

NOVEMBER 17, 2013



Yorkminster Park

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MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 17, 2013

The service of worship begins with the music of the preludes

Preludes

Après une rêve
Romance sans paroles, Op. 17, no. 1
Barcarolle, Op. 90, no. 7
Romance sans paroles, Op. 17, no. 3

Gabriel Fauré

Christel Wiens, piano

Processional Hymn *SHB 109 – We sing the mighty power of God (Ellacombe)

Call to Worship Psalm 98

The Rev. Sam Lee and Jasper

Minister: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

People: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Youth: *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Youth: *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Youth: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,

Youth: *For he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

Minister: Let us worship God!

Introit – (congregation seated) **My song shall be alway**

Godfrey Sampson

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*)

The Rev. Sam Lee

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

Hymn *SHB 105 – We are marching (Siyahamba)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

In Our Own Backyard Mission Project Presentation

Laura and Renée

Announcements

Scripture Esther 4:12 – 5:4 (OT p.493)

Ethan

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (NT p.191)

Dedication of the Out of the Cold Team and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Minister: Today we recognize those who have committed themselves to the ministry of Out of the Cold. I therefore invite the volunteer staff of the Out of the Cold ministry to rise and come forward.

My friends, you have responded to the call of God to offer a ministry of hospitality to the homeless of our city. Do you dedicate yourselves to this high and holy task of identifying with the poor with a humble mind, a compassionate spirit and a warm heart?

Response: We do, the Lord being our helper.

Minister: As a sign of appreciation of the commitment of these volunteers and of the church's support of this ministry, I invite the entire congregation to stand with these volunteers as a sign of our love and concern for all God's children. May our prayers surround these volunteers that they may be wise and sensitive in all their encounters and open always to the presence of Christ among the poor and lowly of heart. Through their example may we also be encouraged in the doing of good and kind deeds in the world and may all these good deeds lighten the load for those whose burdens are too heavy to bear alone and may the deeds also enlighten the path for those who are lost and without hope. In the hope of the risen Christ let us lift our eyes and offer our gifts and talents towards that day when poverty and hunger and homelessness will be no more. As a sign of this resolve, let us offer together in Christ's name our prayers for this world.

The Prayer of St. Francis (unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Response-Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of our days. *C. M. Palmer*

Offering - *Jesus said whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all (Mark 10:43)*

Anthem – **O how glorious is the Kingdom** *Basil Harwood*

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb, withersoever He goeth.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 436 – **I heard the voice of Jesus say** (Kingsfold)

Sermon – **GOD AT THE TABLE: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS** **Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Hymn 595 – **Love divine** (Hyfrydol 502)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in the Dorian mode)

Postlude Rondeau (Abdelazar)

Henry Purcell

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*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God
and placed in loving memory of*

CECIL YIP

by Yvette, Christopher, Jen and Katherine; Adrian and Sue and Carolyn and Evan.

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, please ask an usher.*
- *Please find our quarterly newsletter on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables.*
- **For children:** *Nursery for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to grade 5 after the Children's Prayer.*
- *Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, reached through the Sanctuary. 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. And 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 or mail it to us.*
- *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.*

PRAYERS

Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, 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.

ART GALLERY - NOVEMBER ART SHOW and SALE

David Rankine – *Sacred Geometry: Visions of the Divine*

Rooted in ancient Celtic illumination and music, Rankine's intricate handcrafted pieces also contain elements of Arabic, Hindu, Persian and Hebrew tradition. His art crisscrosses lines of poetry, music, pure science and art.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday	9:45am	Berean Bible Class in the Red Boardroom
Sunday	10:00am	Bible Basics in the Administrative Boardroom 502
Tuesday	10:00am	Women's Prayer and Bible Study in the Friendship Room
Wednesday	7:00pm	Table Talk in the Friendship Room
Thursday	7:30am	Morning Brew in the Friendship Room
Thursday	7:30pm	Don Mills Bible Study offsite

We sing the mighty power of God

1. We sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

2. We sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er we turn our eyes:
If we survey the ground we tread,
Or gaze upon the skies.

3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamba

African melody

1
We are mar - ching in the light of God we are

4
mar ching in the light of God We are mar - ching in the

7
Light of God we are mar ching in the light of God. We are

10
mar - ching We are mar - ching in the Light of God We are

14
mar - ching We are mar - ching in the Light of God.

