

WELCOME TO  
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 20, 2020  
Advent IV



**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,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
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.***

**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.*

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**Quartet**

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

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**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 [contact Cody](#) at the Church office.

## Financial Update

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

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
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

### NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 4:30pm**

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

Lessons will be offered by friends  
old and new from around the world.

Enjoy the sounds of the season  
at [yorkminsterpark.com](http://yorkminsterpark.com)

### 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 ►



CELEBRATE WITH US ONLINE

# Advent and Christmas

Webcast Services  
[yorkminsterpark.com](http://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







# WALKING TOGETHER in ADVENT

**ADVENT is the time of year we prepare our hearts  
for Christ's birth - and the season begins  
on Thursday, November 26th.**

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.

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ST. ANDREW'S  
HEART OF THE CITY  
SPEAKERS SERIES

# FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND COVID

**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**

MODERATOR



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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
<b>New Life Group</b>	7:30-9:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com
<b>Full Life Group</b>	1:00-2:30pm	Janet Kim	je.kim@alumni.utoronto.ca
<b>Berean Bible Class</b> Ephesians and Exodus	9:30-10:30am	Peter Ferguson	p.c.ferguson@outlook.com
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
<b>Singing Praises Life Group</b>	6:00-7:00 pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com
<b>Myosotis Singing Life Group</b> 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
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
<b>Women's Bible Study</b> The book of Acts and the genesis of the early church	10:00-11:30am	<b>Carol Belford</b>	belfking.cd@sympatico.ca
<b>Family Ministry Zoom</b> Weekly theme, scripture & prayer	6:30 -7:15pm	<b>Heather Mackey</b>	hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>Men's Morning Brew</b> Journeying together in life and faith	8:45-9:45am	<b>Stuart Campbell</b>	sjcampbell355@gmail.com
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
<b>Bay Street 2.0</b> (Prayer focused groups) <i>Sessions conducted on Whatsapp</i>	8:00 - 9:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
<b>Bay Street Life Group</b> Spiritual awakening at work: Why do we work? For whom and How?	6:30-8:00pm	Mary Han Nikhil Celly	drmaryhan@gmail.com
<b>DAILY</b>			
<b>Daily Exercise Group</b>	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 assistance 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.

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Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose  
Minister of Pastoral Care

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