

JANUARY 6, 2013

EPIPHANY



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
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

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

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MORNING WORSHIP – JANUARY 6, 2013

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Preludes Pastorale *Joseph Bonnet*
 Hostis Herodis impie *Flor Peeters*

Processional Hymn 91 – Brightest and best (Epiphany Hymn)

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-6) **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Minister: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

Minister: your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

People: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

Minister: Because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

People: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

Minister: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. Let us worship God!

Introit – Little Lamb

William Blake, arr. Sherri Porterfield

Minster Singers
Dawn King, director

The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*)

The Rev. Sam Lee

(Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Hymn *SHB 65 – Meekness and majesty (Meekness)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

The Mystery Box

Andrew & The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Announcements

Holy Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12 (NT p.2)

Patrick

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Epiphany Prayer **

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.

Choral Response

G. Thalben Ball

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently on Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire. 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 – Three Kings

Healey Willan

“Who knocks tonight so late,” the weary porter said.
Three Kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down; the inn was full, he knew.
Said he, in all this town, is no fit place for you!
A light the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek.
Said they, “This place is fit; here is the rest we seek!”
They loosed their latchet strings, so stood they all unshod,
Come in, come in, ye Kings! And kiss the feet of God.

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – STEWARDS OF THE LIGHT

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SHB 116 – When Christ’s appearing was made known (St. Thomas Becket)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Act of Remembrance

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Distribution of the Elements

Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

Recessional Hymn 493 – Blessed assurance (Blessed assurance)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (Maddox in E flat)

Postlude

Festival

Flor Peeters

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

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

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Act of Remembrance

William Bell

Soloists:

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

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

7pm – An Iona Liturgy – The Rev. Cheryle Hanna preaching

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the
 morning,
 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
 Maker and monarch, and Saviour of all.

3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
 Odours of Edom, and offerings divine;
 Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
 Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
 Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,
in perfect harmony the man who is God:
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a Cross:
suff'ring to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify, prays, 'Father, forgive.'

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

1. When Christ's appearing was made known,
King Herod trembled for his throne;
but he who offers heavenly birth
sought not the kingdoms of this earth

2. The eastern sages saw from far
and followed on his guiding star;
by light their way to light they trod,
and by their gifts confessed their God.

3. And O what miracle divine,
when water reddened into wine!
He spake the word, and forth it flowed
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

4. All glory, Jesus, be to thee
for this thy glad epiphany:
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

493

BLESSÈD assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Frances van Alstyne, 1820–1915.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of
CARL AND MYRTLE BULL
by Doug and Pat, Victor and Charlotte*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING

Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Chapel for all who wish a lay leader to pray with them. 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, 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.

VISITORS

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 comforted and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. Please fill out the Welcome card you find in the pew. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

- *City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 pm. 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.*
- *Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex information table.*
- *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 for use during the service, please ask an usher.*
- *Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, inside the main Yonge Street entrance. We invite you to participate with us.*
- *If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with the one of the ministers after the service or call the Church Office, 416-922-1167.*
- *If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park Baptist Church or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the card you will find in the pew and give it to an usher.*
- *Downstairs in the lower level, there are bulletin boards where we hang some church-related and community-related events. Next time you are in the lower level, take a moment and browse all of the events that are happening in our community.*

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkminster-Park-Baptist-Church/

Dorcas has begun again on Tuesdays in our NEW room 508 at 10:00 am.

We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship, while we knit/crochet articles and garments for those less fortunate. We also trim stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and soup labels which help to purchase sports equipment. Bring your lunch and coffee/tea will be provided. See you there!



BE PART OF THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY
 The Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to take a closer look at Miriam: The Singing Sister (see the December 2012 YPBC newsletter), led by Jonanne Fenton. A special offering will assist victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through counselling, support groups, medical assistance, food aid and access to micro-credit. **12:30 pm on Thursday, January 10**, in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

The Story – This Week
 Chapter 17
 “The Kingdoms’ Fall”

College and Career Bible Study at
 Fox and Fiddle
 on Sundays after morning worship service

Starting January 27, 2013

Studying “Embracing Obscurity”

The December 2012 YPBC News is available **online**, and there are limited copies in the Centre Hall, Narthex and the table near the Heath Street door.

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.

Please submit Annual Reports to the Church Office by January 25, 2013.

AN ALL DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN...

