

**DECEMBER 18, 2011**

**ADVENT IV**

**FESTIVAL OF  
NINE LESSONS  
AND CAROLS**



# Yorkminster Park

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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The Rev. John Torrance  
Interim Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna  
Minister of Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee  
Minister of Youth

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL  
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little  
Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Heather Hetherington  
Parish Nurse

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess  
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## MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 18, 2011

### ADVENT IV

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ*

**Preludes**      Offertoire      *Alexandre Guilmant*  
Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her, BWV 716      *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
**Played by Charles Udell**

**Processional Hymn 104 – O come, all ye faithful** (omit vs 3 and 4)  
(Adeste Fideles)

**Call to Worship**      **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

**Introit – Nativity Carol**      *John Rutter*

Choristers  
**Jessica Willingham**, director  
**Christel Wiens**, piano

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love and Invocation**      **Y.J., Michael, Ava and Noah**

**The Lord's Prayer**      **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

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, for ever and ever.  
(sung Amen)

**Children's Presentation – Joy, Joy - Stick Drama** (recording by David Phelps)

**Mary Edward and Sabrina Yacoub**, directors

**Hymn 734 – Away in a manger** (Cradle Song)

### **THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

Presented by the children and narrated by

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-16**

**Hymn \*SHB 8 – Angels we have heard on high**

(vs 1 & 2 – please remain seated) (Gloria)

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11**

**Hymn \*SHB 8 – Angels we have heard on high**

(vs 3 & 4 – please stand) (Gloria)

*(During the singing of this carol, Preschool and Kindergarten children move to the aisle to line up to move to the platform/stage)*

**Children's Song – Go tell it on the mountain**

**Preschool and Kindergarten Class**

**Kelly Dixon**, director; **Christel Wiens**, piano

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# 104

LUKE ii. 15.

**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, Christ the Lord.*

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- 2 True God of true God,  
Light of light eternal,  
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father,  
Begotten not created:
- 3 See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps:
- 4 Lo, star-led chieftains,  
Wise men, Christ adoring,  
Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ-child  
Bring our hearts' oblations:
- 5 Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
"Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest":
- 6 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

## Angels we have heard on high

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1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be,  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
*Gloria....*

3. Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria....*

4. See within a manger laid,  
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth.  
*Gloria....*

# 110

ISAIAH ix. 2-7.

**T**HE race that long in darkness pined  
Have seen a glorious light;  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.

2 To hail Thy rise, thou better Sun,  
The gathering nations come,  
Joyous, as when the reapers bear  
The harvest-treasures home.

3 To us a child of hope is born,  
To us a son is given;  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,

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4 His name shall be the Prince of peace,  
For evermore adored;  
The wonderful, the counsellor,  
The great and mighty Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread;  
His reign no end shall know:  
Justice shall guard His throne above,  
And peace abound below.

*John Morison, 1750-*

## Joy to the world

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King,  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrow grow;  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

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*To avoid wax dripping on clothes, please sit clear of the candles at the pew ends.*

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### ***Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols***

*Childcare offered in the nursery during Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.  
(The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.)*

**4:15 p.m. PRELUDES**      Es ist ein ros' entsprungen      *Johannes Brahms*  
Hymnus:      *Nicholas-Jacques*  
Creator Alme Siderum      *Lemmens*

**4:30 p.m. PROCESSIONAL HYMN 106 – Once in royal David's city (Irby)**

Verse 1 – **Courtney Flanagan**; Verse 2 – **Choir**;

Verse 3 – *Congregation stands to join the choir.*

**THE BIDDING PRAYER – (congregation seated)**      **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung Amen)**

**FIRST LESSON** – God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

**Genesis 3: 8-15**      **Geoffrey Chick**

**CHOIR: Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly Light**      *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**SECOND LESSON** – God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of earth be blessed.