2. We are living in the love of God....

3. We are moving in the power of God...

I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
 “ Come unto Me and rest ;
 Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 Thy head upon My breast ” :
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 Weary, and worn, and sad ;
 I found in Him a resting-place,
 And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “ Behold, I freely give
 The living water ; thirsty one,
 Stoop down, and drink, and live ” :
 I came to Jesus and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream ;
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “ I am this dark world’s light ;
 Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
 And all thy day be bright ” :
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 In Him my star, my sun ;
 And in that light of life I’ll walk
 Till travelling days are done.

LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find Thy promised rest;
 Take away the love of sinning,
 Alpha and omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy grace receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Never more Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation:
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen

EVENING SERVICE

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

Prelude Prelude on Flight of the Earls *William Maddox*
O welt, ich muss dich lassen *Johannes Brahms*

Processional Hymn 15 – Let us with a gladsome mind (Monkland)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Introit – O Lord, my God to Thee *Jacques Arcadelt*

O Lord, my God, to Thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in Thee, have I trusted.
Let me not be ashamed; let not my foes triumph over me. O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me thy way, Lord, lead me in a plain path.
O hide not thy face far from me.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) (Please see the inside cover of the hymn book.)

Holy Scripture - Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p.772-773)
2 Thessalonians 2:6-13 (NT p.221-222)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Announcements and Offering

Anthem – Into Thy gracious hands *Ernest Bullock*

Into thy gracious hands for all eternity, with humble faith the Church commends the soul which came from Thee. In the dear blood outpoured our sinful souls to gain; wash it, we pray Thee, loving Lord, from earthly spot and stain. With Thine own presence blest, no more from Thee to roam. O grant unto the labourer rest, and to the traveller, home.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 549 – My faith looks up to Thee (Olivet)

Sermon – FAITH AT WORK **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Preparation – Kyrie eleison (Missa di St. Maria Magdalena) *Ernest Bullock*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison. upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn 706 – The day Thou gavest (St. Clement)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Besley)

Choir Recessional Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon *(Mode III.4, chant C.M. Palmer)*

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping; that awake we may watch with Thee, and asleep we may rest in peace. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Gloria.

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

To address the needs of some congregants whose allergies have prevented them from fully participating in the Sacrament of Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

Prayers in the Chapel. 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.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



November 29 - Skyzone

Indoor Trampoline

Drop off at church 5:30pm

Pick up at church 8:30pm

Cost: \$25

**Organist Tom Trenney in Concert at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
Wednesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.**

Known for his engaging improvisations on hymns, submitted themes, silent films, scripture, poetry and artwork, Tom Trenney became the first organist to be awarded First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists (AGO) National Competition on Organ Improvisation in 2006. Trenney's programme will include works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Charles-Marie Widor, Maurice Durufle as well as some of the artists award winning improvisations. Presented by the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Toronto. Tickets \$20

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fall Business Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, November 24** immediately following the morning service. Copies of the Minutes of the May 26, 2013 Spring Business Meeting are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall. Bring a bag lunch and a beverage.
David Wilson, Church Clerk

Prime Timers approaches **Tuesday, November 19, 12:30pm to 2pm**. THE ROYALTY: Refresh your memory about our Royalty traditions. Catch up on the latest Royal family gossip! Bring a sandwich and we will supply dessert. Come visit with old and new friends.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Please accept this as your invitation for this month's lunch at **noon on Thursday, November 21** at the Fox and Fiddle on the south-east corner of Yonge and Heath. Our group is growing, so please let us know if you are coming so we can be sure to have a big enough table. You can contact the Church Office to let us know you will be coming.

Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces – Friday, November 22, 8 a.m.

You are invited to join Curator Corey Keeble, Peter Holmes and William Maddox in a one day exploration of sacred spaces north of the city including the recently restored Sharon Temple of 1832, Newmarket's Christian Baptist Church of 1822 whose steeple continues to dominate the skyline of the northern reaches of the GTA, and a two hundred year old Quaker Meeting House, a Roman Catholic parish and Foster Memorial. Cost: \$55 includes lunch. Please contact Euan Ferguson at 416-363-9900 or eujoferguson@sympatico.ca

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Parish Nurse is available in the Church or by phone, 9:30am to 3:30pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, and some evenings by appointment.

Mental Health Problems, Substance Use, and Concurrent Disorders Information Night

Friday, November 29, 2013 • 7pm - 9pm in Cameron Hall.

