

DECEMBER 23, 2012

ADVENT IV



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# 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. 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  
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little  
Director of Children's Ministries

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess  
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**MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 23, 2012**

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

**Preludes**      Dans une douce joie      *Marcel Dupré*  
                         Vom himmel hoch      *Johann Pachelbel*

**Played by Christel Wiens**

The Holy Boy      *John Ireland*

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

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

**Introit – Born This Christmas Day**      *Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid*

**The Choristers**  
**Jessica Willingham, Director**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love and Invocation**      **The Florio Family**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)**      **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

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

**Children's Presentation – "Oh Holy Night" - Stick Drama (arranged by Point of Grace)**  
**Mary Edward and Sabrina Yacoub, directors**

**Congregational 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 (NT p.59-60)**

**Hymn \*SHB 8 – Angels we have heard on high (vs 1 & 2 – please remain seated) (Gloria)**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11 (NT p. 2)**

**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 Chancel)*

**Children's Song – Mary Had a Baby**

**Preschool and Kindergarten Class**

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

**Prayer with the Children**      **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**The Mystery Box**      **Elliot**

**Announcements**

**Hymn 100 – Infant Holy (Infant Holy)**

**Pastoral Prayer (seated)**      **The Rev. Dale Rose**

**Advent Prayer \*\* (unison)**

**God of joy and exultation, you strengthen what is weak; you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Choral Response**      *S. Alec Gordon*

Hear my prayer, O Lord my God. Harken to my supplication; be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen.

**Offering**      *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, King to own Him.*  
*The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

**Anthem – What sweeter music**

*John Rutter*

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honor to this day, That sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter’s morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, Thus, on the sudden? Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be: ‘Tis He is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and luster, public mirth, To heaven, and the under-earth. We see him come, and know him ours, Who, with his sunshine and his showers, Turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room To welcome him. The nobler part Of all the house here, is the heart. Which we will give him; and bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath, To do him honour, who’s our King, And Lord of all this revelling. What sweeter music can we bring, Than a carol for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King?

**Doxology Hymn 766**

**Sermon – CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IV: Glory to God**

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

**Recessional Hymn \*SHB 52 – Joy to the world (Antioch)**

**Benediction**

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

**Choral Amen (Smith of Durham)**

**Postlude**

O nata lux de lumine

*Flor Peeters*

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

*\*SHB - Supplementary Hymn Book “Sing to God’s Glory”*

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*Soloists:*

*Jessica Willingham, soprano; Dawn King, soprano; Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano; Martin Houtman, tenor; Stephen King, baritone.*

*Christel Wiens, Associate Musician*

**Please note that we will not have 7pm evening services until January 6, 2013.**

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

*The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by the  
**YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN**  
to celebrate the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING**

Immediately following the service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Chapel for all who wish a minister to pray with them. 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/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkminster-Park-Baptist-Church/)***

## Participants in The Christmas Story

**Readers** Jack F., Sarah F.

**Choristers** Alexandra A., Alison S., Anthony R., Calen B., Carter C.; Dylan X., Hazel R., Hanna M., Hannah B., Lale T., Lindsey G., Luke R., Olivia, Peter A., Renée R., Stefan M., Zach D.

### **Characters**

Angels and Shepherds– Andrew K., Ava R., Casey C., Chrisopher M., Daniela G., Ella A., Emeline E., Emily M., Gabriel D., Hilary W., Melvyn F., Paige M., Taylor L., Vaughn E.

Magi – Cameron W., Maya B., Sydney K.

Star – Jamie P.

Mary and Joseph – Cynthia C., Ewan M.

Actors in O Holy Night - Anthony R., Callum M., Laura C., Luke A., Luke R., Michelle K., Renée R., Sarah A.

Mary had a Baby – Benjamin A., Carter C., Cruz W., Devon A., Elliot P., Gavin S., Hanna C., Hugh R., Jason Y., Kenneth M., Leah T., Liam D., Logan E., Lukas J., Madeline W., Marcus A., Michael R., Olive L., Ricardo B., Sarah R., Shi A., Sophia K., Sophie T., Toby L., Zach D.

## THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

### 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, Cameron Hall  
12:30pm Bethlehem on Yonge Character Orientation, Friendship Room

**Please note that there is NOT an evening service tonight.**

### Monday to Friday

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

### Monday

- 5:00pm Bethlehem on Yonge, Park, Cameron Hall, Sanctuary  
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

### Tuesday

- 11:00am Christmas Day Communion, Sanctuary

### **Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices**

December 25 – Church offices closed

December 26 – Church offices closed

### Wednesday

- 6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room

### Thursday

- 6:00am Out of the Cold, Heritage Room  
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room  
10:00am Open Door, Narthex  
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym  
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room

### Friday

- 12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym

### Next Sunday – CHRISTMAS I

- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213  
11:00am The Rev. Dale Rose

Please note that there will **not** be an afternoon or evening service on December 30.

## Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices

December 31 – 8:30am to 12 noon.

January 1, 2013 – Church offices closed

Noonday Organ Recitals resume Wednesday, January 9, 2012 at 12:30pm

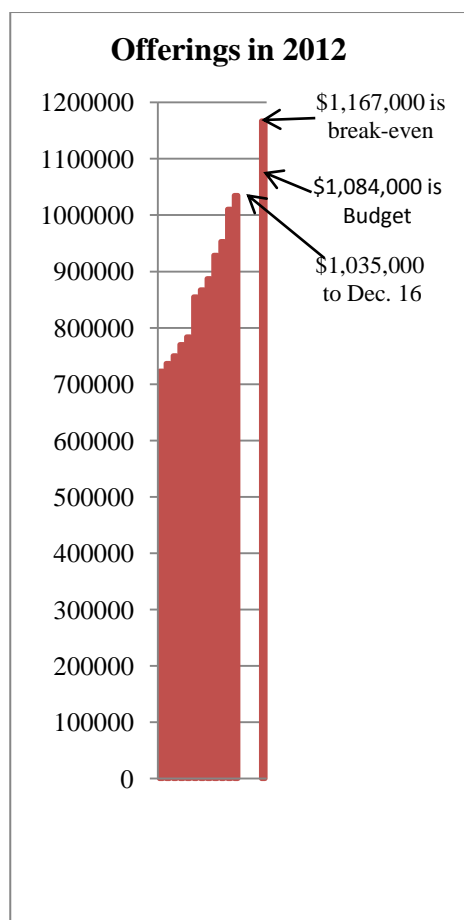
The December 2012 YPBC News is available **online**, and there are limited copies in the Centre Hall, Narthex and the table near the Heath Street door.

### 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.

As of December 16, the general offerings in the year to date were 89% of the amount needed for the Church to break even for the year.

Historically, offerings during the last few weeks of the year have contributed significantly to the financing of the ministries of the Church. Similarly generous commitments are needed again during the last half of December.



### BEACON YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sam Lee at [slee@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:slee@yorkminsterpark.com)

*The Story – This Week – Chapter 14 “A Kingdom Torn in Two”*

Youth are encouraged to attend services with their parents.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## CHRISTMAS NOTICES

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS at YP on TV

Our Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> **CITY Carol Sing** will appear on **CITY TV**  
**Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>**

7-8PM Citytv Toronto, Citytv Winnipeg, Citytv Edmonton, Citytv Calgary and Citytv Vancouver  
6-7PM Citytv Saskatchewan

**Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Toronto 3-4PM

Vancouver noon- 1PM

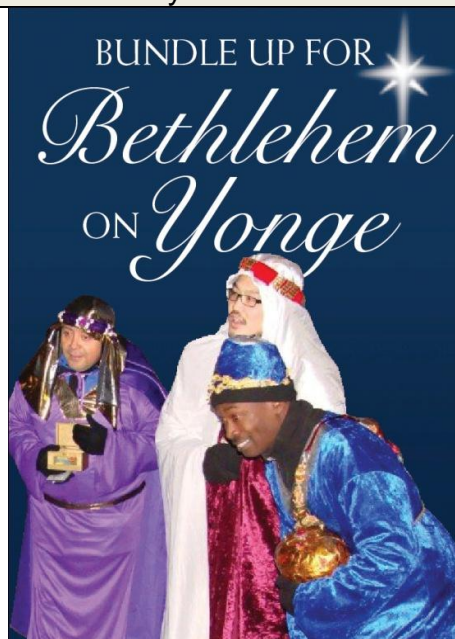
Winnipeg 2-3PM

Calgary/ Edmonton/Saskatchewan 6-7PM

**Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

7-8PM Citytv Toronto, Citytv Winnipeg, Citytv Edmonton, Citytv Calgary and Citytv Vancouver  
6-7PM Citytv Saskatchewan

It will also air on CityNews Channel on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm and on Christmas Day from 5-6pm



### CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS

Monday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.  
Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park

Hot Chocolate and Carol singing  
indoors with the Minster Singers

### **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, 11:00am Christmas Day Communion**

A quiet service with The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Monday, December 31, 11:15pm - 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.

**COME JOIN US**

We would like to thank all those who helped to put the Christmas decorations up on the Church in November. If you would like to see the 'production', you are welcome to view it at <http://inlinedigital.com/yp/trees/nov27.html>. Helpers needed for taking down the Christmas decorations on **Thursday, January 3, 2013**. We need volunteers to help with de-assembly of the trees, packing of branches, folding up the lights and other related tasks. Even if you can come for two or three hours, your help is important. Please come to the church between **7:30am and 11:30am**.

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Women's Retreat at Novotel North York Hotel

"Getting Naked" Facilitated by the Rev. Cheryle Hanna

An all day retreat for women based on Brian McLaren's book,

"Naked Spirituality: A Life With God in 12 Simple Words".

All women and friends are warmly invited to this physically, emotionally and spiritually refreshing day apart.

RSVP by January 18, 2013

to Rhoda Hill at 416-691-9219/rhodah@sympatico.ca

Fee: \$45

**2013 offering envelopes, YP Women's Envelopes and Link and Visitor Envelopes are in the Narthex today. Please pick up your set.**

**2012 Donations**

All donations to be receipted for 2012 must be received by December 31, 2012. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 30<sup>th</sup> or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2012

**PRAYERS**

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](mailto:leonardlinton@rogers.com)**





## Prayer Partners at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

I am  Female  Male  Youth  Senior

*(Check all that apply)*

I wish to be partnered with:

- A youth
- A Homebound Saint
- A Senior
- A male
- A female

I will pray for / with a partner for 6 months:

- By email
- By telephone
- Around specific requests
- Generally or topically (youth, children, elected officials, countries in conflict, etc.)

I will pray:

- At a designated time of the day
- Together over the phone or e-chat
- Separately as moved by the Spirit of God

All partners will begin with a brief orientation.

All partners will meet at a group lunch in June 2013.

All partners will agree on the format.

All partners will be faithful, concerning the other time as valuable.

All prayers will stay between the partners, guarding their hearts as my own.

**Please place completed form in the offering plate.**

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### **Lenten Group Leaders Wanted**

The task of the leader is to guide 6-8 persons through a weekly study of the Lenten texts with the help of a leader's guide. The leader's guide not only reviews each of the Scriptures in detail, but also provides lesson plans and a choice of activities for each scripture. The other members of the group have a book and all are expected to read prior to the gathering.

The host provides water, tea/coffee and a place to meet. The time and day are completely up to the leader/host. Training and orientation will be held for all.

To volunteer contact Cheryle Hanna at [channa@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:channa@yorkminsterpark.com)  
or call 416-922-1732

# 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.*

## 734

**A**WAY 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.

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2 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.

3 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.

*Anon.*

## Angels we have heard on high

8

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....*

# 100

**I**NFANT holy,  
Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing,  
Little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

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Swift are winging  
Angels singing,  
Nowells ringing,  
Tidings bringing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2 Flocks were sleeping,  
Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory,  
Heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing,  
Free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing,  
Greet the morrow,  
Christ the babe was born for you !

## Joy to the world

52

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.