"GETTING NAKED" Based on Brian McLaren's book,
 "Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words"

LEADER: Rev. Cheryle Hanna

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2013 9 AM-3:30 PM

AT NOVOTEL - 3 Park Home Ave., Gibson Ballroom
 North of Sheppard, West Side of Yonge St. - Underground Parking Available
 (North York Centre Subway Station)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00 - Cheques payable to YPBC Women

Please designate "Retreat" at bottom of cheque

Refreshments and full hot lunch included

Find registration forms on the Centre Hall bulletin board and in the Narthex
 and return to Rhoda Hill (416-691-9219) or place in YPBC Women's Mailbox

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 18, 2013

NOTE: Please wear or bring something that symbolizes one role that you fulfill in your life.

All women warmly invited! We look forward to welcoming you.

(Copies of McLaren's book will be available for \$13.00)

<http://www.yorkminsterpark.com/page/43/womens-retreat/>

Offerings and Financial Results for 2012

The financial results for 2012 are still preliminary, but it does appear the offerings received for 2012 (approximately \$1,173,000), have well exceeded our budget of \$1,084,000 and that we are well positioned to break even in 2012.

This good news is a reflection of many generous responses to the challenge put before us throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who went the extra mile in their offerings for 2012.

Thanks to David Knight, our Treasurer, who kept us well informed with weekly updates in the calendar over the last three months and also to our Stewardship Committee for their excellent leadership. We are grateful too for the manner in which our tellers and administrative staff have been so efficient and effective in performing their duties.

We look forward to sharing more specific details of our overall financial picture in the near future.

2013 offering envelopes, YP Women's Envelopes and Link and Visitor Envelopes are in the Narthex today. Please pick up your set.

PRAYERS

Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to join the Ministerial Staff as prayers are lifted to God for individuals, groups, ministry and mission organizations affiliated with Yorkminster Park. If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev. Dale Rose at 416-922-1240. A printed Prayer List is provided, and available upon request. "But with prayer, that blessed medicine, we are sustained."

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on
Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.

Centre Hall Greeters NEEDED

Greeters staff the Yorkminster Centre Welcome Desk from 10am to 2pm each weekday.

Contact Len Linton at 416-512-2080 or leonardlinton@rogers.com

SPONSOR FAMILY UPDATE

When Christmas comes we celebrate Jesus' birth and it reminds us of the start of a new life. Since we met Jesus we felt the new change in our lives and his birth is intertwined in our new lives. Throughout the time of our journey with God many new things happened in our lives and this gave us hope in order to stand up to hardships and problems and be happy in our new lives. These new events include meeting the church and great friends like you; it also includes your prayers for our family to move to Canada. This is the second Christmas that we are in our country Canada and throughout this time our family has been blessed to have met each and every one of you. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father and through this note we would like to express our gratitude to Yorkminster Park Baptist church, you, and all of our friends who kept us in their prayers and tried their best in order for us to move to Canada and settle here. We hope this coming year will bring happiness, blessings, and health for you and your family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ebrahim, Batoul, and Nazli.

Thank you for all you have done!

Bethlehem on Yonge, our presentation of the Nativity, was a huge success. Over 550 people from around the community and across the nation were greeted, escorted, taught and fed. Christ was honoured, God was indeed gloried and the Holy Spirit was present with us and this was due in no small part to your efforts!

Roman Soldiers – Martin Abell, Andrew Alberti, Michael Davidson, David Radford-Grant, Jeffrey Radford-Grant

Census Takers – Janice Bellmore, Ann Jeffries, Tom Klima, Melodie O'Neill, Emma Speller

Bethlehem Guides – Jake Aikenhead, Michael Hanna, Ken Little, Nazli M- B, Eva Na Guo, Denise Roeleveld, Dale Rose, Kathleen Wilson

Angels – Jackie Chung, Paula Willis, Adese Hanna

Shepherds – Curtis Gallagher, Patrick Gallagher, Ethan Gallagher

Innkeeper - Kate Irish

Mary – Kelly Rahardja

Joseph – Marvin Hoti

Magi – Bobby Giles, Jamie Holmes, Sam Lee

Hosts and Hostesses – Kim Abell, Julia Gallagher, Patricia Hemming, Carol Radford-Grant, Michael and Leticia Reyes, Donna Rose

Pianist – Carol Epp

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Ron, Elizabeth and Kenneth Mook

Children's Presentation – Directed by Mary Edward and Sabrina Yacoub; Anthony, Callum, Laura, Luke, Luke, Michelle, Renee, Sarah

Minster Singers – Directed by Dawn King

Scripture Reading – Dawn Emmerson and Ewan

Refreshments - Kelly Dixon, Rob Dixon, Will Dixon, Jack Dixon, Melanie Carter, Haleigh Carter, Andrew MacRae

Set Up – Ray Tafaj, Luis Kraja, Lorenc Sherko, Carlos Lopez, Ken Little, Ricardo Burton, Michael Hanna, John Speller

Planning Group – Board of CE, Cheryle Hanna, Miriam Little, John Speller

We pray God's richest blessing on you this day and throughout this coming year.