Presented by Concurrent Disorders Support Services Toronto

in cooperation with the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Health and Wellness Committee

Mental health problems and substance use problems often occur at the same time and are known as *Concurrent Disorders (CD)*. There are *many* combinations of Concurrent Disorders. Some examples are;

- Anxiety and an alcohol problem
- Chronic Pain and dependence on opiates
- Schizophrenia and marijuana dependence or other street drugs
- Depression and dependence on tranquilizers or sleeping pills

Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about Concurrent Disorders signs, symptoms and treatment options!

Grief and Bereavement

The Grief and Bereavement Support series is being planned to begin early in the New Year. Please speak to the Rev. Dale Rose 416-922-1167 x227 or drose@yorkminsterpark.com or Cathy Newman, Parish Nurse at 416-922-1167 x245 or parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com if you would be interested.

Health and Wellness information is available in the Narthex, Centre Hall, South tables and website. For more information or to discuss any personal or family health matters, please contact Parish Nurse, Cathy Newman RN at 416 922-1428; or mobile 416 358-6453 or by email at parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com. All communications are confidential.

COME JOIN US

Helpers needed for Christmas set-up of the Sanctuary on **Thursday, November 28**. Our two beautiful Sanctuary Christmas trees will be put up. We need volunteers to help with the assembly of the trees, the fluffing of branches, the testing and installation of the lights and other related tasks. Even if you can only come for two or three hours, your help is important. Please come to the Church between **7:30am and 11:30am**.

CAREGIVER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 28 at 12:30pm in the Friendship Room

The care that you offer to a relative or a friend is a reflection of Jesus' statement to "love one another as I have loved you," but even as Jesus found it necessary to take a break from time to time, it is hoped that this event will be seen as a short relief for you, and a time to "talk, listen and learn."

This is a reminder for those who received an invitation that the caregivers' lunch is coming soon. If you are caring for a loved one, but did not receive an invitation, please consider attending. This will be a time of fellowship and an opportunity to talk with fellow caregivers as you enjoy lunch together. Please RSVP to Denise in the Church Office by Tuesday, November 24.

YPBC News

Submissions for the December issue of the YPBC News are due by **29 November 2013**.

Text should be in WORD and photos/illustration to be in JPEG format.

Please send all items to: pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca



The December 2013-February 2014
'Our Daily Bread' Devotionals are available in the
Centre Hall and the Narthex.

The Art of the Meal

Paintings by the old masters on themes from Scripture.

Presented by Tom Hayes

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

7:30pm

Cameron Hall



"Czech" In with Esther

Join us in welcoming home our own Esther Barnes who will delight and inspire us with tales of her recent short term mission trip to teach E.S.L. in the Czech Republic. Bring a sandwich on **Thursday December 5 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm** in the Friendship Room. Tea will be provided.

Bells on Bay St. – An Urban Christmas • Thursday, December 5, 2013 • 7:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Guest Speaker: Michael Williams, COO, HSBC Bank of Canada

Philanthropic Partner: Brett McBride, ED Urban Promise

Hilton Toronto – 145 Richmond St. W.

Tickets: \$50

Please email Nicole Paserin at intern@intriciti.ca

to reserve a ticket or table. Space is limited.

RSVP by December 2.



• THE 5TH ANNUAL • CITY CAROL SING

In collaboration with **Citytv** In support of Food Banks across Canada

SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH - 2:00 PM

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge Street (two blocks north of St. Clair Ave.)

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

CYNTHIA DALE · R.H. THOMPSON · GORD MARTINEAU
and The True North Brass

FEATURING

The Larkin Singers, The Viva Youth Singers under the direction of Carol Woodward Ratzlaff
The Yorkminster Park and Christ Church Deer Park Choirs

ADMISSION FREE A collection will be taken for the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (416) 922-1167 | yorkminsterpark.com | christchurchdeerpark.org | 9sparrowsarts.org

Broadcast on City TV – December 24 at 8pm; December 25, 5pm and 8pm; December 26, 5pm



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 15. Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 4:30PM

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Doors open at 3:30pm.
Child care for children 5 years and under.



Will be broadcast later in the Christmas season on CTS TV.



SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE - Saturday, December 21, 11:00 am

If at this Christmas season you are experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness, or you would just like a break from the upcoming stress and busyness of the holiday season, please join us for a Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel.

This is a quiet, contemplative service to help validate our feelings and draw us closer to God. A light lunch will follow in the Friendship Room.

Sunday, December 22, 4:30pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Following the historic traditions of King's College, Cambridge. Doors open at 3:30pm. Childcare for children 5 years and under.