**Genesis 22: 15-18**      **Vera Wong**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 83 - O come, O come, Immanuel**

*(Veni Emmanuel)*

**THIRD LESSON** – Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**      **Nazli Mir Bashiri**

**CHOIR: What cheer?**      *William Walton*

**FOURTH LESSON** – The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

**Micah 5: 2-4**      **Callum MacKay**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 105 - O little town of Bethlehem**

*(Forest Green, 718)*

**FIFTH LESSON** – The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

**St. Luke 1: 26-35, 38**      **Jessica Holmes**

**CHOIR: There is no rose of such virtue**      *John Joubert*

**SIXTH LESSON** – St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

**St. Luke 2: 1-7**      **Tom Hayes**

**CHOIR: Benedicamus Domino**      *Peter Warlock*

**SEVENTH LESSON** – The shepherds go to the manger.

**St. Luke 2: 8-16**      **Ettie Dawkins**

**CHOIR: Myn Lyking**      *R.R. Terry*

**EIGHTH LESSON** – The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

**St. Matthew 2: 1-11**      **William Maddox**



**CHOIR: While the world is lapped in sleep** *Trad., arr. R.S. Thatcher*  
(The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.)

**NINTH LESSON** – St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

**St. John 1: 1-14** **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 98- Hark! the herald angels sing** (*Mendelssohn*)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**DURING THE OFFERING**

In dulci, jubilo

*Flor Peeters*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Rev. John R. Torrance**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 107 - See amid the winter's snow** (*Humility*)

**BENEDICTION**

Choral Amen (*Maddox in G*)

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata (Symphony V)

*Charles-Marie Widor*

**TO OUR MUSICIANS**

To our Director of Music, William Maddox, the Choir, Minster Singers, and Choristers,  
and all who help to unwrap the gift of music at Yorkminster Park:

Like the angels you have proclaimed "Glory to God", announced tidings of great joy,  
and inspired us to run and see the Word who became flesh and dwelled among us.

Like the star you have pointed our way to the Source of joy and peace,  
and led us to worship Him with our gifts and our lives.

Thank you for your example of faithfulness, commitment, and excellence,  
not just at Christmas, but throughout the entire year.

The Board of Music

Please note that Noonday Organ Recitals resume  
Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 12:30pm

***CHRISTMAS SERVICES***

**BETHLEHEM ON YONGE STREET LIVE NATIVITY IN THE PARK - December 24, 5pm**

For more information, contact Miriam Little at 416-922-1361 or  
[mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com)

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**December 24, 11:15pm**

**Christmas Day Communion Service**  
**December 25, 11:00am**

**Watchnight Service**  
**December 31, 2011, 11:15pm**

**New Year's Service**  
**January 1, 2012, 11:00am**

**The December 2011 YPBC News** is available **online**, and there are limited copies in the  
Centre Hall, Narthex and the table near the Heath Street door.

## WELCOME

*Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 p.m. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex. 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. A large print version of this bulletin is available in the Narthex. If you would like one, please ask an usher.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Participants in The Christmas Story

**Choristers** Hazel R., Daniela G., Hannah B., Stefan M., Renée R., Peter A., Dylan X., Sydney K., Anthony R., Lindsey G., Alison S., Luke R., Hanna M., Julia X., Nancy A.

### Characters

Angels and Shepherds– Vaughn E., Taylor L., Sofia O., Magnus H., Cynthia C., Graham H., Cameron W., Rachel C., Ewan M., Cameron B., Laura C., Nicolette S., Gabriel D., Casey C., Tess C., Phillip K.  
Wisemen – Jack F., Luke A., Marcus O.

Star – Sarah F.

Mary and Joseph – Michelle K., Bryn B.

Actors in Joy Joy - Dylan X., Lindsey G., Sarah A., Alison S., Luke R., Callum M., Anthony R.

Go Tell It On the Mountain - Hugh R., Marlowe A., Noah D., Carter C., Michael R., Devon A., Leah T., Samuel V., Nathan V., Jacob M., Hanna C., Sophia K., Kenneth M., Toby L., Ava R., Karin H., Sophie B., Hope J., Ava D., Ella A., Liam A., Hilary W., Alexandra A., Calen B.

### "In Our Own Backyard" Mission Project

If you were here last Sunday, on December 11<sup>th</sup> you will have seen the incredible number of gifts that were brought to share with needy people in our city. Thank you for your generosity in helping Evergreen minister to homeless young people and Youth Unlimited to help marginalized families. In addition, there was an abundance of white gifts that went to Yonge Street Mission for some of their other ministries besides Evergreen.



Karen Robinson, Youth Unlimited and the resident-led Shoreham Court Animators of the Shoreham Court community would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for your generous response to the mission project 'In our own backyard'. This coming Saturday we will be able to offer parents in our community the means of providing gifts for their children. Your generosity will impact 150 children this Christmas season. Thank You! May you be deeply blessed this joyful season.

