

FEBRUARY 24, 2013

LENT II



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Sam Lee
Minister of Youth

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MORNING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 24, 2013 - LENT II
The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Preludes Machs mit mir, Gott *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Played by Christel Wiens

Voluntary in G minor *William Boyce*

Processional Hymn 37 – Ye servants of God (Laudate Dominum)

Responsive Call to Worship* **The Rev. Dale Rose**

Minister: You have come into a land flowing with milk and honey

People: The Lord has brought us into a land where brooks and mountains spring from the valleys and hills

Minister: Camp here at the oak of Moreh and wait for God's appearance.

People: Though we are surrounded by strangers who worship other gods, we will worship the Lord

Minister: Build an altar and await the Lord's coming.

People: We will pitch our tent and call upon the name of the Lord

Minister: Let us worship God!

Introit – Call to remembrance *Richard Farrant*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) **The Rev. Dale Rose**

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

Presentation of Children & Act of Dedication – Miriam Little & Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn 749 – Jesus loves me (Jesus loves me)

Prayer with the Children & The Mystery Box **Sophie & The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Announcements

Holy Scripture – Genesis 35:1-10 (OT p.35) **Bethany Jillard**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NT p.211)

Choral Response *G. Thalben Ball*

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Dale Rose**

Offering - *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

Anthem – Kyrie eleison (Messe Solonelle) *Louis Vierne*

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison*

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The accompaniment for the Kyrie eleison from the Messe Solonelle was written by Louis Vierne to utilize two organs. The work begins with a fortissimo introduction from the Grand Orgue, and the entries of the choir are prepared by the playing of the Orgue de Choeur. The work continues the interplay between the instruments with the Grand Orgue, represented here at Yorkminster Park by the Great and Swell divisions and with the Orgue de Choeur played on the Choir and Positiv divisions.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 77 – When all Thy mercies, omit verse 3-5 (Belmont 339)

Sermon – THE TREE AND THE CROSS:

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

The Oaks of Shechem

Unison Prayer of St. Francis

**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.**

Recessional Hymn 20 – O love that wilt not let me go (St. Margaret)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (Smith of Durham)

Postlude

Cortège

Louis Vierne

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

*The Responsive Call to Worship was taken from Litanies And Other Prayers for The Common Lectionary Year A, written by Everett Tilson and Phyllis Cole, 1989 Abingdon Press.

Soloists:

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

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

ALAN PHILIP WINTERS

by Marina Aino Winters

Easter flower order forms are available on the Narthex, Centre Hall and South tables.

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna is preaching at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Humber Heights today.

Next Sunday – The Tree and the Cross: The Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-15)

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We welcome these parents as they present their children to God and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little ones:

Andrew Thomas Xia Klima, born on November 16, 2012, son of Thomas Klima and Cher Xia

Thai Frederick Wakelin, born on March 11, 2012,
son of Ryan Wakelin and Mai Ngo-Wakelin

Kiva Soleil Wareham-Browne, born on March 28, 2012,
daughter of Harden Browne and Shannon Wareham-Browne

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 lay leader 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.

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.*

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins' visit to Yorkminster Park TODAY is understandably postponed due to the papal election. We are in process of rescheduling his visit for later in the spring.

Family event **today - Art Extravaganza** for people of all ages to join in an art project.

We're making Plasticine Picture Boards. All skill levels are accommodated!

Lunch is first in the Friendship Room then art in the Gym from 1-2 p.m.

If you didn't get a chance to register, please come as there is still room.

Cost will be \$20 per family for 1 or 2 children and \$3 more for each additional child.

The cost includes lunch.

(Subsidies available if needed.)

ART GALLERY - Feb 24 to March 22, 2013

JODY BUDA/Bowle-Evans

An exhibit and sale of

Her Paintings of Newfoundland, Stony Lake and Icebergs

Reception - **Sunday February 24, 12:15 to 2:00 pm**

dr.jody@rogers.com



From Newfoundland, Stony Lake in the Kowarthas (usually from a boat – which once dumped the artist!), and from Greenlandic ice, in her usual, and at times irreverent, whimsical style.

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YE servants of God,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious,
And rules over all.

- 2 God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus our King.
- 3 “ Salvation to God
Who sits on the throne ”,
Let all cry aloud,
And honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
And worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore,
And give Him His right,—
All glory and power,
All wisdom and might;
All honour and blessing,
With angels above;
And thanks never-ceasing,
And infinite love.

749

JESUS loves me ! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so ;
Little ones to Him belong ;
They are weak, but He is strong.
*Yes ! Jesus loves me !
The Bible tells me so.*

2 Jesus loves me ! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide ;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

3 Jesus loves me ! He will stay
Close beside me all the way ;
Then His little child will take
Up to heaven, for His dear sake.

WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
 My rising soul surveys,
 Transported with the view, I'm lost
 In wonder, love, and praise.

