

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 4, 2016
Iona Liturgy



Evening Worship Service, December 4, 2016—7:00 pm
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Preludes

Call to Worship

Hymn 450—Jesus calls us here to meet him (*Lewis folk melody*) (*Omit vs. 4*)

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Responsive Acclamation

ALL STAND

Hymn 240—Come Holy Spirit (*vs. 1 & 2*) (*Breath of Heaven*)

Leader: When the lights are on and the house is full and laughter is easy and all is well...

All: Jesus said, “Behold I stand at the door and knock.”

Hymn 240—Come Holy Spirit (*vs. 3*) (*Breath of Heaven*)

Leader: When the lights are low and the house is still and the talk is intense, and the air is full of wondering...

All: Jesus said, “Behold I stand at the door and knock.”

Hymn 240—Come Holy Spirit (*vs. 4*) (*Breath of Heaven*)

Leader: When the lights are off and the house is sad, and the voice is troubled and nothing seems to go right...

All: Jesus said, “Behold I stand at the door and knock.”

Hymn 240—Come Holy Spirit (*vs. 5*) (*Breath of Heaven*)

Leader: And tonight, always tonight, as if there were no other people, no other house, no other door...

All: Jesus said, “Behold I stand at the door and knock.”

Hymn 240—Come Holy Spirit (*vs. 6, 7, & 8*) (*Breath of Heaven*)

Hymn 56—Word of justice (*Litany of the Word*)

Prayer (*Seated*)

The Rev. Dale Rose

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, stay with us, for the day is ending. Bring to our house your poverty.

All: For then we shall be rich.

Leader: Bring to our house your pain,

All: That sharing it we may also share your joy.

Leader: Bring to our house your understanding of us,

All: That we may be freed to learn more of you.

Leader: Bring to our house all those who hurry and hobble behind you,

All: That we may meet you as the Saviour of all.

Leader: Bring to our house your Holy Spirit,

All: That this may be a cradle of love.

Leader: With friend, with stranger, with neighbour, and the well-known ones, be among us tonight,

**All: For the doors of our house we open.
And the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.**

All: The Lord's Prayer

Word of God

Leader: O God of the weak, O God of the lowly, O God of the righteous, O Shield of your people,

All: Speak now through your word

Holy Scripture—Genesis 15:1-6

Luke 1:5-17

Hymn 567—Sing the Gospel of Salvation (*Pleading Saviour*)

Homily—"When Waiting Gets in the Way"

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Offering

The Rev. Dale Rose

Interlude

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Dale Rose

Hymn 531—Above the moon earth rises (*Salley Gardens*)

Evening Prayers

People are invited to come forward and light a small votive candle and place it on the table, inviting us to offer a prayer for a particular person for whom they are concerned.

As they light the candle they shall say:

Let us pray for (first name only)

Lord, hear my prayer.

All: At the throne of heaven.

Once the candles are lit...

Leader: Christ of the cosmos, Living Word, come to heal and save. Come from the depths of eternity, unfolding the purposes of God. Come from the dawn of time, shaping the universe: Divine expression, mystery made known.

All: *Into your quiet hidden way, come to heal and save. Incognito, in our streets, beneath the concrete, between the cracks, behind the curtains, within the dreams, in aging memories, in childhood wonder, in secret ponds, in broken hearts, in Bethlehem stable, still small voice, Word of God, amongst us. Amen.*

Hymn 563—Jesus Christ is waiting (*Noel Nouvelet*)

Blessing

*Christ stands before you, and peace is in his mind.
Sleep in the calm of all calm, Sleep in the guidance of all guidance,
Sleep in the love of all loves: Sleep beloved, in the God of life.*

Response

Postlude

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Chancel are placed in loving memory of
GERARD HANNAHSON COLLINS (GERRY)
By Earlane*

*We are grateful to **Eric Robertson** for arranging the music and musicians for this evening's service. Eric and his wife, Colleen, are part of the YP worshipping community. Eric was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and began studying organ at Toronto's Royal Conservatory at the age of 15. He has given his life to the music of the church serving as Director of Music and organist at three churches over the last 40 years. Eric is also a composer and producer and has won two Gemini awards and composed more than 60 scores for film and television. He has produced and played on recordings of many well known artists.*

*Juno award winning harpist, **Erica Goodman**, is a native of Toronto and studied harp at the Royal Conservatory as well as at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. Erica has performed as a solo artist with many of the leading symphonies in Canada, the U.S. and Europe as well as at music festivals around the world. Erica has played on hundreds of television and film scores and can be heard on a number of solo recordings.*

*Juno award winner **John Johnson** is a legendary jazz musician who specializes in the saxophone, flute, piccolo, clarinet and harmonica, though it is often said he can play all instruments. He has played many guest spots with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and been a featured artist with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, he has lent his talents in concert and recordings with many of today's top popular artists.*

Pastoral Care

Prayers for Healing & Blessing are offered in the Centennial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service for all who wish a lay reader to pray with them.

Each **Tuesday at 9:30am**, you are invited to join the Ministerial team for intercessory prayer. If you have a prayer request, you may submit it on the Welcome Card and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **10am to 3pm**.

