

DECEMBER 29, 2013

CHRISTMAS I



Yorkminster Park

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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 29, 2013 – CHRISTMAS I

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

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

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Sam Lee

Introit – (congregation seated) **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: *Ela, Ela, 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 offering, Lord Jesus, newborn king.

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung Amen*)

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.

Hymn *SHB 103 – Twas in the moon of wintertime (Huron Carol)

Prayer with the Children

Rev. Dale Rose

Announcements

Holy Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9 (OT p.770)

Cathy Newman

Matthew 2:13-23 (NT. p.2)

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*)

Rev. Sam Lee

Choral Response- Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of our days. *C. M. Palmer*

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

Anthem – O little town of Bethlehem

H. Walford Davies

Text at Hymn 105

Dawn King, soprano

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn *SHB 51- Joseph dearest, Joseph mine (Resonet in laudibus)

Sermon – ANOTHER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS

Rev. Dale Rose

Hymn 111 – Thou didst leave Thy throne (Margaret)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in E flat)

Postlude The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks Music) *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*

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.

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Huron Carol

Huron Indian



1. 'Twas in the moon of winter time,
 When all the birds had fled,
 That mighty Gitchi Manitou
 Sent angel choirs instead;
 Before their light the stars grew dim
 And wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:

*Jesus your King is born,
 Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
 The tender Babe was found,
 A ragged robe of rabbit skin
 Enwrapped His beauty 'round;
 But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
 The angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your King is born,

3. O children of the forest free,
 O sons of Manitou,
 The holy Child of earth and heav'n
 Is born today for you.
 Come, kneel before the radiant Boy,
 Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:
Jesus your King is born,

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1. Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the Child divine:
God's reward thee and all that's thine
In Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.

2. Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
Help I cradle this Child of thine;
God's own light on us both shall shine
In Paradise, as prays the mother Mary.

3. Peace to all that have goodwill!
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
Comes to turn us away from ill,
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.

4. All shall come and bow the knee;
Wise and happy their souls shall be,
Loving such a divinity,
As all may see in Jesus, Son of Mary.

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.

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.*

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

Please note that there is no 7pm worship service today.

*Dr. Holmes is on vacation this week.
For pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Dale Rose.*

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.

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.

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.

Next Sunday – EIPHANY

January 5, 2014

**Christmas Holiday Hours
of Church Offices**
December 31 – 8:30am to 12 noon.
January 1, 2013 – Church offices closed

11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
7:00pm The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
An Iona Liturgy

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.

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.

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 22nd, the general offerings year-to-date were 92% of the amount needed for the church to break even for the year.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

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.

UPCOMING AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



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.

Dorcas begins again on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 in room 508 at 10:00 am.

We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship, while we knit/crochet articles and garments for those less fortunate. We also trim stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and soup labels which help to purchase sports equipment. Bring your lunch and coffee/tea will be provided. See you there!

Noonday Organ Recitals resume **Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 12:30pm** - Aaron James.

BE PART OF THE GREAT CANADIAN BIBLE STUDY



What can we learn from the widows in the Bible? On **Thursday, January 9, 2014**. 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.

Wednesday Bible Studies at 7 p.m.

Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture

Co-led by Dr. Holmes (**January 15 & February 12**), Rev. Rose (**January 22 & February 19**) and Rev. Lee (**January 29 & February 5**)

The group will examine a brief video presentation on the subject of the Old Testament prophets and their relevance to today's culture featuring Dr. Walter Brueggemann, widely regarded as the leading Christian thinker and scholar of the Old Testament. Dr. Brueggemann will also be one of our Lester Randall preachers in October 2014. The group will also be using Walter Brueggemann's study guide.



Toronto Mendelssohn Choir Free Concert - February 1, 2014, 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.

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.**

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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.

LIVE is the new name of the magazine formerly known as Link & Visitor. It is "a Baptist resource for women on a mission." Subscriptions are due for renewal in January. Small envelopes will be available in the Centre hall and in the narthex. Please put your cheque for \$20 payable to Yorkminster Park Women's Ministries in an envelope, and place it on the offering plate. Please be sure to include your name and address. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Brady at 416 265-2616.