

NOVEMBER 18, 2012



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Minister of Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee
Minister of Youth

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL
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MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 18, 2012

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes Two Preludes on Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg
Eustache du Caurroy

Played by Christel Wiens

Processional Hymn 35 – Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Was Lebet)

Responsive Call to Worship **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Minister: This is the place and this is the time.

Here and now God waits to break into our experience:

People: To change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;

Minister: To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light:

People: To fill us with hope, joy and courage for the way ahead.

Minister: This is the place as are all places;

This is the time as are all times

All: Here and now let us worship God.

Introit – (congregation seated) How can I keep from singing *Robin King*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing: It finds an echo in my soul - how can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? My Saviour still is living. What though the shadows gather round? A new song Christ is giving. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging: since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing: when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging: when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it; and day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing: all things are mine since I am Christ's – how can I keep from singing?

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (sung Amen) **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

(Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Responsive Psalm 121 (OT p.633) **The Rev. Karen R. Robinson Joseph**

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**

'In Our Own Backyard' Mission Project Presentation

Lindsey and Dylan

Announcements

Scripture Matthew 8:14-22 (NT p.8)

Sue Ericsson

Window on the Church – Out of the Cold

Dedication of the Out of the Cold Team and Prayer

Minister: Today we recognize those who have committed themselves to the ministry of Out of the Cold. I therefore invite the volunteer staff of the Out of the Cold ministry to rise and come forward.

My friends, you have responded to the call of God to offer a ministry of hospitality to the homeless of our city. Do you dedicate yourselves to this high and holy task of identifying with the poor with a humble mind, a compassionate spirit and a warm heart?

Response: We do, the Lord being our helper.

Minister: As a sign of appreciation of the commitment of these volunteers and of the church's support of this ministry, I invite the entire congregation to stand with these volunteers as a sign of our love and concern for all God's children. May our prayers surround these volunteers that they may be wise and sensitive in all their encounters and open always to the presence of Christ among the poor and lowly of heart. Through their example may we also be encouraged in the doing of good and kind deeds in the world and may all these good deeds lighten the load for those whose burdens are too heavy to bear alone and may the deeds also enlighten the path for those who are lost and without hope. In the hope of the risen Christ let us lift our eyes and offer our gifts and talents towards that day when poverty and hunger and homelessness will be no more. As a sign of this resolve, let us offer together in Christ's name our prayers for this world.

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*)

The Rev. Karen R. Robinson Joseph

The Prayer of St. Francis (unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Choral Response –

W. Maddox

O keep my soul and deliver me for I have put my trust in Thee.

Offering *Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. (Mark 10:43)*

Anthem – Justorum animae

Charles Villiers Stanford

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, in manu Dei sunt et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die, but they are at peace.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 561 – Who would true valour see (Monks Gate)

Sermon – THE GOD OF COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 52 – God is love (Abbot's Leigh)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in the Dorian mode)

Postlude

Toccata

Nicholas Jackson

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

**SHB - Supplementary Hymn Book "Sing to God's Glory"*

*Soloists: **Lois Bishop**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano; **Martin Houtman**, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.
Christel Wiens, Associate Musician*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

KEITH AND ELIZABETH TOPPIN

By Janet and Neil Swann

PRAYERS

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, members of the Pastoral Care Committee are present in the Chapel to offer **PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING** each Sunday, following the morning worship service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

VISITORS

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 comforted and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. Please fill out the Welcome card you find in the pew. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

- *City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 pm. 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.*
- *Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex Information table.*
- *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.*
- *Please find our quarterly newsletter on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables.*
- ***For children:** Nursery for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to grade 5 after the Children's Prayer.*
- *Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, reached through the Sanctuary. We invite you to participate with us.*
- *If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with the one of the ministers after the service or call the Church Office, 416-922-1167.*
- *If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park Baptist Church or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the card you will find in the pew and give it to an usher.*
- *Downstairs in the lower level, there are bulletin boards where we hang some church-related and community-related events. Next time you are in the lower level, take a moment and browse all of the events that are happening in our community.*

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkminster-Park-Baptist-Church/

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WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

2 Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine;
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

My Lord, you wore no royal crown

O Waly, Waly

Trad. melody



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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WHO would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2 Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
He'll with a giant fight,
But he will have a right
To be a pilgrim.

