

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

February 28, 2016



Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am

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

Preludes

Adagio (Suite Modale)
Vater unser

Flor Peeters
Samuel Scheidt

Processional Hymn *SHB 50 - Jesus, wondrous Saviour (McMaster Hymn) omit v.4 & 4

Call to Worship

Brennan Rabbets

Introit - Heavenly Light (congregation seated)

Alexander Kopylov

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine. O light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light? Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine we praise Thee!

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

Brennan Rabbets

Please see inside cover of the hymn book.

Responsive Psalm 63:1-8 (OT p.582)

The Rev. John Torrance

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

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Book of Heroes

Zachary

Announcements

Window on the World—Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development

Nabil Costa, Executive Director

Holy Scripture - Philippians 2:12-30 (NT p.210-211)

Julia Yacoub

Luke 13:1-9 (NT p.77-78)

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. John Torrance

Choral Response

C. M. Palmer

Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of Heaven, when we call upon thee. Amen.

Offering

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10)

Anthem - Thy Kingdom come

Mark Sirett

“Thy Kingdom come!” on bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom’s day. The slow watches of the of night not less to God belong; and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong. And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; prepare, prepare ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near. The day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and ev’ry hurt be healed. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad; the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Doxology (Hymn 766)

Hymn 141—In the cross of Christ I glory (All for Jesus)

Sermon - NEAR THE CROSS:

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

(3) Prayer and Formation

Recessional Hymn 493 - Blessed assurance (Blessed assurance)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen - Palmer in E

Postlude - Prélude en sol mineur

Gabriel Pierné

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

GARFIELD WESTON

by Galen, Wendy, and Camilla

Please join us at the front of the church for **the Great Half Hour Hymn Sing** immediately following the service. During this time we will be introduced to a number of hymns new to us that have been discovered in our search for a new hymn book.

Jesus, wondrous Saviour

1. Jesus, wondrous Saviour
Christ, of Kings the King!
Angels fall before Thee,
Prostrate, worshipping;
Fairest they confess Thee
In the Heavens above.
We would sing Thee fairest
Here in hymns of love;

2. Fairer far than sunlight
Unto eyes that wait
Amid fear and darkness,
Till the morning break;
Fairer than the day-dawn,
Hills and dales among,
When its tide of glory
Wakes the tide of song;

3. Sweeter far than music
Quivering from keys
That unbind all feeling
With strange harmonies.
Thou art more and dearer
Than all minstrelsy;
Only in Thy presence
Can joy's fulness be.

4. All earth's flowing pleasures
Were a wintry sea,
Heaven itself without Thee
Dark as night would be.
Lamb of God! Thy glory
Is the light above.
Lamb of God! Thy glory
Is the life of love.

4. Life is death, if severed
From the throbbing heart.
Death with Life abundant
At Thy touch would start.
Worlds of men and angels
All consist in Thee:
Yet Thou camest to us
In humility.

5. Jesus! all perfections
Rise and end in Thee;
Brightness of God's glory
Thou, eternally.
Favour'd beyond measure
They Thy face who see;
May we, gracious Saviour,
Share this ecstasy.

D. A. MacGregor
The McMaster Hymn

My Lord, you wore no royal crown

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.

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IN the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time:
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo ! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified ;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time:
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

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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.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing and Blessing. Offered in the Centennial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service for all who wish a lay leader to pray with them.

Prayers in the Chapel. Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to join the Ministerial team for intercessory prayer. 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."

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

NABIL COSTA— We are so pleased to have with us today Nabil Costa, Executive Director of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development or the Lebanese Baptist Society. A faith-based organization with a mission to serve the Church in Lebanon and the Arab World through spiritual, social and educational development, the LSESD influences the region through equipping leaders for effective and collaborative service, often in highly challenging contexts. Raising awareness and addressing issues of poverty, vulnerability and the right to education for all, especially students with learning difficulties, are two rapidly growing ways through which the organization expresses its values. In parallel, the practical love of Christ is reflected in its response to the crisis in Syria, partnering with local churches and community-based organizations to alleviate the suffering of affected families.

INFORMATION CLASS

On Christian Faith & Church Membership

Sundays – 9:45 a.m. (March 6, 13, 20)

Are you interested in learning more about the Christian faith, Baptism, Communion and Yorkminster Park and what's involved in joining the church? Please join Peter and Dale in their offices Sunday mornings.

