

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

January 3, 2016



*May this new year be a time
Of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming
Your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely
And unconditionally,
A time for growing
In virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always."*

Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Preludes

Hostis Herodis impie
Pastorale

*Flor Peeters
Joseph Bonnet*

Processional Hymn 91 - Brightest and best (Epiphany Hymn)

Call to Worship (Psalm 98:1-4)

Brennan Rabbets

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

People: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

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

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Leader: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Let us worship God.

Introit - A sound of angels (congregation seated)

Christopher Tye

A sound of angels from afar fills all the quiet air, And Ah! how full of gladness are the tidings that they bear. The shepherds run to Bethlehem town to see a wondrous sight, The Lord of Lords to earth come down is born for men tonight. Yea, Christ is born, our heav'nly king, salvation now is nigh, So all mankind with angels sing, Glory to God on high.

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

Please see inside cover of the hymn book.

Hymn *SHB 70 - My Lord, you wore no royal crown (O Waly, waly)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dale Rose

Book of Heroes

Andrew

Announcements

Holy Scripture - Ephesians 1:3-10 (NT p.204)
John 1:1-18 (NT p.94)

Tom Hayes

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Choral Response

G. Thalben Ball

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you.

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 - What is this lovely fragrance

Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly carolling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring.
What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour born today.
Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.

Doxology (Hymn 766)

Sermon - Beginnings of Grace

The Rev. Dale Rose

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Choral Preparation

St. Basil

Eternal, unchanging, we sing to thy praise, Thy mercies are endless, and
righteous thy ways; Thy servants proclaim the renown of thy name, who rulest
omnipotent, ever the same.

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dale Rose

Distribution of the Elements

Recessional Hymn 673 - Christ whose glory fills the skies (Heathlands 231)

Benediction

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Amen - Maddox in E flat

Postlude - Praeludium

Hermann Schroeder

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

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

7pm - An Iona Evening Liturgy, The Rev. Deborah Ban preaching

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MATT. ii. 1-11.

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.

My Lord, you wore no royal crown

O Waly, Waly

Trad. melody



1. My Lord, you wore no royal crown;
 You did not wield the powers of state,
 nor did you need a scholar's gown
 or priestly robe to make you great.

2. You did not live a world away
 in hermit's cell or desert cave,
 but felt our pain and shared each day
 with those you came to seek and save.

3. You came unequalled, undeserved,
 to be what we were meant to be:
 to serve, instead of being served--
 a Light for all the world to see.

4. So, when I stumble, set me right;
 command my life as you require;
 let all your gifts be my delight
 and you, my Lord, my one desire.

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.

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CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn,
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

COMMUNION

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 Holy Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

Sunday, January 24 is available for anyone wishing to place memorial or celebration flowers. Please contact Kay Hayes at 416-447-9416.

Soloists:

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TALK

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



CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK

January suggested donations are tinned fruit. Please note that the Foodbank no longer needs egg cartons or plastic bags at this present time. Many thanks. Donations can be left in the donation box just outside the Sanctuary (north east exit), near the doors to the Friendship Room. Thank you for your support on behalf of the clients.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

***The 2016 general offering envelopes are in the Narthex today.
Please pick up your set.***

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

BETHLEHEM ON YONGE • Thank you for all you have done!

Bethlehem on Yonge, our presentation of the Nativity, was a success. Over 600 people from around the community and across the nation were greeted, escorted and fed. Christ was honoured, God was indeed glorified and the Holy Spirit was present with us and this was due in no small part to the efforts of each person involved. Thank you to those who served on the set up and take down crew, made and gave out cookies and hot chocolate, and greeted our guests. Thank you to each one who was a character, guide, census taker and singer! We and our community have been blessed by your gift of time. **Thank you!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Ready... Set... Read "In Our Own Backyard" • Christmas 2015 Children's Mission Project

Thank you for your generosity in giving books, posters, school supplies and cash gifts. We will be delivering the gifts to Oneida's Standing Stone School early in January. The school staff is very excited about the gift which will help children in their literacy skills!

What's Up in Children's Ministries

Did you know that the curriculum in Children's Ministries for Preschool and Kindergarten children is called **First Look** and for school age it is called **252Basics**. Each month in this space we will let you know what our kids are learning so you can pray for them and encourage them!

In January the theme in First Look is '**Only Jesus can do that**'. The memory verse is "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26, NIV The stories this month are some of the miracles of Jesus taken from the Gospels.

This month in 252 Basics the children are learning about **Knowledge**—'learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do'. Their MEMORY VERSE is, "God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:16, NIV

The bottom line we would like children to think about is 'since God knows everything, it's important to DISCOVER what God says'.

Thanks for praying for our children and their families.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our Doxa youth worship service will now be split into two groups. Both groups will still go to Cameron Hall after the Book of Heroes, but the older group (grade 9-12) will finish the service in the Youth Zone (Room 508) upstairs.

Brennan Rabbets

PRAYERS

Yorkminster Park endeavors to be a people of Prayer. We believe that personal intimacy with God our Savior in prayer is the privilege and responsibility of every believer. We must live our lives through prayer and trusting God! If you wish to submit a request to the ministry team, please email prayer@yorkminsterpark.com

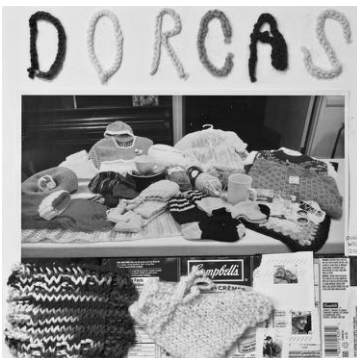
Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, for all who wish a lay leader to pray with them. If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult 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.