3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit:
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away,
He'll fear not what men say,
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

1 JOHN iv. 8.

GOD is love: let heaven adore Him;
 God is love: let earth rejoice;
 Let creation sing before Him,
 And exalt Him with one voice.
 He who laid the earth's foundation,
 He who spread the heavens above,
 He who breathes through all creation,
 He is love, eternal love.

2 God is love: and He enfoldeth
 All the world in one embrace;
 With unfailing grasp He holdeth
 Every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking
 Under sorrow's iron rod,
 All the sorrow, all the aching,
 Wrings with pain the heart of God.

3 God is love: and though with blindness
 Sin afflicts the souls of men,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 Holds and guides them even then.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 O'er us final triumph gain;
 God is love, so love for ever
 O'er the universe must reign.

EVENING SERVICE

Presiding – The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

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

Preludes Psalm Prelude, Set I, no. 2 *Herbert Howells*
Dalby's Fancy *Herbert Howells*

Processional Hymn 15 – Let us with a gladsome mind (Monkland)

Call to Worship

Introit – Kyrie eleison (Collegium Regale) *Herbert Howells*
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Please see the inside cover of the hymn book.

Holy Scripture 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (OT p.272)
Hebrews 10:11-25 (NT p.241)

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response *C.M. Palmer*
O let my prayer enter into Thy presence; incline Thine ear unto my calling. Amen.

Announcements and Offering

Anthem – The secret of Christ *Richard Shepherd*
For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 317 – I hunger and I thirst (St. Cecilia)

Sermon – REMEMBERING AND FORGETTING **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Preparation – And now, O Father, mindful of the love *Unde et memores*
Please see text at Hymn 307

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Loving God, we praise and thank you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ. We thank you for his life and ministry, announcing the good news of your kingdom and demonstrating its power in the lifting of the downtrodden, and the healing of the sick, and the loving of the loveless. We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross, for the redemption of the world, and for your raising him to life again, as a foretaste of the glory we shall share. We give you thanks for this bread and wine, symbols of our world and signs of your transforming love. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we may be renewed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and formed into his Body. This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Memorial Acclamation (unison)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Hymn 313 – Dear Lord, before we part (Franconia 463)

**Benediction (unison) - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

Choral Amen (Reading)

Choir Recessional Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon (Mode III.4, chant C.M. Palmer)

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping; that awake we may watch with Thee, and asleep we may rest in peace. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Gloria

**Communion at Yorkminster Park is open to all who love Christ
and seek to live in His ways.**

To address the needs of some congregants whose allergies have prevented them from fully participating in the Sacrament of Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

The Rev. Dale Rose has been out of the office this week, but will be returning on Tuesday. The Rev. Cheryle Hanna is beginning a week of holiday today. We are delighted to have the Rev. Karen Robinson Joseph assisting in the leadership of worship today. Rev. Robinson has an important ministry with vulnerable youth in the streets of Toronto. The YP Children’s Christmas Mission Project will be supporting her work this Christmas and we invite your support.

The December issue of the YPBC News will be published in early December. Articles/items are to be submitted by **30 November**. Materials are to be sent to pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca ; text to be in WORD and photos/illustrations to be in JPEG.

2013 offering envelopes are in the Narthex today. Please pick up your set.

Prayers in the Chapel. Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to join the Ministerial Staff as prayers are lifted to God for individuals, groups, ministry and mission organizations affiliated with Yorkminster Park. 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."

