

DECEMBER 22, 2013

ADVENT IV



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 22, 2013 - ADVENT IV

The service of worship begins with the music of the preludes

Preludes Von Himmel Hoch *J.S. Bach*
Prelude on Von Himmel Hoch *Johann Pachelbel*
Grand Jeu et Duo *Louis-Claude D'Aquin*

Played by Christel Wiens

Processional Hymn 104 – O come all ye faithful, omit verses 4 and 6 (Adeste fideles)

Call to Worship **Rev. Sam Lee**

Introit – (congregation seated) **Cold on the hillside** *Ian Kellam*

Choristers

Jessica Willingham, conductor; **Christel Wiens**, piano

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love & Invocation **Kim and Martin Abell,**
Sarah, Luke, Alexandra, Benjamin

The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) **Rev. Sam Lee**

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

Presentation of a Child & the Act of Dedication **Miriam Little & Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Children's Presentation – "One King" 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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-16 (NT p.59-60) **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

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) **The Rev. Dale Rose**

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

Dawn Emmerson, director; **Christel Wiens**, piano

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

Announcements

Hymn 100- Infant Holy (Infant holy)

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

Choral Response *C. M. Palmer*

O let my prayer enter into thy presence; incline thine ear unto my calling. 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 – Nativity Carol *John Rutter*

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star, He who loved us so.

Far away silent He lay, Born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills. Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow; Innocent dreaming babe, Make me thy love to know.

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – READY FOR CHRISTMAS? THE WELCOME MAT

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

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

Benediction

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (Stanford in B flat)

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”*

*Soloists: **Jessica Willingham**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano;*

***Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano;*

***Martin Houtman**, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.*

***Christel Wiens**, Associate Musician*

PRESENTATION OF A CHILD AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We welcome Leanne and Stuart as they present their son to God
and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little one:

Simon Jacob Finn, born on November 5, 2013,

SANCTUARY 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.*

AT 4:30PM - A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, which follows closely the great tradition established at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918 with special guests: Chief William Blair of Toronto Police Services; Honourable Heather Smith; Honourable David Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley.

2014 offering envelopes are in the NARTHEX today. Please pick up your set.

The 2014 YP Women’s Envelopes are in the NARTHEX.

2013 DONATIONS

All donations to be receipted for 2013 must be received by December 31, 2013. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 30 or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2013.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Doug Purdon “Christmas Eve” Christmas Cards are available from the YP Women for \$15 per box. One option is blank and the other option has a Christmas greeting inside. Please contact the Church Office if you would like more information.

PRAYERS

Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, 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.

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.

- 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:

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AWAY 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.

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

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 !

Joy to the world

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrow grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

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. And 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 or mail it to us.*
- *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.*

The December 2013 YPBC News is available **online**, and there are limited copies in the Centre Hall, Narthex and the table near the Heath Street door.

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.

ART GALLERY

WATER + STONE – Kawartha Paintings

By Randall Speller

An exhibition of new landscape paintings by Randall Speller at the Yorkminster Park Gallery in Toronto. Focusing on his most recent work, the exhibition continues Randall's exploration of the landscape in the Kawartha region of Ontario.

The exhibition will continue until Sunday **December 22**. We look forward to seeing you.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY slee@yorkminsterpark.com

Regular Sunday Morning Schedule for Youth Group
10:00am - Youth Bible Study in Youth Zone Room 508
11:00am - Youth in Service for Christmas Family Service

To William Maddox, Director of Music, and the members of the choir, the Minster singers and the Choristers, we continue to be blessed by the gift of music you offer at this time of year. You indeed proclaim the Alleluia of Christmas!
 God bless you all!

With gratitude,
 Board of Music

**Christmas Holiday Hours
 of Church Offices**

December 25 – Church offices closed
 December 26 – Church offices closed
 December 27 – Church offices closed
 December 31 – 8:30am to 12 noon.

