

DECEMBER 11, 2011

ADVENT III



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. John Torrance
Interim Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Minister of Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee
Minister of Youth

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

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Heather Hetherington
Parish Nurse

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

MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 11, 2011

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes Ecce, Dominus veniet *Marcel Dupré*
Prelude on Quem Pastores *Healey Willan*

Processional Hymn 89 – Angels, from the realms of glory (Regent Square #377)

Call to Worship Psalm 126 **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Introit – Who Will Come? *Nancy Telfer*

Choristers

Jessica Willingham, Director

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy and Invocation **Leticia, Mike, Luke, Rene, Hazel and Michael**

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)*

Collection and Blessing of the White Gifts

Hymn *SHB 114 – What child is this? (Greensleeves)

Please remain seated as the hymn is sung while the children collect the white gifts.

Prayer with the Children **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**
Story Book **Luke**

Announcements

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12** (NT p.2) **Sabrina Yacoub**

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

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 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you may become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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.

Hymn *SHB 80 – People, look east (Besancon)

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – WRITTEN IN GLASS: **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

CHRISTMAS TREASURES

Recessional Hymn 78 – Come, Thou long expected Jesus (Hyfrydol #173)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in E flat)

Postlude Toccata *Gilbert Martin*

**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: Carol Belford, Betty Ivison, and Debbie Ivison.

Today at 4:30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Childcare provided.

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.*

OUT OF THE COLD

We still need 1 person for the overnight shift (11pm-6am)
and 6-8 more people for the morning shift (6am-8am).

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.

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.

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 23, 2011 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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

The December 2011 YPBC News is available **online**,
and there are limited copies in the Centre Hall, Narthex and the table near the Heath Street door.

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 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 Would'n'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.

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.

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.

YP WOMEN



Tis the season for new or renewal of Link and Visitor Subscriptions. Envelopes are on the Centre Hall table and in boxes of women's offering envelopes. Please make your cheque for \$20 payable to "Yorkminster Park Women's Ministries" and place on the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Brady, your Link and Visitor promoter at 416-265-2616.

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 *Luke 2: 1-7*; Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem where Jesus is born in a stable. The bottom line that 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 18:18-25*; Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler. This week the bottom line which we want to impress on our Grades 1 to 5 kids is: DON'T LET STUFF GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING JESUS.

"In Our Own Backyard"

Christmas 2011 Children's Mission Project

Today we are collecting the White Gifts for Yonge Street Mission and the gift bags for Youth Unlimited and Evergreen - ministries to families and youth with needs. Our Sunday School children will collect your gifts from you in the pew to be placed under the tree with those gifts already gathered.

Thank you for making a **difference** to people in our own city this winter.

BEACON YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Christmas Party

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

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.

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.

CITY TV CHRISTMAS CAROL SING**Saturday, December 17, 2pm**

Featuring: Richard Margison and Lauren Margison with special guests

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**Sunday, December 18, 4:30pm**

Doors open at 3:30pm. Childcare provided.

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

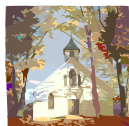
For more information, contact Miriam Little at 416-922-1361 or mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 11:15pm****Watchnight Service****December 31, 2011, 11:15pm****MEMORIAL SERVICE****For Rev. Kerr Spiers****Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 4:30pm****AMADEUS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT****'Glorious Sounds of the Season'****Saturday, December 17, 7:30pm**

For tickets, please call 416-217-0537.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP**Thursday, December 22, 12pm**

RSVP to the Church Office.

**Christmas Day Communion Service
December 25, 11:00am****New Year's Communion Service****January 1, 2012, 11:00am****WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?**Please see Narthex Audio Desk or Centre Hall for ballots which are due by **January 1, 2012****YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH****FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**Condensed Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)

Eleven Months ended November 30, 2011

	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>
Offerings:			
General	951,994	813,175	904,372
Missions	146,667	121,639	127,746
Other Income	127,618	139,942	123,747
Total Income	1,226,279	1,074,756	1,155,865
Expenses	1,398,113	1,260,593	1,318,518
Operating Loss	171,834	185,837	162,653

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7John K. Fenton, C.A. Treasurer
December 7, 2011

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Sunday

- 9:00am Drop-off of Christmas cookies, Heritage Room Kitchen
- 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 Choristers Rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:00am Parent Book Study – Raising Children, Room 504
- 10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
- 11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *White Gift Sunday*
(Classes for toddlers to senior high children after the Children's Prayer)
- 12:15pm Children's Ministry Stick Movement Rehearsal, Gym
- 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 Carols by Candlelight, Sanctuary

Monday to Friday

- 9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room Kitchen

Tuesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education, Room 203

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
- 12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Andrew Adair*
- 6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room

Thursday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
- 11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
- 12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Budget Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom
- 7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto AA, Heritage Room
- 7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

- 7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Saturday

- 12:00pm Art Gallery, YP Centre
- 2:00pm City TV Carol Sing, Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party, offsite
- 7:30pm Amadeus Choir Concert, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 18 – Advent IV

- 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 Choristers 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
- 4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

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 Luke, and the window he will share features one of the scenes in the clerestory (upper level) in the south transept above the balcony. It is a large window which contains scenes from the life of Christ and is known as the **Life of Christ Window**.

It was placed in memory of E. Frank Wright in September 1955.

The scene in today's window is of the magi bringing their gifts to the infant Christ child. This scene is found half way up and one panel in from the right edge.

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 Life of Christ Window

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,
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with man is now residing,
 Yonder shines the infant-light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
 Brighter visions beam afar;
 Seek the great desire of nations;
 Ye have seen His natal star:

4 Saints, before the altar bending,
 Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord descending
 In His temple shall appear:

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1. What Child is this that laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping,

*This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The babe, the Son of Mary.*

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King...

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King...

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

2. 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.

3. Angels, announce ~~the~~ 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.

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COME, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.