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

Centre Hall Greeters NEEDED

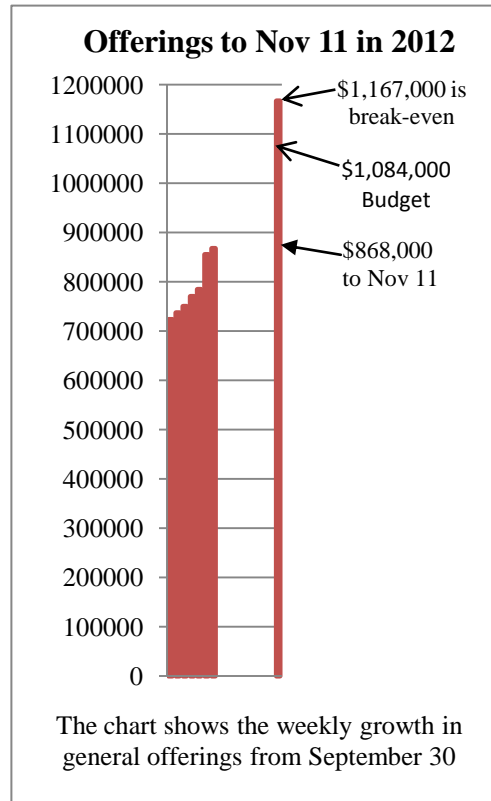
Greeters staff the Yorkminster Centre Welcome Desk from 10am to 2pm each weekday.

Contact Len Linton at 416-512-2080 or leonardlinton@rogers.com

An Update on Offerings in 2012

The chart opposite shows, in weekly increments from September 30, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2012 in order to meet the budget (leaving a deficit of \$82,100) or, better still, to break-even.

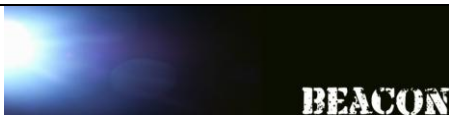
Historically, offerings during the last few months of the year have contributed significantly to the financing of the ministries of the Church. Similar commitments are needed again in 2012.



FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fall Business Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, November 25** immediately following the morning service. At the meeting, the Board of Deacons will propose nine amendments to the Church Constitution, six of which are minor housekeeping changes. Notice of the Proposed Amendments to the Church Constitution has been mailed or emailed to all members in accordance with the provision of the Church Constitution. Copies of the Notice and the actual proposed amendments are also available on the tables in the Narthex and Centre Hall, as are copies of the Minutes of the May 27, 2012 Business Meeting. Please bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

David Wilson, Church Clerk



BEACON YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

College and Career Wednesday Night, **7:30pm-9:30pm**
Continuing 'The Reason for God' Book Study

The Story – This Week
Chapter 10
"Standing Tall, Falling Hard"

One with Purpose
November 23, 7pm
At Evangel Temple 4190 Yonge Street.
Joint worship night by Toronto Youth Network

Laser Tag
November 24
drop off: 5:30pm @ church
pick up: 10pm @ church
cost: \$25 includes food
3 games included

We would love you to join our Church!

We invite you to consider joining Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and adding your voice to the chorus of voices that make up our church family. Church membership at Yorkminster Park is a way of confessing your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and affirming your place in our family and allowing us to affirm you in your faith journey.

You may join Yorkminster Park Baptist Church one of three ways:

1. **By Baptism**-When anyone is baptized at Yorkminster Park they are baptized into the family of Christ and into the membership of the church.
2. **By Letter of Transfer** from another church.
3. **On the basis of Christian experience**—Members of other Christian traditions to come into membership based on their confirmation or profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

To join our family, please speak with one of the ministers and register for Discipleship 101 by sending an email to channa@yorkminsterpark.com.

Discipleship 101

The primary focus is to prepare participants for Baptism and church membership. With this foundation each new believer and prospective member will be set on the right path and have a basis for future growth.

**The class will meet Sunday, November 25 – December 16
from 9:45 am until 10:30 am.**

PRAYERS IN SCRIPTURE
(A Visual Commentary)

Paintings by the old masters on themes from
Scripture.

