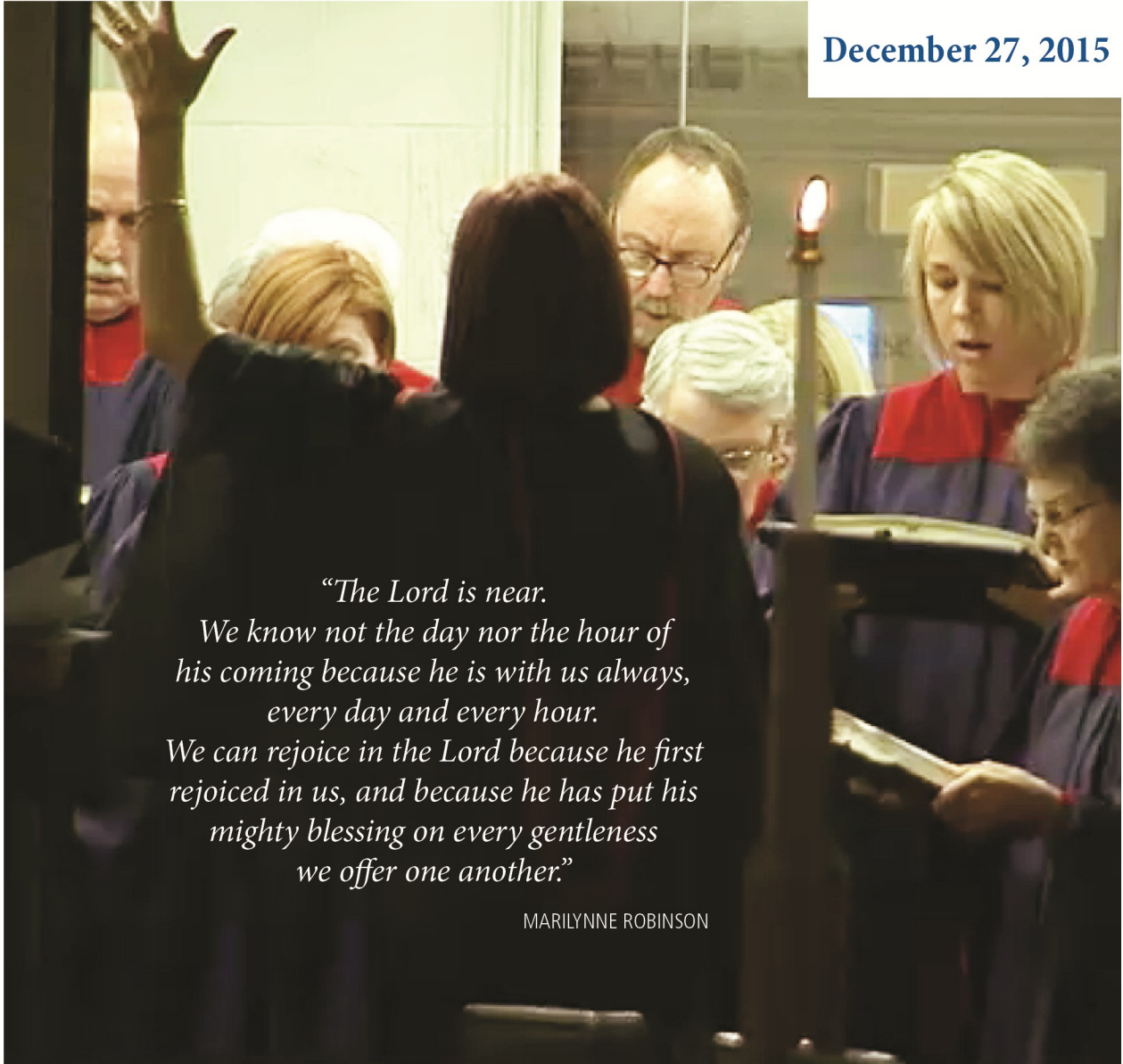


WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 27, 2015



*"The Lord is near.
We know not the day nor the hour of
his coming because he is with us always,
every day and every hour.
We can rejoice in the Lord because he first
rejoiced in us, and because he has put his
mighty blessing on every gentleness
we offer one another."*

MARILYNNE ROBINSON

Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ at 10:45am.

