

DECEMBER 30, 2012

CHRISTMAS I



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
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little
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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 30, 2012

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

Preludes Overture (Royal Fireworks) *G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs*
The Peace
Bourée

Processional Hymn 106 – Once in royal David's city (Irby)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Introit – In Bethlehem's low stable *Angus J. F. Sinclair*

In Bethlehem's low stable, our Saviour Christ is born; My soul to Him I offer upon this blessed morn: Eja, Eja, upon this blessed morn. O child of love from heaven, my heart I give to thee. In all life's joys and sorrows, Thine always shall I be. Depart Thou never from me, but make me pure within That I may bear Thine image in this dark world of sin. In Thy blest love rejoicing, Thy praises shall I sing, Accept my heart's pure off'ring, Lord Jesus, newborn king.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) **The Rev. Sam Lee**
(Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Responsive Psalm 148 (OT p.645-6)

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.

Presentation of a Child and the Act of Dedication **Miriam Little and Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Hymn 92 – Child in a manger (Bunessan)

Prayer with the Children **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**
The Mystery Box **Hanna**

Announcements

Holy Scripture – Luke 2:41-52 (NT p.60-1) **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Hymn 100 – Infant Holy (Infant Holy)

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*) **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Choral Response *G. Thalben Ball*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. Amen.

Offering *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

Anthem – What is this lovely fragrance? *Healey Willan*

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly carolling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring.
What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour born today.
Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon –FINDING AND FOLLOWING JESUS

The Rev. Dale Rose

Recessional Hymn 111 – Thou didst leave Thy throne (Margaret)

Benediction

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

Postlude

The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks)

G.F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

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

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

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.

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Dr. Holmes is on vacation this week and will be returning to the church later in the week

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.*

*The poinsettias will be available for distribution after the New Year’s Eve Watchnight Service.
Please bring something in which to carry the plant.*

PRESENTATION OF A CHILD AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

*We welcome these parents as they present their child to God
and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little one:*

Samuel Jie-Sok Davidson, born on Sunday, June 17, son of Michael Davidson and YJ Oh.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING

Immediately following the morning worship 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.

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ONCE in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

- 3 And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly mother
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

- 4 For He is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

- 5 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
When, like stars, His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

CHILD in the manger,
 Infant of Mary;
 Outcast and stranger,
 Lord of all;
 Child who inherits
 All our transgressions,
 All our demerits
 On Him fall.

2 Once the most holy
 Child of salvation
 Gently and lowly
 Lived below;
 Now as our glorious
 Mighty Redeemer,
 See Him victorious
 O'er each foe.

3 Prophets foretold Him,
 Infant of wonder;
 Angels behold Him
 On His throne;
 Worthy our Saviour
 Of all their praises;
 Happy for ever
 Are His own.

*Mary Macdonald, 1789–1872,
 tr. Lachlan Macbean, 1853–1931.*

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

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 !

LUKE ii. 7.

THOU didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly
 crown
 When Thou camest to earth for me ;
 But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
 For Thy holy nativity :
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
 Proclaiming Thy royal degree ;
 But of lowly birth cam'st Thou, Lord, on earth
 And in great humility ;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

3 The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest
 In the shade of the cedar tree ;
 But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
 In the deserts of Galilee ;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for Thee.

4 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
 That should set Thy people free ;
 But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
 They bore Thee to Calvary ;
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 Thy cross is my only plea.

5 When heaven's arches ring, and her choirs shall
 sing,
 At Thy coming to victory,
 Let Thy voice call me home, saying, " Yet there
 is room,
 There is room at my side for thee " ;
 And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
 When Thou comest and callest for me.

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 for use during the service, please ask an usher.*
- *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/

AN UPDATE ON OFFERINGS—2012

To date (December 25) offerings and contributions total \$1,089,000 which exceeds the amount of \$1,084,000 called for in the 2012 budget.

With God's will, and a giving congregation, offerings can make a significant dent in the amount of \$78,000 which is needed for the church to break even for the year.

BE PART OF THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY

The Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to take a closer look at Miriam: The Singing Sister (see the December 2012 YPBC newsletter), led by Jonanne Fenton. A special offering will assist victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through counselling, support groups, medical assistance, food aid and access to micro-credit. **12:30 on Thursday, January 10**, in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

The Story – This Week
Chapter 16 “The Beginning of the End
(of the Kingdom of Israel)”

College and Career Bible Study at
Fox and Fiddle
on Sundays after morning worship service
Starting January 6, 2013

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sunday

- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dale Rose
(Classes for toddlers to junior high children after the Children's Prayer)

Please note that there is NOT an evening service tonight.

Monday to Friday

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

Monday

- 11:15pm The Rev. Sam Lee - Watchnight Service, Sanctuary

Holiday Hours of Church Offices

January 1, 2013 – Church offices closed

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
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
8:00am Christmas Trees and Decorations come down, Sanctuary and Centre Hall
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

- 12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Next Sunday – EPHIPHANY

- 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
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
12:30pm College and Career Bible Study, Fox and Fiddle
7:00pm An Iona Liturgy – The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

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.

NOTICES AND EVENTS



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.

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.

COME JOIN US

We would like to thank all those who helped to put the Christmas decorations up in 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**.

Please submit Annual Reports to the Church Office by January 25, 2013.

AN ALL DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN...

"GETTING NAKED" Based on Brian McLaren's book,
"Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words"

LEADER: Rev. Cheryle Hanna

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2013 9 AM-3:30 PM

AT NOVOTEL - 3 Park Home Ave., Gibson Ballroom
North of Sheppard, West Side of Yonge St. - Underground Parking Available
(North York Centre Subway Station)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00 - Cheques payable to YPBC Women

Please designate "Retreat" at bottom of cheque

Refreshments and full hot lunch included

Find registration forms on the Centre Hall bulletin board and in the Narthex
and return to Rhoda Hill (416-691-9219) or place in YPBC Women's Mailbox

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 18, 2013

NOTE: Please wear or bring something that symbolizes one role that you fulfill in your life.

All women warmly invited! We look forward to welcoming you.

(Copies of McLaren's book will be available for \$13.00)

2013 offering envelopes, YP Women's Envelopes and Link and Visitor Envelopes are in the Centre Hall 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 30th 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



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 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 office@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 topics include:

Christian Faith, Baptist, YP and You, Good Disciplines, The Word of God, Spiritual Gifts and Baptism and Lord's Supper

The class will meet Tuesday, January 15 and 22, 2013 at 7:00pm

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 person's time as valuable.

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

Please place completed form in the offering plate.

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
or call 416-922-1732