Tuesday, December 24, 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A community of faith gathers together to recognize the light of Christ delivered as a little baby so long ago, and to share the light of Christ with each other and then take it into the world. It is a wonderful metaphor of the Christian walk that is incredibly renewing and unifying.

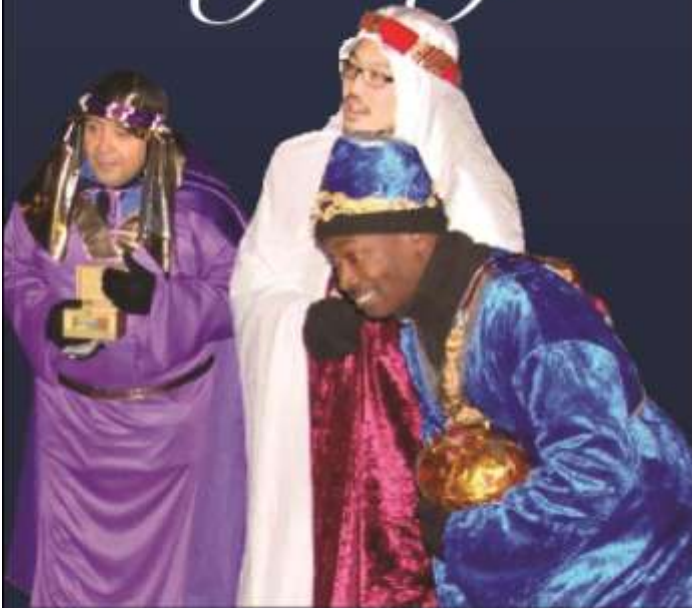
Wednesday, December 25, 11am – Christmas Day Communion

A quiet service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 31, 11pm – Watchnight Service

A **watchnight service** is a late-night Christian church service. It is held late on New Year's Eve, and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and make confession, and then prepare for the year ahead by making new commitments. There is a deep sense of blessing for many that they have begun a new year with their sisters and brothers of the Christian family in God's house.

BUNDLE UP FOR
Bethlehem
ON *Yonge*



**CHRISTMAS EVE
LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS**

**Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park**

**Hot Chocolate and Carol singing
indoors with the Minster Singers**

Bethlehem on Yonge

We are already planning for Christmas Eve's Bethlehem on Yonge event.

Did you know that last year we had over 530 people who registered at the census table? And 345 of those were visitors! Imagine having the opportunity to speak to so many about the birth of our Lord!

We need your help in making the evening a welcoming success.

How can you help?

- Freeze ice lanterns – If you have freezer space, take a mold home to use to freeze several lanterns
- Bake cookies (nut free) to give to our guests
- Sign up to be one of our characters: be a soldier, guide, shepherd, angel, or wise man. And Mary and Joseph! Lend us a candle-lit lantern to light the manger
- Help with building the stable, inn door and other set up
- Be a host to welcome people in Cameron Hall for refreshments

Please contact Miriam Little

(mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com; 416-922-1361) or Sally Roy (sallyroy@rogers.com; 416-218-8806) with how you will be part of welcoming the neighbourhood to visit Bethlehem.

People of all ages will enjoy "**Bethlehem on Yonge**", our outdoor Christmas Eve nativity with animals. Everyone is welcome.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Through the ministry of the Yorkminster Park Benevolent Fund, members of the ministerial team are able to access funds for the purpose of offering practical help and support to people experiencing economic difficulties.

This ministry is always exercised in a confidential fashion, but the congregation is informed when the fund is running low in order that people might be given opportunity to respond to the need. The fund is now running low. If you wish to contribute, please write a cheque to Yorkminster Park and designate it for the Benevolent Fund. Thank you for helping us to help others.

The Ministerial Team

BOARD OF MISSION



Encouraging news from Elie and Mireille Haddad and Rupen and Mamta Das. What started as a simple prayer event last year – a couple of young people inviting others to come and pray for Lebanon – has become a whole prayer movement. Hosted by the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, the group has grown to be in the hundreds. Earlier this year, the planning team organized a two-day public event and invited the senior pastor of a church in Cairo to come and speak. The participation was overwhelming, with more than 1,200 people showing up each day. The speaker's challenge was to trust God and be bold in the middle of conflict – a theme which seems to be that God is preparing for the church in Lebanon. Pray that the momentum of community prayer will continue and that God's people in Lebanon will be ready to follow wherever He leads them.

