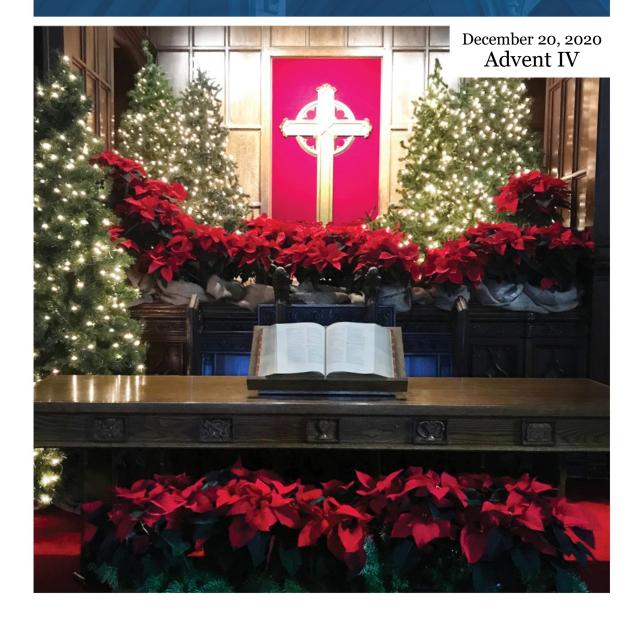
WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



Morning Worship Service-December 20, 2020-11:00 am-Advent IV

(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)
*Congregation Stands

Preludes—Christe, Redemptor omnium

Es ist ein ros'

Healey Willan Johannes Brahms

*Welcome

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

*Hymn 78—O come all ye faithful (*Adeste Fideles*)

O come, all ye faithful,

joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him

born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore him,

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Christ the Lord!

God of God,

Light of Light,

lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

very God,

begotten, not created:

See how the shepherds,

summoned to his cradle,

leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;

we too will thither

bend our joyful footsteps:

Sing, choirs of angels,

sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

glory to God

in the highest:

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Paula Willis

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Ricardo, Christina, Maya and Ricky

The Lord's Prayer (seated)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit—Star Carol John Rutter

Choristers

Conductor: jessica Willingham; Pianist: Crystal Wiens

*Responsive Reading—Luke 1:46b-55

The Rev. Paula Willis

Leader: "My soul magnifies the Lord,

People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Leader: for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

People: for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

People: he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Leader: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

People: according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*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 60—Away in a manger (Cradle Song)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Prayer with the Children The Christmas Story Heather Mackey Family Ministries Team Announcements The Rev. Dale Rose

Scripture—Isaiah 52:7-10 John 1:1-14

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Offering

On entering the house the magi saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2: 11

Anthem—O little town of Bethlehem

H. Walford Davies

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn 88—What child is this (Greensleeves)

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? this, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds worship and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him praise the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Come, have no fear, God's Son is here, his love all loves exceeding: nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, all tongues and peoples own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let every heart enthrone him: raise, raise your song on high while Mary sings a lullaby, joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Sermon—Good News!

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

*Hymn 72—Joy to the world (*Antioch*)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Postlude-Nöel Suisse

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

Please remain seated during the Postlude. The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

Quartet

Emily Lapin, soprano; Ariana Maubach, alto Tyler Cervini, tenor; Lutzen Riedstra, bass

Offering Envelopes

2021 weekly and monthly offering envelopes were mailed out to congregants over the past week. If you have not received your offering envelopes by December 31, 2020, please <u>contact Cody</u> at the Church office.