Next Sunday – CHRISTMAS II

11:00am The Rev. Dale Rose
 No 7pm worship service

January 1, 2013 – Church offices closed

Noonday Organ Recitals resume
 Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 12:30pm

Out of the Cold Christmas Treat

Once again we are asking you to help us bring Christmas joy to others less fortunate by providing some nut-free goodies for the Out of the Cold Christmas dinner planned for December 25. Please bring your baked goods to the Heritage Room kitchen between **December 22nd and 25th**. Please mark the baked good 'Out of the Cold'. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

BOARD OF MISSION

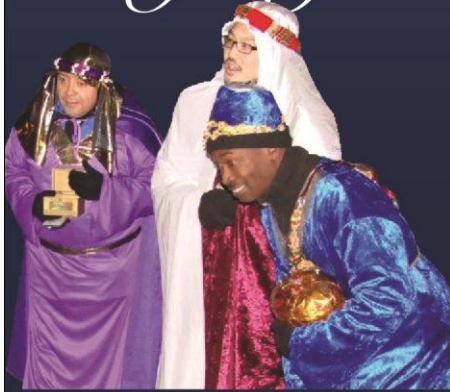
Out of the Cold Christmas is our day this year! A special turkey dinner, gift certificates from Swiss Chalet...but it means more expenses than usual and our coffers are low. Please consider a Christmas gift of funds for OOTC this year. We are the only Wednesday night shelter this year in the city centre which means we are feeding and sheltering more guests than ever. Merry Christmas to our special congregation from the 120 OOTC volunteers! Your support is greatly appreciated.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON RELIEF

As a people we are responding to the recent disaster in the Philippines through both our prayers and our gifts. The Sharing Way, our denomination's relief and development arm, is working closely with partners in the Philippines. To give to the relief effort through the Sharing Way, **please make your cheque payable to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church**, indicating that it is for the typhoon relief on the "memo" line, and place your gifts in your church envelope and designate the amount you wish to give to the Sharing Way, or do so directly through the Canadian Baptist Ministries website <https://www.cbmin.org/cbm/donate> When you go to the page you will be asked to choose a category to donate to – choose emergency relief. You will then be given the option of donating to Philippines Typhoon Relief. All gifts so designated and received before **December 23** will be matched by the Canadian government. For a prayer to guide you as you pray for the Philippines, go to Peter's blog at <http://peter.yorkminsterpark.com/2013/11/support-prayer-for-the-philippines.php>

Canadians are being generous in their giving to the disaster fund, so please pray that as our government honours its commitment to match funds dollar for dollar, those dollars will be quickly and appropriately dispersed to those in the most need. Pray too that the generosity of their neighbours around the world, will bring hope and encouragement to those who have suffered the greatest loss.

BUNDLE UP FOR
Bethlehem
ON *Yonge*



**CHRISTMAS EVE
LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS**

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

Hot Chocolate and Carol singing
indoors with the Minster Singers

Bethlehem on Yonge

Bethlehem on Yonge is an outdoor nativity with people acting out the roles of the Biblical characters: angels, shepherds, soldiers, inn keeper, Magi and Mary and Joseph. Our shepherds and Magi have live sheep and camels to complete the scene.

We need your help in making the evening a welcoming success. Especially we need volunteers to act out the parts of Guides to Bethlehem, Angels and Soldiers. The lines are very simple.

Please note: this year there will be two short carol services in Cameron Hall, not in the sanctuary. One will run at approximately 5:30 and the other at 6:15.

For more information and to sign up please contact Miriam Little (mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com; 416-922-1361) or Sally Roy (sallyroy@rogers.com; 416-218-8806).

CHRISTMAS AT YPBC ON TV

The City Carol Sing will be broadcast on City TV
December 24 at 8pm; December 25, 5pm and 8pm; December 26, 5pm

Carols by Candlelight will be broadcast on CTS Ontario:

Tuesday, December 24 11pm-midnight; Wednesday, December 25, 2:30-3:30pm; and Friday, December 27, 11pm – midnight.

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

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching; R. H. Thomson reading the lessons

Our 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.

Wednesday, December 25, 11am – Christmas Day Communion

The Rev. Dale Rose preaching

A quiet service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday, 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.

BE PART OF THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY



What can we learn from the widows in the Bible? On **Thursday, January 9**, Paula Willis will lead the Afternoon Mission Fellowship in a study prepared for use by Baptist women across Canada. A special offering will help victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through counselling, support groups, and practical assistance. 12:30 in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich.

Toronto Mendelssohn Choir Free Concert - February 1, 2013, 3 pm at YPBC

Enjoy the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and Elora Festival Singers perform a variety of choral works. More info at www.tmchoir.org. We invite you to bring a non-perishable food item for the **Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank** to the concert. Thank you for your generosity.

Women's MinistriesLooking for the ideal Christmas gift for a special woman in your life?

