

THE READERS OF THE LESSONS

Corey Keeble, is Curator Emeritus of the Royal Ontario Museum, who along with Dr. Holmes and William Maddox, co-leads our Pilgrimages of Sacred Spaces.

Janet Kim has Chaired YP's Board of Mission and led our most recent refugee sponsorship program. She once also served as guest conductor of the YP Choir.

Callum MacKay is a bright and articulate young person who has grown up in the Sunday School and Youth Ministry of Yorkminster Park.

Noëlle Richardson is the Chief Diversity Officer of Ontario who began her career in broadcasting as a news anchor with CBC Midday. The funeral for Noëlle's mother was held at Yorkminster Park earlier this year and it is an honour to welcome her back as a reader today.

Chief of Police William Blair of the Toronto Police Services is a neighbour and friend of Yorkminster Park. Chief Blair is also a faithful supporter of the annual Remembrance Sunday service Yorkminster Park shares with the Toronto Police Military Veteran's Association,

The Honourable Heather Smith, is Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Ontario and a faithful member of the church who serves on the overnight shift of our Out of the Cold program.

We are especially honoured to welcome the **Honourable David C. Onley**, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and **Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley** to Yorkminster Park as readers of our seventh and eighth lessons. His Honour's parents served God faithfully in this church and their Honours also met at the church.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Minister of the Congregation, will read the ninth lesson.

WELCOME TO A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, which follows closely the great tradition established at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918. It is our hope that visitors will feel welcome and at home in our church, and aided in their spiritual search and devotion through the worship which we offer unto God. As well as providing weekly services of worship and prayer, the ministry of our church includes educational programs and Bible studies, recitals and concerts, pastoral services, children's programs, youth ministries, Meals on Wheels delivered five days a week, and lodging and meals for the homeless through our Out of the Cold program. For more information on any of these programs, please complete one of the visitor's cards in the pew and place it on the offering plate. Offerings received this evening will support the ongoing ministries of our church. Income tax receipts can be given for all donations of \$20 or more.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

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*

Mr. William Maddox, B.Mus., FTCL, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Miriam Little, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Mrs. Cathy Newman, *Parish Nurse*

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess, *Minister Emeritus – Pastoral Care*

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

Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano;

Martin Houtman, tenor; Stephen King, baritone.

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

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YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 22, 2013

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

To avoid wax dripping on clothes, please sit clear of the candles at the pew ends.

Childcare offered in the nursery during Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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

4:15pm **PRELUDES** Es ist ein ros' entsprungen *Johannes Brahms*
In dulci, júbilo *Flor Peeters*

ENTRANCE OF THE VICE-REGAL PARTY (standing)

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 106 – Once in royal David's city (*Irby*)

Verse 1–**Kathleen Wilson**; Verse 2–**Choir**; Verse 3–*Congregation stands to join the choir.*

BIDDING&LORD'S PRAYER(sung Amen) (*congregation seated*) **The Rev. Dale Rose**

FIRST LESSON **Corey Keeble**

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head (**Genesis 3:8-15**)

CHOIR: Ding, dong, merrily on high *Arr. Charles Wood*

SECOND LESSON **Janet Kim**

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of earth be blessed.

(**Genesis 22:15-18**)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 83 - O come, O come, Immanuel (*Veni Emmanuel*)

THIRD LESSON **Callum MacKay**

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. (**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**)

CHOIR: Lullay, my liking *Gustav Holst*

FOURTH LESSON **Noelle Richardson**

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem. (**Micah 5: 2-4**)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 105 - O little town of Bethlehem (*Forest Green 718*)

FIFTH LESSON **Chief William Blair**

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary. (**St. Luke 1: 26-35, 38**)

CHOIR: A spotless rose *Herbert Howells*

SIXTH LESSON **The Honourable Heather Smith**

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. (**St. Luke 2: 1-7**)

CHOIR: Personent hodie *Gustav Holst*

SEVENTH LESSON **Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley**

The shepherds go to the manger. (**St. Luke 2: 8-16**)

CHOIR: Balulalow *Mark Sirett*

EIGHTH LESSON **The Honourable David C. Onley**

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. (**St. Matthew 2: 1-11**)

CHOIR: There shall a star from Jacob come forth *Felix Mendelssohn*
(*The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.*)

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

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. (**St. John 1: 1-14**)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 98- Hark! the herald angels sing (*Mendelssohn*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DURING THE OFFERING – Greensleeves *Ralph Vaughn Williams*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **The Rev. Sam Lee**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 107 - See amid the winter's snow (*Humility*)

BENEDICTION Choral Amen (*Maddox in G*)

Please remain standing until the Vice-Regal Party has retired.

POSTLUDE - Toccata (Symphony V) *Charles-Marie Widor*

Following the service,

worshippers are asked to remain seated until the ushers extinguish the candles.

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.

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.

DECEMBER 24, 5PM - 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. This year, there will be two short carol services in Cameron Hall at approximately 5:30pm and 6:15 pm.

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 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.

It is a wonderful honour to welcome their Honours back to Yorkminster Park for what will be The Honourable David C. Onley's final Christmas as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. His Honour has been an encouragement to people from all walks of life and an inspiration to us all. We thank God for their service and wish their Honours and their family a truly blessed Christmas. 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.

Cover: The Life of Christ Window, which is in the south transept above the balcony, was placed in memory of E. Frank Wright in September 1955. Photographer: Henry Regehr.