Philippines Typhoon Relief

As a people we are responding to the recent disaster in the Philippines through both our prayers and our gifts. The Sharing Way, our denomination's relief and development arm, is working closely with partners in the Philippines. To give to the relief effort through the Sharing Way, please place your gifts in your church envelope and designate the amount you wish to give to the Sharing Way, or do so directly through the Canadian Baptist Ministries website <https://www.cbmin.org/cbm/donate>. When you go to the page you will be asked to choose a category to donate to – choose emergency relief. You will then be given the option of donating to Philippines Typhoon Relief. All gifts so designated and received before December 8 will be matched by the Canadian government. For a prayer to guide you as you pray for the Philippines, go to Peter's blog at <http://peter.yorkminsterpark.com/2013/11/support-prayer-for-the-philippines.php>

THIS WEEK

The Rev. Dale Rose is out of the office this week and returning on Sunday, November 24.

Tuesday

- 12:30pm Prime Timers Seniors Fellowship, Friendship Room
- 6:00pm Church Retreat Committee Meeting, Youth Zone Room 508
- 7:00pm Board of Mission, Library

Wednesday

- 12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Angus Sinclair*
- 6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
- 7:00pm Table Talk Bible Study, Friendship Room

Thursday

- 12:30pm Men's Lunch Group, Fox and Fiddle
- 1:30pm Lester C. Randall Preaching Fellowship Committee Meeting, Library
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

Local Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces

Next Sunday – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

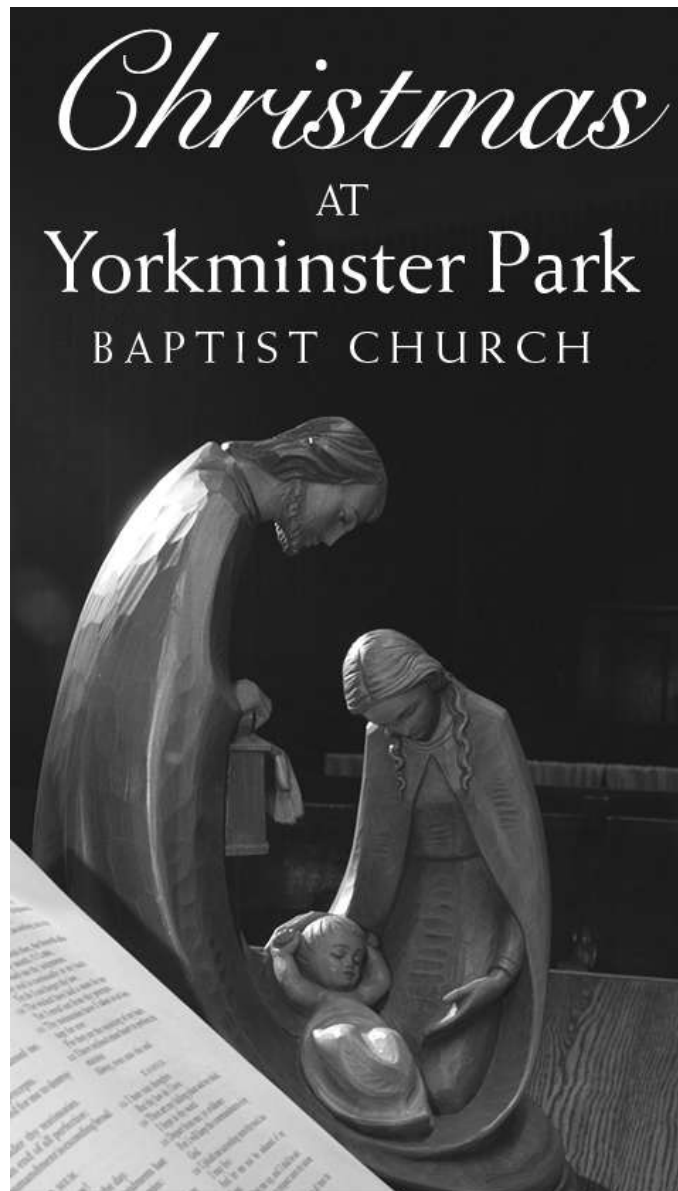
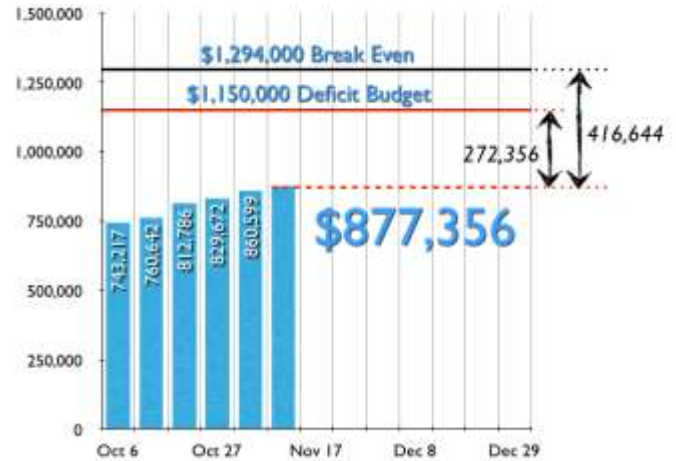
- 11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
- 12:30pm Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
- 7:00pm The Rev. Sam Lee