Other Christmas Concerts at Yorkminster Park

The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir's Festival of Carols

Wednesday December 7 at 7:30pm, TMC will be joined by the Salvation Army's National Staff Band and David Briggs on the organ. For tickets go to - <http://www.tmchoir.org/201617-season/festival-of-carols/>

Orpheus Choir of Toronto—Welcome Christmas!

Tuesday December 13 at 7:30pm, Orpheus will be joined by the Hannaford Street Silver Band, gospel songstress Jackie Richardson, and Peter Holmes as narrator on a new composition by Len Ballantine. For tickets go to - <http://www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com/event/traditions-welcome-christmas/>

Amadeus Choir of Toronto—Winter Lullabies

Saturday December 17 at 7:30pm, With the Bach Children's Chorus, harpist Erica Goodman and composer Eleanor Daley. For tickets call 416-446-0188.

Children's Ministries

Children's Christmas Mission Project

People Make the Difference: 'A is for Appreciate.' The children of Yorkminster Park invite you and your friends to provide items for gift baskets of appreciation for the staff at Standing Stone Elementary School. These gifts will reinforce our partnership with the people of Oneida by encouraging those who are behind the scenes.

How can you help? Bring unwrapped gift items on or **before December 11th**. Some gift suggestions: Chocolates and other treats, gift cards: Tim's, Starbuck's, Movie Gift Cards, The Keg, Red Lobster, KFC, David's Tea; decorative scarves, warm mittens that are appropriate for men or women (for yard duty), bath oil, hand and body lotion...etc.

If you would prefer to offer a cheque donation please make it out to 'Yorkminster Park Baptist Church' and designate it for the 'Children's Mission Project'. Thank YOU!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS @ YPBC

• THE 8TH ANNUAL **CITY** •
CAROL SING

In collaboration with **City**,
in support of Food Banks across Canada

SATURDAY, DEC. 3
2:00 PM

CHOIRS • BRASS • ORGAN • READINGS
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



**ALEXIS
GORDON**



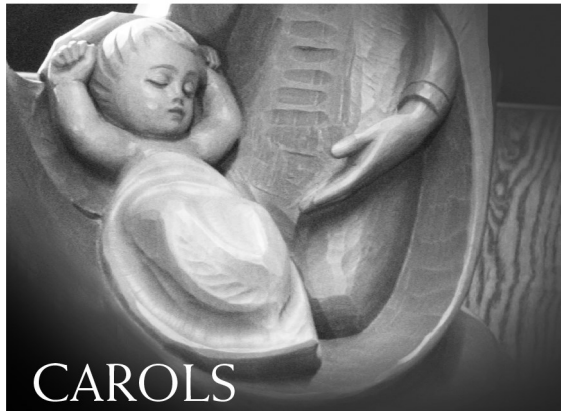
**KENNETH
WELSH
AND**



**KEVIN
FRANKISH**

THE TRUE NORTH BRASS

FREE ADMISSION



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:30PM

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring
choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4:30PM

Following the historic tradition of King's College
in Cambridge.

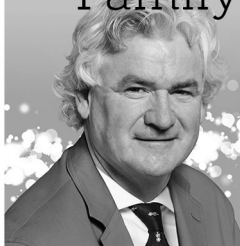
FREE ADMISSION. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

John McDermott Family Christmas

December 22, 2016 7:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased at the
church office and at the door:
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20
or online at: **EVENTBRITE: \$21.80**
www.eventbrite.com

*A fundraiser on behalf
of the House of Compassion*



BUNDLE UP FOR

Bethlehem ON *Yonge*

LIVE NATIVITY w/ ANIMALS

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.

Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park



This Week at Yorkminster Park: December 4, 2016

Every Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room 120
10:00am Youth Fellowship, Cameron Hall
10:00am Choristers, Room 203C
10:00am Pilgrim with Jesus, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am Parenting Life Group, Youth Zone 508
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213

Monday

7:00am Men's Morning Brew Bible Study, Friendship Room 302

Tuesday

9:30am Prayers, Chapel (*all are invited to join*)
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:10pm Lunchtime Chamber Music, Main Sanctuary; *Laurel Swinden*
5:30pm Deacons Executive meeting, Friendship Room 302
7:00pm Board of Deacons & Finance Meeting, Friendship Room 302

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital, Main Sanctuary; *Imre Olah*
5:00pm Out of The Cold, Gymnasium
7:00pm TMC Festival of Carols Christmas Concert, Main Sanctuary

Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
6:30pm Divorce Care, Youth Zone 508
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, Offsite
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

9:15am Senior Gentle Fitness—Low Intensity, Youth Zone 508
10:15am Senior Gentle Fitness—Moderate Intensity, Youth Zone 508
5:45pm Bay Street Life Group, Offsite (note change of time from Brochure)

Saturday

10:00am Christmas Garland Setup, Main Sanctuary
4:00pm Refugee Celebration Reception, Friendship Room 302

Next Sunday

11:00am The Rev Dr. J. Peter Holmes, White Gift Sunday, Main Sanctuary
7:00pm Carols By Candlelight, Main Sanctuary

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. 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 Narthex*.

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 Narthex*. 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 Narthex is located in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

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