Preludes

Royal Fireworks Music

G.F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

Overture • The Peace • Bourée

Processional Hymn 106 - Once in royal David's city, omit verses 3 & 4 (Irby)

Call to Worship

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Introit - In Bethlehem's low stable (congregation seated)

Angus J. F. Sinclair

In Bethlehem's low stable, our Saviour Christ is born; My soul to Him I offer upon this blessed morn: *Ela, Ela, upon this blessed morn.* O child of love from heaven, my heart I give to thee. In all life's joys and sorrows, Thine always shall I be. Depart Thou never from me, but make me pure within That I may bear Thine image in this dark world of sin. In Thy blest love rejoicing, Thy praises shall I sing, Accept my heart's pure offering, Lord Jesus, newborn king.

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

Please see inside cover of the hymn book.

Responsive Psalm 148 (OT p.645-6)

Brennan Rabbets

Gloria Patri - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Hymn *SHB 103 - 'Twas in the moon of wintertime (Huron Carol)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Book of Heroes

Colin

Announcements

Holy Scripture -

Colossians 3:12-17 (NT p.215)

Carol Belford

Luke 2:1-20 (NT p.59-60)

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Response

W. Maddox

O keep my soul and deliver me, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Offering

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Anthem - Myn lyking

R. R. Terry

I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing,
She lulled a little child, a sweete Lording:
Lullay, mine Liking, my dear Son, mine Sweeting,
Lullay, my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling.
That same lord is He that made alle thing
Of alle lordes He is Lorde of alle Kinges King.
There was a mickle melody at that Childes birth,
All they that were in heavene bliss, they made mickle mirth.
Angels bright sang that song to that Childe,
"Blessed be Thou, and so be she so meek and mild."

Doxology (Hymn 766)

Hymn *SHB 71 - No crowded eastern street (Heritage)

Sermon - ALL IN ALL

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 111 - Thou didst leave Thy throne (Margaret)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen - Udell in A

Postlude - The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks Music)

G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

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

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Chancel 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.

The poinsettias will be available for distribution after the New Year's Eve Watchnight Service.
Please bring something in which to carry the plant.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TALK

After the morning worship service, we invite you to join us for coffee in the Narthex.

Please note there will not be an evening worship service today.

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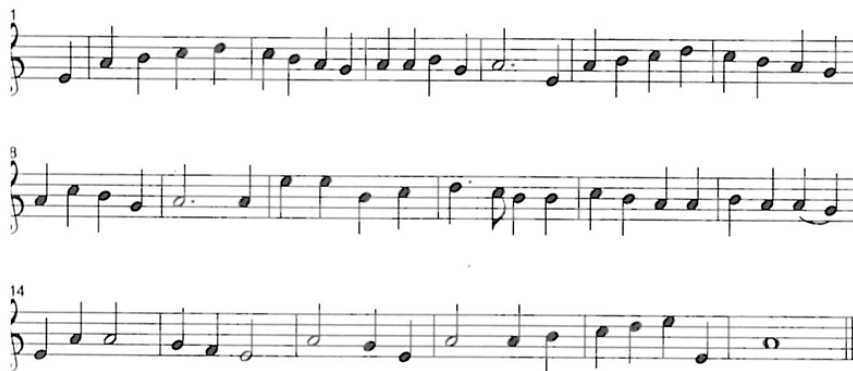
ONCE in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3 And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly mother
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.
- 4 For He is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.
- 5 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.
- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
When, like stars, His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Huron Carol

Huron Indian



1. 'Twas in the moon of winter time,
 When all the birds had fled,
 That mighty Gitchi Manitou
 Sent angel choirs instead;
 Before their light the stars grew dim
 And wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:

*Jesus your King is born,
 Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
 The tender Babe was found,
 A ragged robe of rabbit skin
 Enwrapped His beauty 'round;
 But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
 The angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your King is born,

3. O children of the forest free,
 O sons of Manitou,
 The holy Child of earth and heav'n
 Is born today for you.
 Come, kneel before the radiant Boy,
 Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:
Jesus your King is born,

No crowded eastern street

Heritage

Robert Fleming



1. No crowded eastern street,
No sound of passing feet;
Far to the left and far to right
The prairie snows spread fair and white;
Yet still to us is born tonight
The Child, the King of glory.
2. No rock-hewn place of peace
Shared with the gentle beasts,
But sturdy farmhouse, stout and warm
With stable, shed and great red barn;
And still to us is born tonight
The Child, the King of glory.
3. No blaze of heavenly fire,
No bright celestial choir,
Only the star-light as of old,
Crossed by the plane's flash, red and gold;
Yet still to us is born tonight
The Child, the King of glory.
4. No king with gold and grain,
No stately camel train;
Yet in His presence all may stand
With loving heart and willing hand;
For still to us is born tonight
The Child, the King of glory.

THOU didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly
 crown
 When Thou camest to earth for me;
 But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
 For Thy holy nativity:
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
 Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
 But of lowly birth cam'st Thou, Lord, on earth
 And in great humility;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

3 The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest
 In the shade of the cedar tree;
 But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
 In the deserts of Galilee;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

4 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
 That should set Thy people free;
 But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
 They bore Thee to Calvary;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 Thy cross is my only plea.

5 When heaven's arches ring, and her choirs shall
 sing,
 At Thy coming to victory,
 Let Thy voice call me home, saying, " Yet there
 is room,
 There is room at my side for thee ";
 And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
 When Thou comest and callest for me.

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano; ***Dawn King***, soprano; ***Margaret Terry***, mezzo soprano
Martin Houtman, tenor; ***Stephen King***, baritone
Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

PRAYERS

You may submit a request for prayer on the Welcome Card and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

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 in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, 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.

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

BOARD OF MISSION - Refugee Sponsorship Update

We would like to thank you very much for your friendship and all the help that has been provided to us. We wish you all every blessing for the New Year and look forward to our new life in Canada with you.

Charlene and Chancella

Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices

December 28, 2015 – Closed • Wednesday, December 31, 2015 – 8:30am to 12 noon
Friday, January 1, 2016 – Closed

COME JOIN US

Helpers are needed to take down the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary at 8:00am on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016**. We will remove the lights, disassemble the branches, and pack everything away until next year.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The 2016 general offering envelopes are in the Centre Hall today.

Please pick up your set.

The 2016 YP Women's Envelopes are also in the Centre Hall.

All donations to be receipted for 2015 must be received by December 31, 2015.

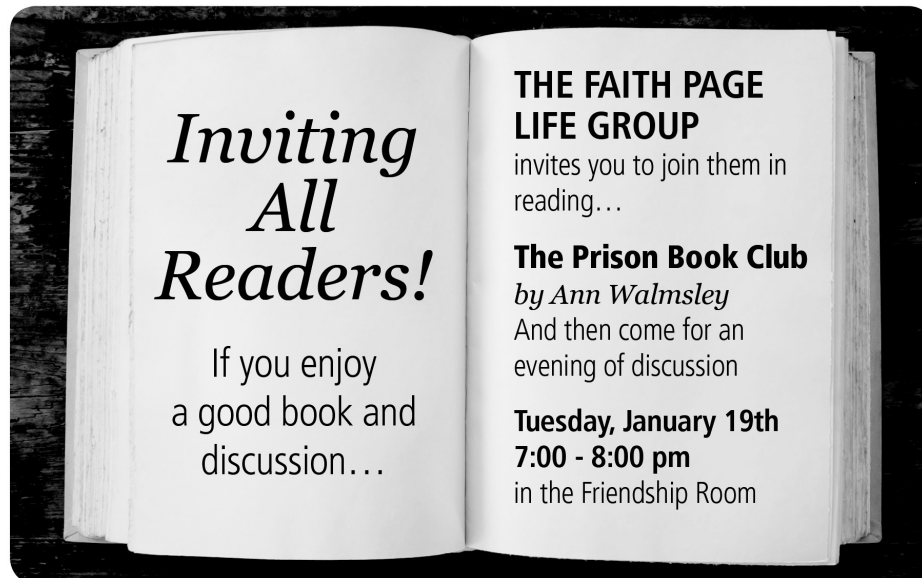
This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 27 or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2015 and received in the finance office no later than January 6, 2016.