### This week in Children's Ministries

**First Look** – The monthly theme for December is 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever' and the memory verse is: "God has given a Son to us" - Isaiah 9:6. This week the scripture is taken from *Luke 2:8-18* - The angels tell about Jesus, the Angels and Shepherds. The bottom line that we want to impress on our preschoolers is: GOD GAVE US JESUS.

**252Basics** – The monthly theme is 'Generosity' and the memory verse is, "Be rich in good deeds... be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV. The scripture lesson is taken from *John 3:16-17; Luke 2:1-18*; The Great Gift Exchange (Jesus is born). This week the bottom line which we want to impress on our Grades 1 to 5 kids is: GOD GAVE THE GREATEST GIFT WHEN HE GAVE US JESUS.

## BOARD OF MISSION

### OUT OF THE COLD

We still need 6-8 more people for the morning shift (6am-8am).

**Donations of DVDs are welcomed.**

Please contact Denise Roeleveld at 416-483-0371 or den\_roe@sympatico.ca and/or  
Joyce Rankin at rankinj@rogers.com.

*IN NEED OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS? HERE ARE SOME 'HOPEFUL' OPPORTUNITIES...*



DISCOVER ON-LINE, THE EMAS CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE AT

[www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm](http://www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm)

(Education, Medical Aid and Service - Michael Wills)

There are some hard copies of the EMAS Christmas catalogue on the Centre Hall table



EXPLORE THE CBM CATALOGUE "HOPEFUL GIFTS FOR CHANGE" on the Centre Hall



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR STEP PARTNER - THE LEBANESE BAPTIST SOCIETY...

As we reflect on our identity in Christ this Christmas, may our prayer be for faithful and well-equipped Arab men and women who can reach out with the Good News to others in the Middle East/North Africa region who are yet to experience this amazing privilege.



FOODBANK CONTRIBUTIONS are always welcome and especially at Christmas. Please find our box in the Centre Hall and help to share Christmas with our neighbours.

### YP WOMEN



'Tis the season for new or renewal of Link and Visitor subscriptions. Envelopes are on the Centre Hall table and in boxes of women's offering envelopes. Please make your cheque for \$20 payable to "Yorkminster Park Women's Ministries" and place on the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Brady, your Link and Visitor promoter at 416-265-2616.



### BEACON YOUTH MINISTRY

**College and Career  
Sunday at 12:30pm**

in the Youth Room

Lunch will be provided

*Studying the letter to the Romans*

For more information, contact Sam Lee

slee@yorkminsterpark.com or  
416-922-1519.

We are looking for people to volunteer to provide lunch.

### Sunday Schedule

10am - Doxa, our youth worship service will be happening every week in Cameron Hall.

*Please pray that God will meet the youth at the service and that their lives will be transformed by Jesus Christ.*

11am - Everyone in the main service. After Prayer with the Children, junior high and senior high small groups meet in the Youth Zone.

### MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

**Thursday, December 22, noon** RSVP to the Church Office.

## YP TRAIL BLAZERS

On **Friday December 23, 2011** we will be hosting our first ever Yorkminster Park Trail Blazers award celebration event. Prizes shall be awarded. Food, refreshments and Christian merriment for all. We are extremely grateful that this ministry has blossomed into an outreach ministry to the community. We should always strive to make an impact for Christ on peoples' lives. Philippians 2:13 - "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." We thank our dear Lord that we have been able to labour for Him and that the results are God's.

## UPCOMING

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**For Rev. Kerr Spiers**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 4:30pm**

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?**  
Please see Narthex Audio Desk or Centre Hall for ballots which are due by **January 1, 2012**

## JOIN THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY



Be part of the Afternoon Mission Fellowship's annual adventure with Baptist women across Canada. Follow our guide, Carol Belford, into Mark's story of Jesus' encounter with the Syrophoenician woman. Then reach out to victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where your special offering will help CBM provide counselling, support groups, medical help, food aid and access to micro-credit. **Thursday, January 5 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich; tea and cookies are provided. All women and men are invited.

## COMING in JANUARY FOR YPBC WOMEN ...

**WHEN: Saturday January 28/2012 - 9 am - 3:30 pm**

**WHAT: "PRAYING IN COLOUR"** - A day long women's retreat with Rev. Cheryle Hanna

**WHERE: Novotel Toronto (North York) Yonge and Sheppard area - 3 Park Home Ave.**

Coffee, light refreshment and a full lunch included

Registration fee: \$40. Registration forms will be available early in January. Watch for details.