Presented by Tom Hayes

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

7:30pm

Cameron Hall



THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Sunday

- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to junior high children after the Children's Prayer)
11:00am Doxa Youth Worship with Rev. Sam Lee, Cameron Hall
12:15pm Art Gallery 5th Anniversary Reception, Centre Hall
1:00pm Floor Hockey, Gym
7:00pm The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Monday to Friday

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

Monday

- 5:00pm Budget Committee Meeting, Administrative Boardroom 502

Tuesday

- 9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Drop in basketball, Gym
3:30pm Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom
4:30pm Property Committee Meeting, Administrative Boardroom 502
7:00pm Board of Mission, Library
7:00pm Board of Finance and Administration, Red Boardroom

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Sarah Svendson*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:00pm Prayers of the New Testament Bible Study, Friendship Room
7:00pm Board of Music, Red Boardroom
7:30pm College and Career Bible Study, offsite

Thursday

- 6:00am Out of the Cold, Heritage Room
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:00pm House of Compassion Board Meeting, Red Boardroom
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

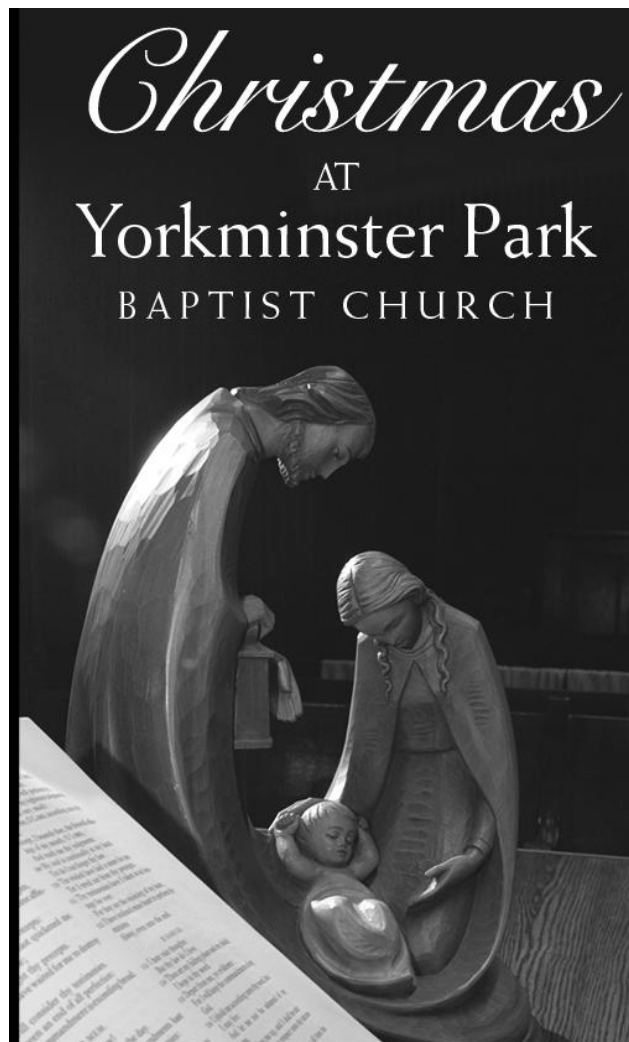
12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym

Saturday

6:00pm Youth at Laser Tag, offsite

Next Sunday – CHRIST THE KING

9:15am Minster Singers rehearsal, Heritage Room
9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Choristers, Room 203
10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
12:30pm Children's Stick Movement Practice, Gym
12:30pm Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
7:00pm The Rev. Dale Rose



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS NOTICES

COME JOIN US

Helpers needed for Christmas set-up of the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, November 27**. Our two beautiful Sanctuary Christmas trees will be put up. We need volunteers to help with the assembly of the trees, the fluffing of branches, the testing and installation of the lights and other related tasks. Even if you can only come for two or three hours, your help is important. Please come to the Church between **7:30am and 11:30am**.

PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES - Friday, November 30, 2012.

We will be leaving the church at 8 am and travelling by coach bus to visit a number of sacred spaces in the east end of the city. The pilgrimage will be co-led by Dr. Holmes, William Maddox and Corey Keeble of the Royal Ontario Museum. The price of \$50 will include lunch.

