, and Curator Corey Keeble of the Royal Ontario Museum as they depart from the Church at 8:30 am to visit seven historic churches and chapels in Toronto. Corey will lead us on an interpretive tour of the spaces while William Maddox and Dr. Holmes lead the music, prayers and reflections rooted in the themes of the season. The price of \$40 will include lunch at Wycliffe College. To register contact Judy MacDonald 416-225-8295 or the Church office. Please make cheques payable to Judy MacDonald.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE Saturday, December 10, 2011, 12pm

If at this Christmas season you are experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness, please join us for a Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel followed by a light lunch in the Friendship Room

Prayers for healing and blessing are offered in the Chapel following the morning worship service of the last Sunday of the month. If anyone would like such prayers at other times, feel free to contact a minister for an appointment.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

For our elderly and homebound friends

Please bake and bring 4 dozen home-baked goodies to the Heritage Room Kitchen before the morning service of **Sunday**, **December 11**. Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT December 11, 2011, 4:30pm

Featuring the Choirs of Yorkminster Park. Doors open at 3:30pm. Childcare provided.

White Gift Sunday 11:00 a.m. - December 11th

White Gift Sunday has been a long standing tradition here at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. On this special Sunday before Christmas, we collect gifts that are given to a mission right here in the city. This year it is Yonge Street Mission. You may bring a gift of non-perishable food to be presented by you to the service in the sanctuary at 11:00am. At a specially designed time, children will collect your gifts and place them under the tree. You may also bring your gifts for "In Our Own Backyard" Mission project to place under the tree. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Wish List 2011

Food for the Christmas season & to stock our Food Bank during the depths of the winter:

Canned Food:

- Chick peas & other beans
- Vegetables & fruit
- Tuna & salmon
- Soups & stews
- Fruit juice
- Spaghetti sauce

For the Christmas Season: • Tea & coffee

- Christmas cake
- Oranges
- Cookies & biscuits
- Condiments & seasonings

Packaged Food:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta & kraft dinner
- Rice & cereal
- Gluten free pasta & cereal
- Cooking oil

- Powdered milk
- Candy & chocolate
- Jars of jam
- Power bars & meal replacements
- Baby cereal & jarred food
- Baby formula liquid or powdered
 - Other infant items bottles, soothers, diapers

CHRISTMAS at YP on TV

We are pleased to announce that two of our Christmas events will be televised this year. Our December 11th Carols by Candlelight will appear on the CTS network (Rogers channel 9 & 235; BellTV 651; analog - 36). It will be broadcast in Ontario on Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 pm; Friday, December 23 at 11 pm and Sunday, December 25 at 10 pm. Our December 17th CITY TV Christmas Carol Sing will appear on CITY TV Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (exact times to be announced) Both networks will also be broadcasting the events in western Canada.

CITY TV CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Saturday, December 17 at 2 pm at Yorkminster Park featuring Richard Margison, tenor, Lauren Margison, soprano, as well as the High Park Children's Choir, members of a brass band, the Larkin Singers, and the choirs of YPBC and Christ Church Deer Park.

AMADEUS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH Glorious Sounds of the Season

Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 7:30pm

Join us as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Seasonal Song-Writing Competition. Featuring the winning compositions along with other holiday favourites, you will not want to miss hearing the Amadeus Choir (Lydia Adams, *conductor*) and Bach Children's Chorus (Linda Beaupré, *conductor*) united in joyous song.

For single and group tickets, please call 416 217-0537.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS December 18, 4:30pm

Following the historic traditions of King's College, Cambridge.

Doors open at 3:30pm. Childcare provided.

Men's Lunch Group

Join Peter and others for lunch at the Fox and Fiddle on Thursday, December 22nd at 12 noon. It is an informal gathering of men. Men of all ages are welcome. RSVP to church office.

BETHLEHEM ON YONGE STREET LIVE NATIVITY IN THE PARK December 24, 2011 5pm

People of all ages will enjoy "Bethlehem on Yonge", our outdoor Christmas Eve nativity with live animals. Each visitor will experience the journey through the Nativity Story trip. The 'trip' starts every five minutes from 5:00 pm. Hot chocolate and carol singing indoors with the Minster Singers.

We still require a few more volunteers to participate. If you are interested in being a guide or playing a character role (no acting or line memorizing required) please contact Christine Knight at 416 927 7117 or christineknight2@gmail.com.

Do you have access to a freezer? Take a mold for an ice lantern home and help prepare some of the needed 60 ice lanterns for the event. Contact Miriam Little at 416-922-1361 or mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 11:15pm

Christmas Day Communion Service December 25, 11am Watchnight Service December 31, 2011, 11:15pm

UPCOMING

A Memorial Service for the late Rev. T. Kerr Spiers, who served as our Minister from 1991-1999 will be held at Yorkminster Park on **Sunday**, **January 15**, **at 4:30 pm**. Kerr's widow, Betty, and his son, Graham, plan to be in attendance. Let us continue to pray for Kerr's family in this season of grief.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?