- 2 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
 Thy tender care bestowed,
 Before my infant heart conceived
 From whom those comforts flowed.
- 3 When in the slippery paths of youth
 With heedless steps I ran,
 Thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
 And brought me up to man.
- 4 When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
 With health renewed my face;
 And, when in sins and sorrows sunk,
 Revived my soul with grace.
- 5 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 My daily thanks employ;
 Nor is the least a cheerful heart
 That tastes those gifts with joy.
- 6 Through every period of my life
 Thy goodness I'll pursue;
 And after death, in distant worlds,
 The glorious theme renew.
- 7 Through all eternity to Thee
 A joyful song I'll raise:
 For O eternity's too short
 To utter all Thy praise.

20

O LOVE that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson, 1842–1906.

EVENING SERVICE

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

Preludes Méditation (Symphony I) *Charles-Marie Widor*
Lento *Frank Bridge*

Processional Hymn 47 – Three in one, and one in three (Capetown)

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

Introit – Come unto me, ye weary *Pater Brugman*

“Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest.” O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts opprest; It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace and peace, Of joy that hath no ending, of love which cannot cease.

“Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life.” O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to end our strife; The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long; But thou has made us mighty, and stronger than the strong.

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (*sung Amen*) (Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Scripture - Genesis 15:1-18 (OT p.13)

Luke 13:31-35 (NT p.78)

Solo On my shepherd I rely *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Dawn King, soprano; **Christel Wiens**, piano

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Choral Response *W. Maddox*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: be strong, fear not;
behold, your God will come and save you.

Announcements and Offering

Anthem – Let thy merciful ears, O Lord *Thomas Weelkes*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer of Dedication **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Hymn 338 – Jesus, where’er Thy people meet (Warrington 150)

Sermon – THE GATHERING GRACE **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Hymn 63 – Lord of all being (Maryton)

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

Choral Amen (Oldroyd)

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.

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, inside the main Yonge Street entrance. 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/

YP NEWS

The spring/ Easter edition of the YPBC News is due for publication on or before 21 March 2013. Please send items/articles to the editor by 07 March 2013. Text to be in WORD and photos/illustrations to be in JPEG. Thanks.

This Week

- Sunday, 12:30pm – Board of Trustees, Red Boardroom
- Tuesday, 7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Friendship Room
- Tuesday, 7:00pm – MAMA Mea, offsite
- Wednesday, 12:30pm – Noonday Organ Recital: *Andrew Adair*
- Thursday, 7:00pm – House of Compassion Board Meeting, Red Boardroom
- Thursday, 7:30pm – Youth Baptism Class, Room 508
- Thursday, 8:00pm – MAMA Mea, offsite
- Saturday, 9am – Discipleship 101, Friendship Room

Do you have a heart for the homeless? Are you good with your hands?

If so, considering joining the YPBC “Foot Spa” volunteer team on Wednesday evenings
– we are the foot washing ministry of the Out of the Cold program.
Come see us in action, or find out more - call Janet Kim, 416-978-1950.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK: Thank you to all those who made donations of non-perishable food during the Christmas season. Please do not forget the food bank during Lent and these cold winter days.



YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

YOUTH BAPTISM AND DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Peter Holmes and Sam Lee will be co-teaching a class for young people in preparation for Baptism on **February 28 at 7:30 pm**. The class will be held in the Youth Zone, (room 508). For more information please speak with Peter or Sam.

CBOQ Centre Court at Air Canada Centre - When: Fri, March 1, 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Where: Air Canada Centre - Cost \$32 plus TTC tokens for train

Description: Drop off @ church, 6:30pm Pick up @ Church, 10:30pm

Volunteers Needed!

If you have a heart for young people and would like to volunteer please speak to Sam Lee about serving in our Youth Ministry Program. We need volunteers for:

Thursday Drop-In Assistant

- heart for youth
- able to relate to Jr High students
- available for 1 hr a week on Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm.
- free pizza lunch is included

Doxa Prep Team

- Sunday Morning
- 9:45am-10:45am
- able to do light lifting

College and Career Bible Study at Fox and Fiddle on Sundays after morning worship service Studying "Embracing Obscurity"

The Story This Week
Chapter 24
"No Ordinary Man"

Greater Toronto East Prayer Breakfast, **March 5, 7 a.m.**

Grand Baccus Conference Centre, 2155 McNicholl Ave. Scarborough

Speaker: Rev. Johnnie Moore Jr. Soloist: Rev. Gary Beesley

For tickets and more information - <http://www.gteastprayer.ca/>

COMMONWEALTH DAY SERVICE

We are pleased to announce that on **Sunday, March 10**, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will host the Vice-Regal party for the occasion of the Commonwealth address; a very short speech will be read on behalf of the Queen at the conclusion of our worship. We look forward to welcoming The Honourable David C. Onley and the Honourable Ruth Ann Onley.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, March 10, 2013** following the morning worship service, for the purpose of considering and approving the financial statements for the year 2012 and the proposed budget for 2013. Minutes of the November 25, 2012 Fall Business Meeting are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall. The Annual Reports, 2012 Audited Financial Statements and the Proposed Consolidated Budget for 2013 will be available soon. Please bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee provided.
David Wilson, Church Clerk

ADVANCE NOTICE - PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES

Peter Holmes, Corey Keeble (ROM), and William Maddox will be co-leading a pilgrimage of the sacred spaces of Rochester, New York departing early **Monday April 29 and returning Thursday, May 2**. We will be travelling by coach and staying in a hotel. While the cost is still to be announced, we are doing all we can to keep it as low as possible. To register in advance please contact Euan Ferguson (eujoferguson@sympatico.ca).