We plan to arrive back at the church no later than 5 pm. To register please contact Euan Ferguson (416-363-9900 or eujoferguson@sympatico.ca) or Don Deathe (416-463-8685 or don.deathe@sympatico.ca).

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE - Saturday, December 1, 11:00 am

If at this Christmas season you are experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness, or you would just like a break from the upcoming stress and busyness of the holiday season, please join us for a Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel. This is a quiet, contemplative service to help validate our feelings and draw us closer to God. A light lunch will follow in the Friendship Room.

Sunday, December 2, 4:30pm – Toronto Baptist Ministries Carolfest

You are invited to join our annual Carolfest Christmas celebration. Enjoy beautiful music of the season presented by a massed choir, with featured guests including the TC3 Dance Troupe, The Hilltop Ringers Handbell Choir and others. This is a chance to meet with friends from other churches and celebrate the diversity of our Association within the unity of our love for the Lord. All are welcome. The Carolfest offering will be used to budget TBM grants.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to a **Christmas Boutique**, featuring:

- Ethical gifts and FairTrade coffee, tea and treats from Ten Thousand Villages
- One-of-a-kind Lucinda pins from the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department
- Beautiful quilted bags and iPad cases created by Cheryl Hughes and
- Avon shopping with Nazli M- B.

Thursday, December 6, 12:00 to 2:00 in the Friendship Room.



Bells on Bay St. - The 12 Days of Christmas

Friday, December 07, 2012

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

The King Edward Hotel

Please email Nicole Paserin at intern@intriciti.ca to reserve a ticket or table. Space is limited.



Christmas Cookies for our elderly and homebound friends

Please bake and bring 4 dozen home-baked goodies to the Heritage Room Kitchen before the morning service of Sunday, December 9. Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.

**CAROLS
BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30 PM**

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Doors open at 3:30pm.

Child care for children 5 years and under.



SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH - 2:00 PM
AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

**Richard Margison, Russell Braun,
Lauren Margison & Fiona Reid**

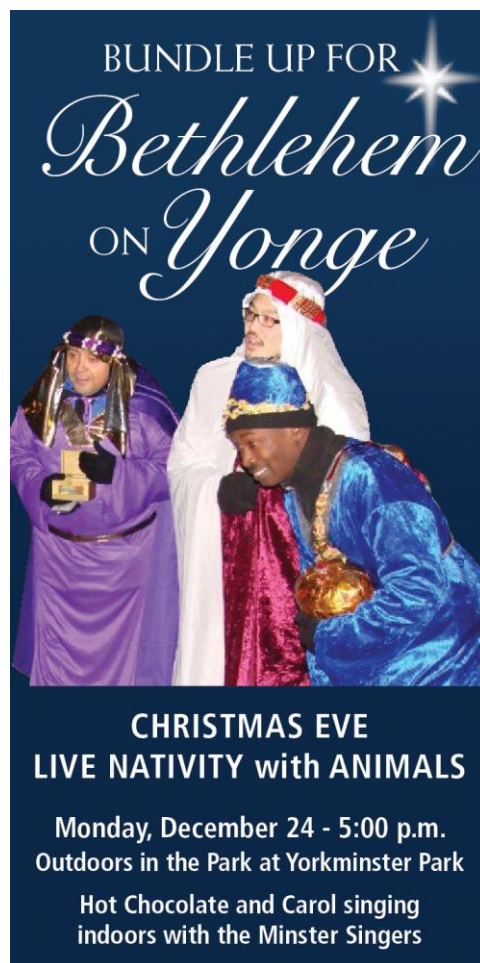
Featuring the Canadian Children's Opera Chorus,
the Larkin Singers, the choirs of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and
Christ Church Deer Park.