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.

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.



Dorcas begins again on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in 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!

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.



YOU ARE INVITED

The Gathering... is an event offering a time to be a community of all ages and stages

Centred on Christ • Expressing creativity

Building relationships • Eating together • Faith stories shared

Celebrating God through worship

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**

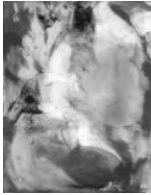
We look forward to sharing with you!

Deborah Ban, Miriam Little, Brennan Rabbets

YP GALLERY

“Abstractions in Colour Movement”

Opening Reception with Sue Ennis on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 12:30pm



In this show, Sue Ennis explores paintings that are driven by intuition and colour. The paintings have no predetermined subject matter, but only the deep appreciation of energy, colour, and the light that emerges from both of these. The process involves reflection and reaction to the movement of the colours laid down.

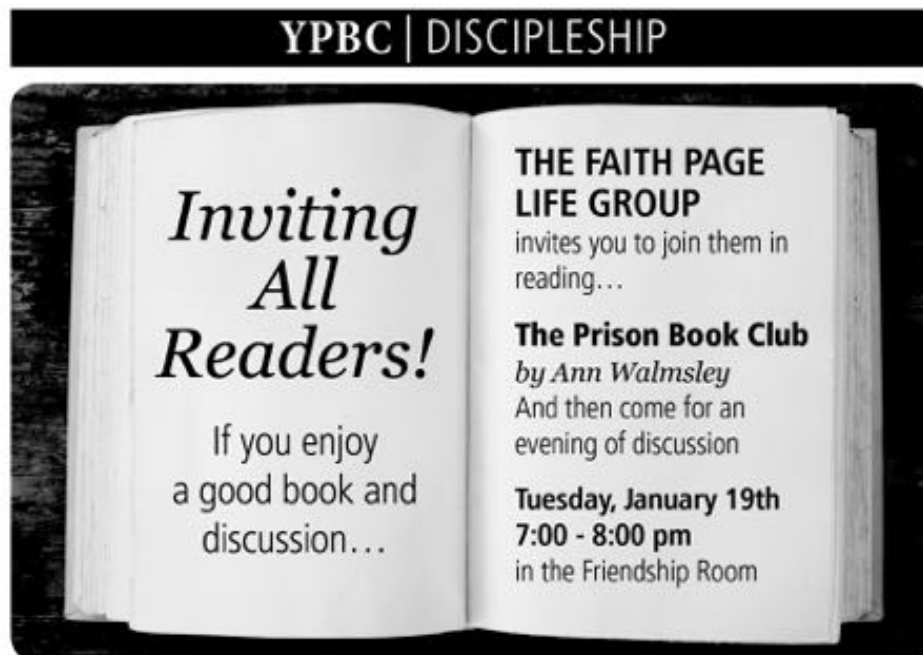
Prime Timers - January 19, 2016 from 12:30pm

Don MacDonald, retired Veterinarian

Stories from a Lifetime of Veterinary Care.

Please join for lunch time conversation. Bring your own lunch - dessert and tea are provided.

All ages and stages welcome!



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2016 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. Dale Rose, The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)
12:20pm	Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
7:00pm	Rev. Deborah Ban, An Iona Liturgy

Monday to Friday

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

9:30am	Ministerial Prayers, Library
10:00am	Dorcas Group, Room 508
12:00pm	Community Basketball, Gym
12:10pm	Lunchtime Chamber Music, Sanctuary—Sophia Anna Szokolay, violin
5:30pm	Deacons and Finance Executive, Library
7:00pm	Board of Deacons, Friendship Room

Wednesday

10:00am	Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm	Noonday Organ Recital - Aaron James
6:45pm	Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym

Thursday

10:00am	YP Women's Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
12:30pm	Afternoon Mission Fellowship, Friendship Room
7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

9:15am	Senior Gentle Fitness—Low Intensity, Room 508
10:15am	Senior Gentle Fitness—Moderate Intensity, Room 508
6:30pm	Bay Street Life Group, offsite

Saturday

3:00pm	Walking Life Group, offsite
5:00pm	The Gathering Family Games Night, Cameron Hall

Next Sunday

9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45pm	Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am	Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am	Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am	Letters of Paul Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am	Youth Fellowship, Room 510
10:15am	Children's Ministry, Room 205
10:50am	Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am	Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
12:30pm	Full Life Group, Room 508
12:30pm	Art Reception with Sue Ennis, Gallery
1:00pm	Ball Hockey, Gym
7:00pm	The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

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 week prior and your notice will appear for two Sundays.
- We want to keep connected with you! If you, a family member or friend have changed your personal contact information, please let us know by contacting the Church Office at 416-922-1167 x221 or office@yorkminsterpark.com with details. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE - 2016 CHURCH RETREAT

Mark your calendar! Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will be gathering for an ALL-CHURCH RETREAT from May 13 to 15, 2016 at Jackson's Point Conference Centre near Sutton.

**Information session after the morning worship service
on Sunday, January 31, 2016.**

YPBC | WOMEN'S RETREAT

Change...

AND THE JOURNEY OF THE HEART

ALL WOMEN are invited for a
day of spiritual nourishment,
warm fellowship
and a delicious meal!

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING YOU.



FACILITATOR:
Sister Sue Mosteller

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT HOTEL

475 Yonge Street, (approximately 1 block north of the College St. subway station)

\$50 Registration fee includes light refreshments and a full hot lunch.

REGISTER TODAY!

BRIGHT GREEN REGISTRATION FORMS are available in the Narthex and on the Centre Hall table. Cut off date for registration is **January 17, 2016**.

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
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The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess
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