Family Lunch

Sunday, Jan 13,

Right after church

In the Heritage Room

Learn about Camp Kwasind!

Come and learn about Camp Kwasind! On Sunday, January 13th, camp director David Scott will visit Yorkminster Park. Join us for a lunch in the Heritage room right after the service where David will talk about the opportunities at Camp Kwasind. Yorkminster Park Baptist has been involved with Camp Kwasind since its inception. You will learn about Celebration weekend, camps for all ages of children, leadership training opportunities for young people and more.

Stay for lunch, greet friends, make new friends and learn about summer camp!

Cost - \$3 per person for lunch

RSVP by Thursday, January 10th to Miriam Little mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1361



We would love you to join our Church!

We invite you to consider joining Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and adding your voice to the chorus of voices that make up our church family. Church membership at Yorkminster Park is a way of confessing your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and affirming your place in our family and allowing us to affirm you in your faith journey.

You may join Yorkminster Park Baptist Church one of three ways:

1. **By Baptism**-When anyone is baptized at Yorkminster Park they are baptized into the family of Christ and into the membership of the church.
2. **By Letter of Transfer** from another church.
3. **On the basis of Christian experience**—Members of other Christian traditions come into membership based on their confirmation or profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

To join our family, please speak with one of the ministers and register for Discipleship 101 by sending an email to office@yorkminsterpark.com .

Discipleship 101

The primary focus is to prepare participants for Baptism and church membership. With this foundation each new believer and prospective member will be set on the right path and have a basis for future growth.

The topics include:

Christian Faith, Baptist, YP and You, Good Disciplines, The Word of God, Spiritual Gifts and Baptism and Lord's Supper

The class will meet Tuesday, January 15 and 22, 2013 at 7:00pm

✧ YORKMINSTER PARK ✧ SPEAKS

January 6 – February 3, 2013

For the next four weeks, we are invited to explore the support of the ministries here at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church through the words of scripture and the thoughts and experiences of members of this community. There is a devotional reading for Monday through Saturday of each week, in the hope that the community will come together in worship on Sunday where together we will experience the generosity and grace of God among us. Yorkminster Park Speaks Devotional Guide can be found online either as web pages, or it can be downloaded as a PDF at <http://www.yorkminsterpark.com/page/44/yorkminster-park-speaks--a-devotional/>

Prayer Partners at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Name _____

Contact information _____

I am Female Male Youth Senior

(Check all that apply)

I wish to be partnered with:

- A youth
- A Homebound Saint
- A Senior
- A male
- A female

I will pray for / with a partner for 6 months:

- By email
- By telephone
- Around specific requests
- Generally or topically (youth, children, elected officials, countries in conflict, etc.)

I will pray:

- At a designated time of the day
- Together over the phone or e-chat
- Separately as moved by the Spirit of God

All partners will begin with a brief orientation.

All partners will meet at a group lunch in June 2013.

All partners will agree on the format.

All partners will be faithful, concerning the other person's time as valuable.

All prayers will stay between the partners, guarding their hearts as their own.

Please place completed form in the offering plate.

Lenten Group Leaders Wanted

The task of the leader is to guide 6-8 persons through a weekly study of the Lenten texts with the help of a leader's guide. The leader's guide not only reviews each of the Scriptures in detail, but also provides lesson plans and a choice of activities for each scripture. The other members of the group have a book and all are expected to read prior to the gathering.

The host provides water, tea/coffee and a place to meet. The time and day are completely up to the leader/host. Training and orientation will be held for all.

To volunteer contact Cheryle Hanna at channa@yorkminsterpark.com
or call 416-922-1732

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Sunday

- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
(Classes for toddlers to junior high children after the Children's Prayer)
7:00pm The Rev. Cheryle Hanna – *An Iona Liturgy*

Monday to Friday

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

Tuesday

- 9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
12:00pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
5:30pm Deacons Executive, Library
7:00pm Board of Deacons, Friendship Room
7:00pm Board of Christian Education, Room 508

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Aaron James*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:00pm Bible Study, Friendship Room

Thursday

- 6:00am Out of the Cold, Heritage Room
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am YP Women's Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
12:30pm Afternoon Mission Fellowship, Friendship Room
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

- 12:00pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Next Sunday – EPIPHANY II

- 9:15am Minster Singers rehearsal, Heritage Room
9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Choristers, Room 203
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
11:00am Doxa Youth Worship with Rev. Sam Lee in Cameron Hall
12:30pm Children's Ministry Lunch w David Scott - Camp Kwasind, Heritage Room
12:30pm Art Reception with Les Tibbles, Centre Hall
7:00pm The Rev. Dale Rose