We would love you to join our Church! - Discipleship 101

The class will meet on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

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. To join our family, please speak with one of the ministers and register for Discipleship 101 by sending an email to office@yorkminsterpark.com or calling 416-922-1167.

The topics include:

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

Lenten Studies - Following the Way, Mark Price, Author
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

This Ain't Easy

When a mature Christian is having difficulty with God's direction, one of my rejoinders is "Pull up your big girl pants and deal with it!" But of course I know it is often easier said than done. We serve a large God and expect (even though we do not deserve it) much from God. When God does not respond as quickly or in the manner of our expectation we then come "to realize that trusting God was not going to be so simple." (16) Abram had more than enough reason to doubt. God had promised Abram and Sarai land, child and nation. Land seemed possible, but nation needs a child and no children had come . . . **yet**. So, God 'cut a deal' with Abram using a heifer, goat, ram, turtledove and a pigeon initiating a "unilateral, unconditional covenant with Abram" (75) that stands to this day.

Centuries later God's people would again need to be reminded of God's promises and plan for our lives, and this time God sent Jesus as the instructor and also as the one to be imitated. The Apostle Paul begged the church to join him as he imitated Jesus Christ. Our author makes an important distinction between a 'cheap' or 'lower quality' replica and "representations of another's actions and motivations in order to convey a particular truth of character" (18). Our goal as followers of Jesus Christ is to see in God attributes we would like to see in ourselves: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23) and then imitate them. When I see one or more of these in someone I say, "I want to be like you when I grow up." Then I watch them and learn.

When Jesus had opposition in his life (foxes) to the plan and promise of God, Jesus "pulled up his big boy pants and dealt with it." (my words) I am sure it would have been easy to hear the 'warning' from the Pharisees and go in another direction. But God's plan included travel to Jerusalem - prophet killing Jerusalem. Jesus knew the plan of God was to be a hen "gathering chicks under her wings, the epitome of care and security" (20) and that could only be done in Jerusalem. In the next few weeks, let us try ignoring the foxes and focus on the promises of God, imitating Christ to be a hen.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A GROUP.

If you are not in a Lenten Study Group, you may still walk and study along with us by picking up a Student Book in the Narthex after the service. A donation of \$9.00 is suggested.

Copies of *Naked Spirituality* are also available for \$12.00.

Please check the list on the board in the Centre Hall if you are interested.

The March – April – May **Our Daily Bread** is available on the Narthex, Centre Hall and South tables.

YP WOMEN



**Tuesday Evening Knitting/
Prayer Shawl Group
Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7pm**

This group is an initiative of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women.

We invite any interested knitters to join us in the Friendship Room for an evening of knitting and fellowship. Needles, yarn and patterns will be available. If you are a less experienced knitter, assistance will also be available.

We will gather the fourth Tuesday evening of the month in the Friendship Room.



WDPIC

World Day of Prayer International Committee

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013 AT 1:00PM

Bienvenue! Don't be a stranger. Plan to attend a service of worship at Christ Church Deer Park Anglican our neighbouring church across the street. This year's theme, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" was written by the women of France. Join your Churches-on-the-Hill friends for an inspirational service with lovely music, meaningful scripture and prayers as well as a reception celebrating the World Day of Prayer.

FOR ALL WOMEN

SALT AND LEAVEN, Potluck Supper

Monday March 4 - 6:30 pm

At the home of Elaine Snider - 15 Southlea Avenue, Toronto

All women are warmly invited to share a meal and be encouraged and inspired as we enjoy conversations together. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and renew acquaintances. Please note - a "homemade" contribution is not a necessity!

We look forward to welcoming you.

**YORKMINSTER PARK
BAPTIST CHURCH**



Easter Flowers

Each year at Easter, the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women decorate the Sanctuary of our Church with Easter flowers. Donations made to the flower fund at this time in memory of loved ones will enable you to participate not only in this floral celebration at Easter, but also in the beautification of the Sanctuary throughout the year.

To ensure enough time to prepare the Memorial List for the Easter calendar, please complete the form below and either place it on the offering plate OR leave it in the Church Office.

***** DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013 *****

**A SEPARATE SHEET IS NEEDED FOR EACH
INDIVIDUAL MEMORIAL**

**Cheques (\$15 for each individual memorial) should be made payable to
YORKMINSTER PARK WOMEN.**

Easter plants will be delivered by volunteer drivers on Easter Monday to members confined to home or in hospital. The Flower Committee needs volunteer drivers. To help, please call Kay Hayes at (416) 447-9416.



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Please enclose order form(s) with cheque or cash
in an envelope marked
"Easter Flowers".