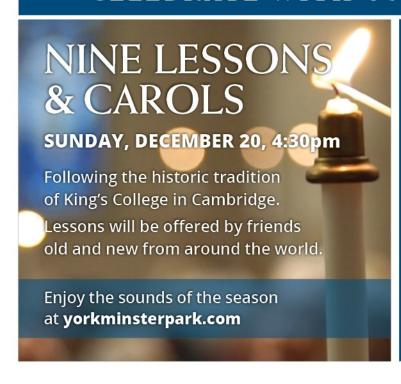
Financial Update

General Fund Revenue and Expenses January 1st to November 30, 2020

	2020		2019	
	YTD Actual		YTD Actual	
Offerings excluding amounts for Missions*	\$	815,264	\$	846,532
Other Revenues (excluding Recoveries from Trust Funds)	\$	352,683	\$	301,377
Total Revenue	\$	1,167,947	\$	1,147,909
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$	1,416,902	\$	1,531,221
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$	(248,955)	\$	(383,312)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$	70,141	\$	65,848
Operating deficit	\$	(178,814)	\$	(317,464)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$	112,782	\$	135,631

Thank you for your continuing support of Yorkminster Park and its ministries during COVID-19. Included in Other Revenues is \$199,964 received as COVID Salary Support (CEWS) from the Government of Canada. Offsetting this is the loss in Use of Facilities Revenues to November 30

CELEBRATE WITH US ONLINE



window on the WORLD

At the conclusion of the service there will be an opportunity to hear more from each of our readers as conversations with them will be posted to the Windows on the World page on our website >



Our **Family Ministry Team** miss seeing your smiling faces! Even though our method may be different, our mission is the same! We strive to equip families to grow further in their faith development and help nurture their relationship with Christ.

Every Friday we email families the following **Virtual Ministry** opportunities:

Family Ministry lesson plans
Family Ministry Teaching Video
Children's Ministry (Lighthouse) Teaching Video
Youth Ministry (DOXA) Teaching Video
Praise Song(s) Worship Video
Craft Videos
Weekly Prayer
Collage of children/youth artwork and pictures

If you are not signed up for our **Family Ministries email list**, you can do so here.

We are also providing the following **Online Ministry** experiences:

Youth Ministry (DOXA Bible Study) Zoom Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm Youth Group experience Zoom Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm Family Ministry experience Zoom Tuesday 6:30-7:15pm

Please contact <u>Heather Mackey</u> for any questions, prayer requests and/or support at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com and/or call her at 416 -922-1167 X249 and she will do her best to get back to you.

Family Ministry Collage - December 20, 2020



CELEBRATE WITH US ONLINE

Advent and Christmas

Webcast Services yorkminsterpark.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 11:00 am SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

An online gathering and service for those who have experienced loss and grief this year.

Contact Dale Rose for the link.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT IV 11:00 am MORNING SERVICE

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching

4:30 PM FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Lessons offered by friends new and old from around the world. Stay tuned for conversations with these friends following the service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE 11:00 pm CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

With Iona Passage and RH Thomson Rev. Dr. J Peter Holmes preaching

FRIDAY, DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 am COMMUNION

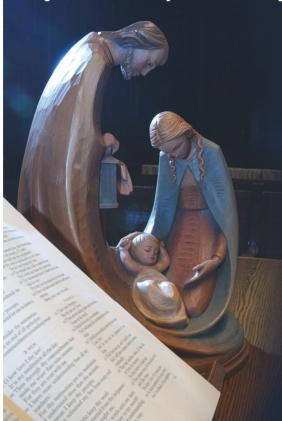
Rev. Dale Rose preaching

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 11:00 am MORNING SERVICE

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE 11:15 pm WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. Paula Willis preaching





Advent is also the perfect time to subscribe to WALKING TOGETHER, our **online** weekday devotional featuring meditations by members of our ministry team and others in the church family.

During Advent we will offer **Saturday reflections** featuring a different guest writer each week, including entries by the **Honourable David C. Onley**, the **Rev. Carolyn King**, **Milton Fletcher**, **Dr. Anna Robbins**, and the **Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson**.

If you are not yet already receiving WALKING TOGETHER in your email early each morning, **now is a good time to subscribe**. And, why not pass this notice on to a friend as an Advent gift inviting them to join us?