An Update on 2013 Offerings

This chart shows, in weekly increments from October 6, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2013 to meet the Budget (leaving a deficit of \$144,000) or, better still, to break even.

Historically, offerings during the last few months of the year have contributed significantly to the financing of the ministries of the church. Similarly generous commitments are needed again in 2013.

As of November 10th, the general offerings year-to-date were 68% of the amount needed for the church to break even for the year.



“In Our Own Backyard” Christmas 2013 Children’s Mission Project

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

Each year we give gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. Like last year, we have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people ‘**in our own backyard**’! We are collecting items to help a ministry here in the city.

A missionary supported by our congregation, Karen Robinson Joseph and her colleague Stewart Vander Velden of Youth Unlimited, work in the area of the city called Shoreham Court and a neighbouring community called Driftwood. These are dynamic neighborhoods filled with people from across the globe. These neighborhoods are Toronto Community Housing developments that have established a strong and active leadership group of residents called the Shoreham Court and Driftwood Animators. Youth Unlimited works closely with these leadership groups. Together they care deeply about keeping their neighbourhood safe and meeting the needs of families.

These are communities where many of the parents struggle to provide for their families. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for them. Often the parents don’t have money to buy gifts. We are partnering with them this year to help provide gifts.

How can you help?

- On or after November 17th you may pick up an empty gift bag, take it home and fill it. Or just bring a gift along and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall. (No wrapping is needed)
- Purchase a gift or several gifts suggested on the reverse of this pamphlet to be given to families in need.
- Bring the gift(s) to the church on or before December 8th, our White Gift Sunday.

Deadline! We will be collecting the items from November 17th until December 8th and they will be dedicated alongside the White Gifts that we bring on December 8th.

Note: White gifts are collected as a long standing tradition here at Yorkminster Park for Yonge Street Mission and can include food items. These will be delivered to Yonge Street Mission while toys and gifts as described on the back of this page will go to Youth Unlimited. This year, because Christmas falls on the day that we have our OUT of the COLD program at YPBC, we would like to bless our guests with small gifts. For example: small toiletries, cough lozenges, socks, mitts, bandages, tooth brushes and lip balm are all welcome gifts!

Questions? Contact Miriam Little, Director of Children’s Ministries mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com; 416-922-1361

For more information about Shoreham and Driftwood communities, contact Stewart Vander Velden stewart@youthunlimitedqta.com; 416-901-1625 ext 226 (note Karen is on maternity leave at this time)

Christmas Celebration Wish List

Shoreham & Driftwood Communities

In partnership with:



Karen Robinson
 (416) 901-1625 x223
 karen@youthunlimitedgta.com



TOYS for Children 0-12

(NEW items please)

- Infant & toddler toys
- Play sets
- Cars, trucks, boats, trains
- Books & board games
- Dolls
- Colouring books & markers
- Lego & Duplo building toys
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Basketballs, soccer balls, & hockey equipment
- Bicycles & tricycles

Smiles on all our children's faces...

Youth
 Ages 13 - 17

this age group loves the freedom to select their own gifts:

- Gift cards... gift cards... gift cards!! Favourites include: HMV, iTunes, Famous Players or Cineplex, Wal-Mart, Chapters, Yorkdale Mall, etc.
- Electronic games, board games, books
- Sports Equipment

Your gifts will make it possible for the Shoreham Court and Driftwood Animators in partnership with Karen Robinson Joseph and Youth Unlimited to bring joy and hope to struggling families with children and youth living in Toronto Community Housing this year.



'tis the season to bring joy!

Shoreham Court Animators are residents devoted to implementing change for children & families