The Board of Music invites your input for a worship service on January 29, 2012, built around the best-loved hymns of our congregation. Please complete a ballot available in the Narthex and Centre Hall and place it in the "Favourite Hymn" box on the CD display in the Narthex no later than **January 1, 2012**. If your hymn is not in our hymn books please attach a photocopy of it, clearly marked with the title, publisher and date of the book from which it was copied. You may request up to 3 hymns, each on a separate ballot.

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

<u>Sunday</u>		
9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room	
9:45am	Discipleship 101, Room 510	
9:45am	Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom	
9:45am	Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom	
10:00am	Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203	
10:00am	Parent Book Study – Raising Children, Room 504	
10:50am	Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213	
11:00am	Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>	
(Classes for toddlers to senior high children after the Children's Prayer)		
12:15pm	Farewell Reception for Rev. Carolyn King and Family,	
	Heritage Room	
12:15pm	College and Career Bible Study, Youth Zone	
12:15pm	Doxa Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, Cameron Hall	
12:15pm	College and Career Book Study, Youth Zone	
4:30pm	Toronto Baptist Ministries Carolfest	

Monday to Friday

9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room Kitchen

Monday

Sunday

11:00am Norman Purser Funeral and Reception, Sanctuary and Cameron Hall

Tuesday

9:30am	Prayers, Chapel
10:00am	Dorcas Group, Room 203
10:00am	Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am	Open Door, Narthex
5:30pm	Deacons Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
7:00pm	Board of Deacons, Friendship Room

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex

11:30am Stewardship Committee, Administrative Boardroom 502 12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Giles Bryant and Beverley Bell*

6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room

7:30pm TMC Festival of Carols, Sanctuary

Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex

11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone 12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym

7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto AA, Heritage Room 7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall

7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

8:30am Advent Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces, offsite 6:00pm College and Career Christmas party, offsite

7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Saturday

11:00am Service of Comfort and Hope, Chapel and Friendship Room

12:00pm Art Gallery, YP Centre 5:00pm Boys Night Out, offsite

Next Sunday, December 11 - Advent III

9:15am Minster Singers rehearsal, Heritage Room

9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom

9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom

9:45am Discipleship 101, Room 510

10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203

10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall

10:00am Parent Book Study - Raising Children, Room 504

10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213

11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

12:15pm College and Career Bible Study, Youth Zone

12:15pm Youth Worship Practice, Cameron Hall

12:15pm Children's Ministry Stick Movement Rehearsal, Gym

4:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Prayer with the Children

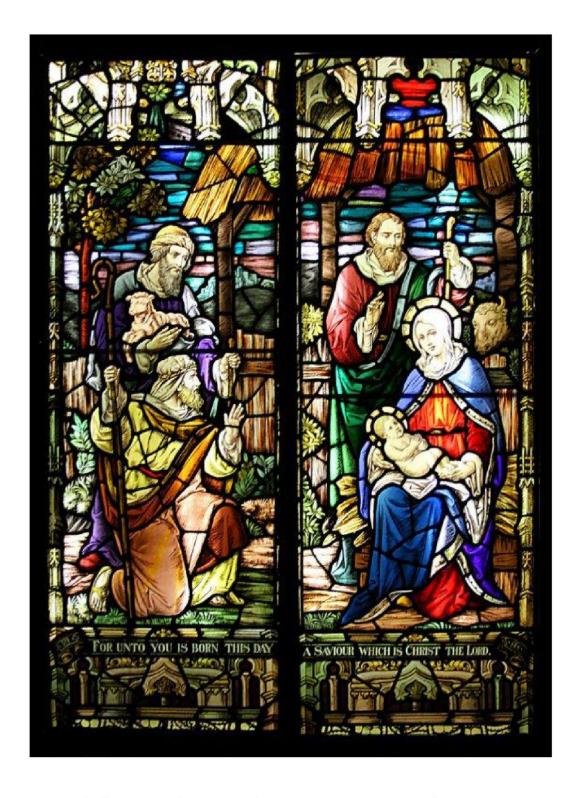
Sunday mornings the YPBC children, along with our Minister of the Congregation Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes, will take us on a tour of YPBC's beautiful stained glass windows. Each week, one of the children is assigned a window to interpret in their own way. Their insights are shared with the congregation during the Children's Prayer.

Our presenter this week is Calen, and the window he will share is the **Nativity Window**, which is found downstairs on the east wall of the Heritage Room. There are a number of stained glass windows in the Heritage Room, which were originally installed and dedicated at Park Road Baptist Church, (one block north of Bloor St. and one block east of Yonge St.). When the beautiful Park Road Church was tragically destroyed by fire in 1961 the congregation merged with the congregation of Yorkminster Baptist to form a new congregation known as Yorkminster Park.

The windows from Park Road that survived the fire were installed along with other heritage items from both congregations in the Heritage Room located below the Sanctuary. The Park Road Nativity Window was a gift of the Brown family, a family of church architects who continue, through Doug and Gwen Brown, to offer significant service in the life of this church.

The Stained Glass Windows of Yorkminster Park - Online Slide Show You can view our windows in a slide show on our website. Visit yorkminsterpark.com

There is also a Stained Glass Windows booklet available in the Narthex.



The Park Road Nativity Window

Photographer: Henry Regehr