AFTERNOON MISSION FELLOWSHIP - A Tale of Two Wives



The 2016 Great Canadian Bible Study challenges Baptist women across Canada to learn from two marriage partnerships—one tragic, one triumphant—in the book of Acts. Join in this study, led by Otha Sim, at the Afternoon Mission Fellowship on **Thursday, January 7, at 12:30 pm** in the Friendship Room. Bring your lunch, plus your loonies for the new Canadian Baptist women's project: literacy for women in Rwanda.

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The Gathering...

GAMES NIGHT WITH FOOD AND FUN

An All Church Event! Please Join Us! Bring your family, friends & neighbours.

Saturday, January 9, 2016 • 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Reservations requested by calling **416-922-1167** or email: **dban@yorkminsterpark.com**

We look forward to sharing with you!

Deborah Ban, Miriam Little, Brennan Rabbets

FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

- **Please be advised that annual reports for 2015 are due January 31, 2016.**
 - If you plan to have a meeting on-site at the church, please call the Church Office to reserve a room.
 - If you wish to place a notice in the calendar, please submit your information by Tuesday of the Sunday prior and your notice will appear for two Sundays.
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PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES - MONTREAL

The Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces Committee is pleased to announce a PILGRIMAGE TO MONTREAL, **April 25-28, 2016**. Pilgrims will travel to Montreal by coach and stay at the Best Western Ville Marie on Sherbrooke St. and explore many of the magnificent sacred spaces of Downtown, Old Montreal, Le Plateau, and other areas as they are led by Corey Keeble, Curator Emeritus of the Royal Ontario Museum, William Maddox and Peter Holmes. The cost is \$625 per person based on double occupancy and \$825 based on single occupancy. The price includes coach travel, hotel, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. To reserve your space, please contact Euan Ferguson at eujoferguson@sympatico.ca or 416-363-9900. Space is limited and waiting lists are being developed, so if you plan to come, please contact Euan soon.

2016 CHURCH RETREAT

Mark your calendar! Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will be gathering for an **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT** on **May 13 – 15, 2016** at Jackson's Point Conference Centre near Sutton. Look for more details in January, including an information session after the morning service on January 31st.

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015 AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday

10:00am Youth Fellowship, Room 510
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)

Tuesday to Friday

9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room Kitchen

Tuesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
6:45pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym

Thursday

11:15pm New Year's Eve Watchnight Service - Rev. Dale Rose

Next Sunday

10:00am Youth Bible Study, Room 510
10:15am Children's Ministry, Room 205
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am Rev. Dale Rose, The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Please note there will not be an evening worship service today.
7:00pm Rev. Deborah Ban, An Iona Liturgy

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Parking: Parking is FREE on Sunday mornings until 12:45 pm. at City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair). Don't forget to have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.

Accessibility: 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. Hearing assistance is also available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

For Children: Nursery is available for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to Grade 5 after the Children's Prayer. Parents are reminded to pick up a pager before the service, or when the children head to classes.

Fellowship: Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected: 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.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office at info@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1167.

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah A. Ban
Minister of Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox
BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess
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Mrs. Miriam Little
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