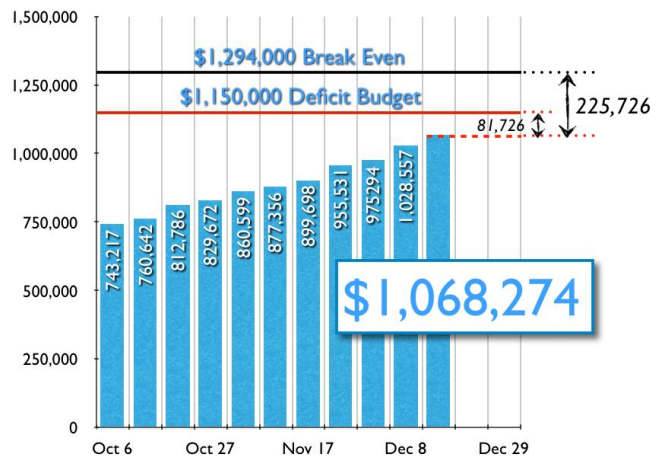
Consider giving her a day apart at the YPBC women's retreat, **Saturday, February 8, 2014**. The cost is \$45 for the day with a hot lunch included. Cindy Mosey, our leader, will be speaking on "Living Life With Abundant Joy" and together we will explore how to live life to the fullest so that we may truly feel happiness, joy and abundance. The retreat will be held at North York Novotel from 9 am-3:30 pm. Registration forms and details will be available in January. Cheques are to be made out to YPBC Women.

An Update on 2013 Offerings

This chart shows, in weekly increments from October 6, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2013 to meet the Budget (leaving a deficit of \$144,000) 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. Similarly generous commitments are needed again in 2013.

As of December 15th, the general offerings year-to-date were 83% of the amount needed for the church to break even for the year.



In need of Christmas gift ideas? Here are some hope-full opportunities...



THE EMAS CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE AT www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm (Education, Medical Aid and Service)



EXPLORE THE CBM CATALOGUE "HOPEFUL GIFTS FOR CHANGE" on the Centre Hall table and in the Narthex

SEND A NEEDY LEBANESE CHILD TO CAMP



Each year the Baptist Children and Youth in Lebanon run several camps. As part of our STEP partnership we would like to suggest donations be made to this ministry at Christmas. Cheques may be made out to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, clearly designating funds for the Baptist Children/Youth Ministry, Lebanon, CBM and placed on the offering plate. The cost to send a child to camp is \$100 but any amount is appreciated.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE LEEVE

Their Honours look forward to welcoming Ontarians from all walks of life to his New Year's Levee on **Wednesday, January 1, 2014 from noon to 2 p.m.** The Levee will be held in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park. All are welcome.

COME JOIN US

Helpers are needed to take down the Christmas trees in the sanctuary at **8:00am on Friday, January 3, 2014.** We will remove the lights, disassemble the branches, and pack everything away until next year.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chronic Pain Series

If you, a family member, or friend would like to learn more about managing joint pain, back pain, headaches, or any pain caused by a health problem, please consider joining us in the Friendship Room for the **Chronic Pain Self - Management Group** led by a skilled health professional from your Local Health Integration Health Network. Begins **Monday January 20, 2014.** Free of charge. Refreshments provided. Transportation assistance available. Enrolment limited. Registration required. Please see Flyers on the tables for more information!

Health and Wellness information is available in the Centre Hall, Narthex and Yorkminster Park website. To discuss any personal or family health matter the Parish Nurse, Cathy Newman RN, BScN, CP/MHN is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays at the Church or in the community, and can be reached at 416 922-1428 or email parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com. All communications are strictly confidential.

"Walking With You Through Grief" Bereavement Support Group.

The grief journey, though unique to each individual does not need to be an isolating one. Effective grief work is not done alone. This eight week program offers a combination of education and interaction where you will experience support, understanding and hope through your loss. Sharing your story and your grief journey in a safe and supportive atmosphere with others who are going through a similar experience can assist in enabling you to make those first tentative moves towards a new life. In our group, you will be free to express your feelings, share memories, discuss the many challenges you are experiencing in a place where you will be accepted for who you are, and where you are on your journey, without judgment. The group is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Elaine MacInnis, a certified Grief Specialist, and assisted by Cathy Newman, Parish Nurse. For information and registration contact Cathy at (416) 1428, parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com or Dale at (416) 922-1240, drose@yorkminsterpark.com or Elaine at (416) 243-2302. The program begins **January 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