Admission is FREE, with donations being accepted for the
Churches-on-the-Hill Foodbank



With the support of
THE W. GARFIELD WESTON
FOUNDATION

Sunday, December 16, 4:30pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Following the historic traditions of King's College, Cambridge. Doors open at 3:30pm.
Childcare for children 5 years and under.



People of all ages will enjoy "Bethlehem on Yonge". Everyone is welcome.

Monday, December 24, 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A community of faith gathers together to recognize the light of Christ delivered as a little baby so long ago, and to share the light of Christ with each other and then take it into the world. It is a wonderful metaphor of the Christian walk that is incredibly renewing and unifying.

Tuesday, December 25, 11am – Christmas Day Communion

A quiet service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday, December 31, 11pm – Watchnight Service

A **watchnight service** is a late-night Christian church service. It is held late on New Year's Eve, and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and make confession, and then prepare for the year ahead by making new commitments. There is a deep sense of blessing for many that they have begun a new year with their sisters and brothers of the Christian family in God's house.

“In Our Own Backyard” Christmas 2012 Children’s Mission Project

Make a **difference** to people in our own city this winter.

Each year we have given gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. Like last year, we have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people **‘in our own backyard’!** We are collecting items to help a ministry here in the city.

A missionary supported by our congregation, Karen Robinson Joseph of Youth Unlimited, is working in an area of the city called Shoreham Court and a neighbouring community called Driftwood. These are dynamic neighborhoods filled with people from across the globe. These neighborhoods are Toronto Community Housing developments that have established a strong and active leadership group of residents called the Shoreham Court and Driftwood Animators. Youth Unlimited works closely with these leadership groups. Together they care deeply about keeping their neighbourhood safe and meeting the needs of families.

These are communities where many of the parents struggle to provide for their families. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for them. Often the parents don’t have money to buy gifts. We are partnering with them this year to help provide gifts.

How can you help?

- On or after November 18th you may pick up an empty gift bag, take it home and fill it. Or just bring a gift along and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall. (No wrapping is needed)
- Purchase a gift or several gifts suggested on the reverse of this pamphlet to be given to families in need.
- Bring the gift(s) to the church on or before December 9th, our White Gift Sunday.

Deadline! We will be collecting the items from November 18th until December 9th and they will be dedicated alongside the White Gifts that we bring on December 9th.

Note: White gifts are collected as a long standing tradition here at Yorkminster Park for Yonge Street Mission and can include food items or gifts for homeless youth, including small bottles of shampoo, deodorant and other personal items. These will be delivered to Yonge Street Mission while toys and gifts as described on the back of this page will go to Youth Unlimited.

Questions? Contact Miriam Little, Director of Children’s Ministries

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For more information about Shoreham and Driftwood communities, contact Karen Robinson, karen@youthunlimitedgta.com; 416-901-1625 ext 223

Christmas Celebration Wish List

Shoreham & Driftwood Communities

In partnership with:



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TOYS for children 0-12 (NEW items please)

- Infant & toddler toys
- Play sets
- Cars, trucks, boats, trains
- Books & board games
- Dolls
- Colouring books & markers
- Lego & Duplo building toys
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Basketballs, soccer balls, & hockey equipment
- Bicycles & tricycles

Smiles on all our children's faces...

Youth
 Ages 13 - 17

this age group loves the freedom to select their own gifts:

- Gift cards... gift cards... gift cards!! Favourites include: HMV, iTunes, Famous Players or Cineplex, Wal-Mart, Chapters, Yorkdale Mall, etc.
- Electronic games, board games, books
- Sports Equipment

Your gifts will make it possible for the Shoreham Court and Driftwood Animators in partnership with Karen Robinson Joseph and Youth Unlimited to bring joy and hope to struggling families with children and youth living in Toronto Community Housing this year.



'tis the season to bring joy!

Shoreham Court Animators are residents devoted to implementing change for children & families



Esther Lovrics (d)
Moth Orchid | Watercolour

YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY - 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Opening reception today at 12:30pm

Peter Holmes will re-dedicate the gallery and architect Douglas Brown will open our retrospective. Please join many of the artists who comprise our five-year history.