All women are warmly invited!

## 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2012 offering envelopes are in the NARTHEX today. Please pick up your set.

## 2011 Donations

All donations to be receipted for 2011 must be received by December 31, 2011. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 25<sup>th</sup> or hand-delivered to the finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2011. All donations postmarked December 31<sup>st</sup> must be received by January 5, 2012.

*Christmas Holiday Church Office hours:*

December 23, 2011 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

December 26, 2011 – church office closed

December 27, 2011 – church office closed

December 30, 2011 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

January 2, 2012 - church office closed

## **THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

### **Sunday**

- 9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
- 9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
- 9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
- 10:00am Choristers Rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:00am Parent Book Study – Raising Children, Room 504
- 10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
- 11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *Advent IV*  
(Classes for toddlers to senior high children after the Children's Prayer)
- 12:15pm College and Career Bible Study, Youth Zone
- 12:15pm Doxa Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, Cameron Hall
- 4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

### **Monday to Friday**

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

### **Tuesday**

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex

### **Wednesday**

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
- 6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room

### **Thursday**

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
- 11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
- 12:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting, Administrative Boardroom 502
- 12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto AA, Heritage Room

### **Friday**

- 7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

### **Saturday**

12:00pm Art Gallery, YP Centre

5:00pm Live Nativity Family Service, Park, Cameron Hall and Sanctuary

11:15pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

### **Next Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

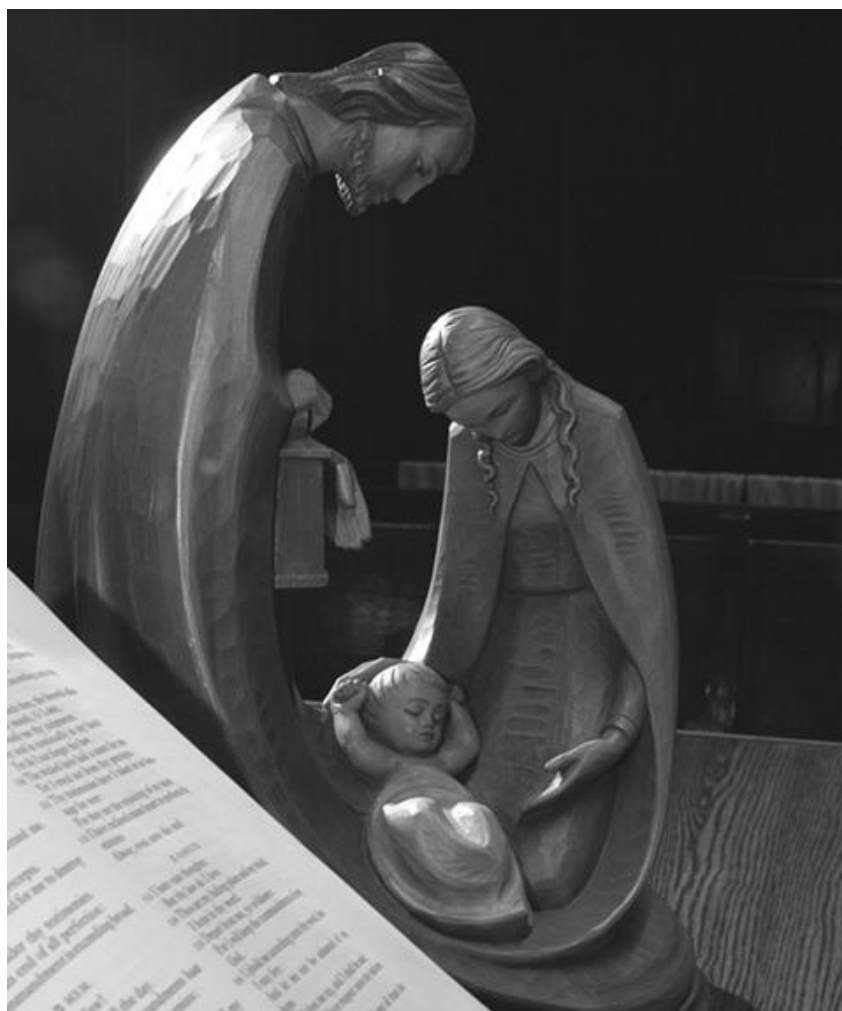
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213

11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

– *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*(Classes for toddlers to senior high children after the Children's Prayer)*

Please note that there will be no evening service on Christmas Day.