BOARD OF MISSION



An exciting opportunity to serve in mission is to the **Oneida Nation of the Thames in conjunction with First Oneida Baptist Church.** It is a week of day camp for children ages 5–12 at the Standing Stone Elementary School located near London, Ontario. The trip is from July 25–29. If this 'stirs' your heart, contact one of the team leaders and plan to attend an information session on **March 13th** in the Library right after the morning service.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on Sunday, March 6, 2016 following the morning worship service, for the purpose of considering and approving the financial statements for the year 2015 and the proposed budget for 2016. Minutes of the November 22, 2015 Fall Business Meeting are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall. The Annual Reports and the Proposed Consolidated Budget for 2016 will be available on Sunday, February 28. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

*David Wilson,
Church Clerk*

World Day of Prayer Churches-on-the-Hill Service

Friday, March 4, 2016 at 1:00pm

Grace Church-on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road, Toronto

Gather with friends from 170 countries around the world as well as 2000 communities across Canada. This year's theme—"Receive children, receive me" - was written by the women of Cuba.

All are welcome to join us for the service and a reception afterwards.

SALT AND LEAVEN -

Monday February 29, 2016 - Potluck Supper

At the home of Janet Holmes, 12 Weybourne Crescent - 6:30 pm

All women are warmly invited for an evening apart and a time of encouragement and inspiration as we enjoy a meal together. Some "Retreat Reflections" will be shared as well.

Please know that a homemade contribution is not necessary! We look forward to welcoming you. This is a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintances and to meet new friends.

The Rev. Dale Rose is on vacation this week. In his absence please direct all pastoral concerns to the Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes.

Commonwealth Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, March 13th at 11:00am for the 2016 Commonwealth Day Observance Service. The Queen's Commonwealth Day message will be read by the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and there will be a reception with Her Honour in the Friendship Room after the service.

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016
AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Every Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am The Letters of Paul Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am Youth Fellowship, Room 510
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:20pm Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm Full Life Group, Room 508

Today

9:45am Reception with Nabil Costa, Friendship Room
11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
12:30pm Retreat Planning Meeting, Red Board Room
12:30pm Lenten Study, Room 508
7:00pm Rev. John Torrance, Choral Evensong

Monday

7:00am Men's Lenten Bible Study, Friendship Room
6:30pm Salt and Leaven, offsite
7:00pm Lenten Study, Library
7:30pm Liturgical Dance, Gymnasium

Tuesday to Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex

Tuesday

9:30am Ministerial Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gymnasium
12:10pm Lunchtime Chamber Music Concert, Sanctuary - U of T Rising Stars
5:30pm Deacons and Finance Executive Meeting, Library
6:00pm Lenten Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
7:00pm Board of Deacons, Friendship Room

Wednesday

12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital—Conrad Gold
6:45pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym
7:00pm Lenten Study, Friendship Room

Thursday

10:00am YP Women's Executive, Fifth Floor Boardroom
12:00 pm Community Basketball, Gymnasium
12:00pm Lenten Bible Study, Library
7:00pm Lenten Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite
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
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gymnasium
6:00pm Youth Event—Girls' Spa Night, Room 508
6:30pm Bay Street Life Group, offsite

Saturday

3:00pm Walking Life Group, offsite

Sunday

11:00am Rev. Dale Rose
12:15pm Annual Business Meeting, Heritage Room
6:30pm Preludes performed by Heléna Bowkun, piano
7:00pm Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Join us next Sunday evening when the Preludes will be performed by **Heléna Bowkun**, piano, at 6:30pm before the evening service at 7:00pm.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Have you seen the brochure advertising the church retreat?

Please DO read it over and seriously consider coming!

Please DO NOT think that this retreat is for other people or other generations besides you and your family!

The All-Church retreat is for all ages and stages. As of February 14th 63 people are registered, and five cabins are already sold out. Come to the registration booth outside the Friendship Room in the Centre Hall after the morning service **today**. We recognize it is early to register for an event on May 13-15, but to reserve the rooms, we have to finalize our booking early in March.

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. Youth are encouraged to join Doxa Youth Worship in Cameron Hall today.

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.

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