In this pandemic time of living in isolated bubbles we pray that by WALKING TOGETHER on our journey of faith we will be drawn closer to God and further into the fellowship we share in Jesus Christ.

CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE



Thurs. Dec. 17 Available from 7 pm on YouTube: St. Andrew's Church

For thousands of years faith communities have rallied to respond to crises of every kind.

Our current crisis requires bold new innovation from local congregations to meet the need for human connection while maintaining timeless bonds of caring for others. A special time for determination, imagination and resilience.

BRIAN STEWART

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LIFE ONLINE | YPBC LIFE GROUPS

Yorkminster Park has a variety of Life Groups that are now being conducted online. Everyone is welcome to join. Unless indicated otherwise, all sessions are conducted on **Zoom**.

SUNDAY	Time	Leader/s	Contact	
New Life Group	7:30-9:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	
Full Life Group	1:00-2:30pm	Janet Kim	je.kim@alumni.utoronto.ca	
Berean Bible Class Ephesians and Exodus	9:30-10:30am	Peter Ferguson	p.c.ferguson@outlook.com	
SATURDAY				
Singing Praises Life Group	6:00-7:00 pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	
Myosotis Singing Life Group Bi-weekly practice and fellowship	1st Saturdays: 6:00-7:00 pm 3rd Saturdays: 5:00-6:00 pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	
TUESDAY				
Women's Bible Study The book of Acts and the genesis of the early church	10:00-11:30am	Carol Belford	belfking.cd@sympatico.ca	
Family Ministry Zoom Weekly theme, scripture & prayer	6:30 -7:15pm	Heather Mackey	hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com	
WEDNESDAY				
Men's Morning Brew Journeying together in life and faith	8:45-9:45am	Stuart Campbell	sjcampbell 355@gmail.com	
THURSDAY				
Bay Street 2.0 (Prayer focused groups) Sessions conducted on Whatsapp	8:00 - 9:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	
FRIDAY				
Bay Street Life Group Spiritual awakening at work: Why do we work? For whom and How?	6:30-8:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	
DAILY				
Daily Exercise Group	9:00-9:30 pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com	

We are delighted that you have joined us!

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

Offerings: Please consider sending your offering in the mail to the church. Please send cheques, do not send cash if possible. You can also consider giving your offerings through the PAR program (PreAuthorized Remittance), Monthly Credit Card Offerings, online through CanadaHelps or contact our bookkeeper Estelle for other ways to donate.



Donate Online

Pastoral Care Prayers: In these unusual days of the COVID-19 concerns, our usual prayer services are suspended in person until further notice. This includes our Prayers for Healing and Blessing after the worship service, as well as our Tuesday Prayers in the Chapel. But please be assured that your pastoral staff are still praying for the needs of our congregation. We are also attempting to stay in touch with those members of our church family who may be more vulnerable and/or socially isolated. Please continue to pray for our people; stay in touch with friends and neighbours by phone or social media; and stay safe. If you have pastoral care needs or prayer requests, please contact our Minister of Pastoral Care, the Rev. Dale Rose or our Parish Nurse Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi.

Accessibility: If you need assitance getting to your seat and/or exiting at the end of the service, please ask at the registration table and you will be accommodated. A limited number of large-print calendars are available for use in worship. If you would like one, please ask at the registration table. Hearing assistance is not available at this time.

Parking: Please note that the Toronto Parking Authority has revised their policy concerning Special Parking Privileges for all of their car parks in Toronto. As a result, there is no free parking available for parishioners on Sunday mornings at the Alvin Street Green P car park. The church parking lot on the north side of the building on Glen Elm is still available for parking.

Stay Connected: The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website.

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

The Rev. Dale Rose Minister of Pastoral Care

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi, RN Parish Nurse Mr. William Maddox BMus, FTCL, FCAM Organist and Director of Music

> The Rev. John Torrance Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

Ms. Heather Mackey Director of Family Ministries

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