# *Prayer with the Children*

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Sunday mornings the YPBC children, along with our Minister of the Congregation Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes, will take us on a tour of YPBC's beautiful stained glass windows. Each week, one of the children is assigned a window to interpret in their own way. Their insights are shared with the congregation during the Children's Prayer.

Our presenter this week is Hilary, and the window she will share is taken from the clerestory (upper level) window in the south transept. The theme of this large window is the Life of Christ and it contains a number of sections with various events from Christ's life.

Three of the sections on the left hand side relate to the birth narratives in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The image today is found in the lower left corner and depicts the annunciation to the shepherds in the Judean hill country concerning the good news of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. The artist has used the bright image of the Star of Bethlehem to represent the angelic chorus. It is a reminder that in the star and the angels, "All heaven and nature sing."

The window was installed in 1955 as a memorial to E. Frank Wright, a lay leader in the congregation who was instrumental in the building of our church.

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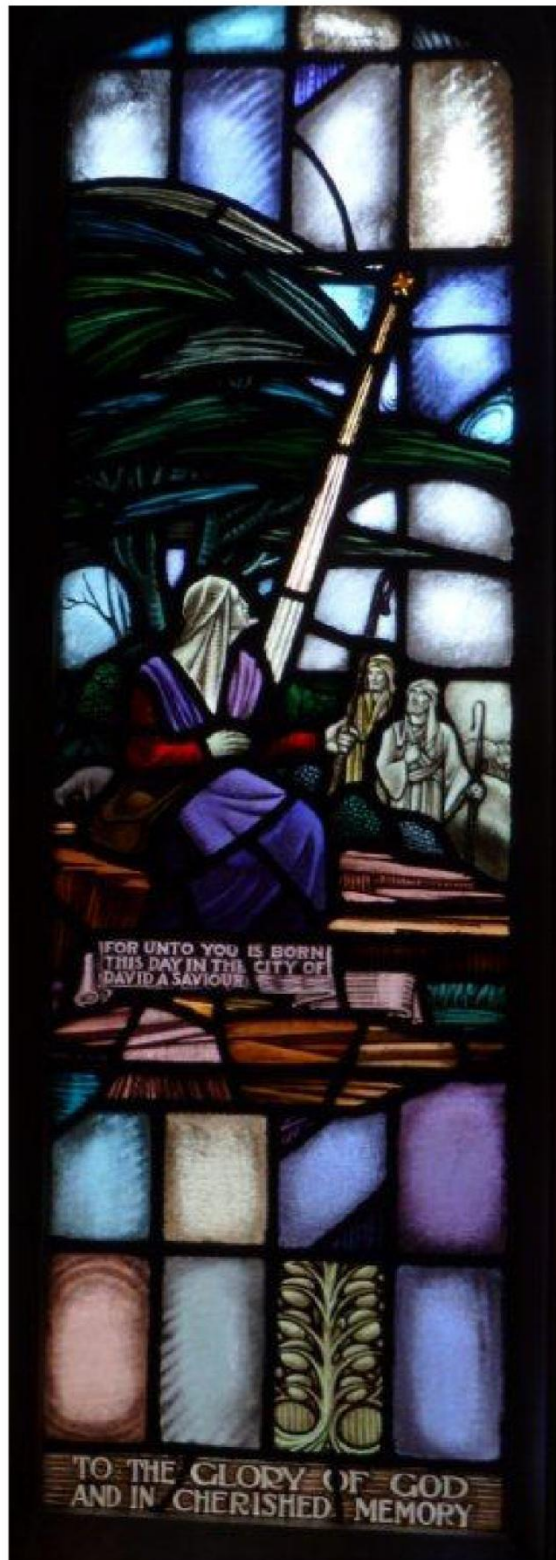
## **The Stained Glass Windows of Yorkminster Park - Online Slide Show**

You can view our windows in a slide show on our website.

Visit **[yorkminsterpark.com](http://yorkminsterpark.com)**

There is also a Stained Glass Windows booklet available in the Narthex.





*The Life of Christ Window*