

JANUARY 5, 2014

EPIPHANY



# Yorkminster Park

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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The Rev. Dale Rose  
Minister of Pastoral Care

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL  
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Cathy Newman RN BScN  
Parish Nurse

The Rev. Sam Lee  
Minister of Youth

Mrs. Miriam Little  
Director of Children's Ministries

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess  
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## MORNING WORSHIP – JANUARY 5, 2014 – EPIPHANY

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

**Preludes** Hostis Herodis impie  
Communion (Suite Liturgique)

*Flor Peeters  
Denis Bédard*

### **Processional Hymn 91 – Brightest and best** (Epiphany Hymn)

**Call to Worship** (Isaiah 60:1-6)

**The Rev. Sam Lee**

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.**

Minister: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;**

Minister: Your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

**People: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,**

Minister: Because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**People: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.**

Minister: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.  
Let us worship God!

**Introit –** (congregation seated) **A sound of angels**

*Christopher Tye*

A sound of angels from afar fills all the quiet air, And Ah! how full of gladness are the tidings that they bear. The shepherds run to Bethlehem town to see a wondrous sight, The Lord of Lords to earth come down is born for men tonight. Yea, Christ is born, our heav'nly king, salvation now is nigh, So all mankind with angels sing, Glory to God on high.

**Invocation and The Lord's Prayer** (*sung Amen*)

**The Rev. Sam Lee**

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

**Hymn 135 – Wise men seeking Jesus** (omit verses 3-5) (Linton 233)

**Prayer with the Children & Children's Atlas**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes & Hazel**

### **Announcements**

**Holy Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12** (NT. p.2)

**Tom Hayes**

**Pastoral Prayer** (*seated*)

**The Rev. Dale Rose**

**Choral Response**

*G. Thalben Ball*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. 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 – There shall a star**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea, behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came the wise men and said: Say, where is he born, the king of Judaea, for we have seen his star and are come to adore him. There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning star with sudden radiance from afar, With light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, nightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, oh, praise such love o'erflowing!

**Doxology** Hymn 766

**Sermon – INTO THE LIGHT**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Hymn \*SHB 116 – When Christ's appearing** (St. Thomas Becket)

**Act of Remembrance – Eha Korjus, Florence Morton**

**Reception of New Members**

**Church Covenant** (please see page 4)

**Choral Preparation**

*St. Basil*

Eternal, unchanging, we sing to thy praise, Thy mercies are endless, and righteous thy ways; Thy servants proclaim the renown of thy name, who rulest omnipotent, ever the same.

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Rev. Sam Lee**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Hymn 90 – As with gladness men of old** (Dix)

**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"*

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*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 today are dedicated to the glory of God  
and placed in loving memory of*

**CARL AND MYRTLE BULL**

*by Doug and Pat, Victor and Charlotte*

**COMMUNION**

Communion at Yorkminster Park is open to all who love Christ  
and seek to live in His ways.

To address the needs of some congregants whose allergies have prevented them from fully participating in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Metzi Gaurana** was raised in a Christian home in the Philippines where she received Christ as her Saviour when a teenager. She came to Canada three years ago and hopes to make it her permanent home. She is caregiving for a family of boys. Metzi appreciates the solemnity of our worship service and the focus on community service.

**Jim Youngson** was organist at Waverley Road Baptist Church for fifty-five years. When he felt that it was time for a change he chose Yorkminster Park because he knew a few people here. He has joined the choir and is impressed by the music and the dignity of the service. Jim is retired from education and has three grown children.

**B**RIGHTEST and best of the sons of the  
morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,  
Maker and monarch, and Saviour of all.

3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine;  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation;  
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

WISE men seeking Jesus  
 Travelled from afar,  
 Guided on their journey  
 By a beauteous star.

- 2 But if we desire Him,  
 He is close at hand;  
 For our native country  
 Is our Holy Land.
- 3 Prayerful souls may find Him  
 By our quiet lakes,  
 Meet Him on our hillsides  
 When the morning breaks.
- 4 In our fertile cornfields  
 While the sheaves are bound,  
 In our busy markets,  
 Jesus may be found.
- 5 Fishermen talk with Him  
 By the great north sea,  
 As the first disciples  
 Did in Galilee.
- 6 Every peaceful village  
 In our land might be  
 Made by Jesus' presence  
 Like sweet Bethany.
- 7 He is more than near us,  
 If we love Him well;  
 For He seeketh ever  
 In our hearts to dwell.

1. When Christ's appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heavenly birth  
sought not the kingdoms of this earth

2. The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.

3. And O what miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spake the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

4. All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad epiphany:  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

MATTHEW II, 1-11

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun, which goes not down.  
There for ever may we sing  
Hallelujahs to our King.

*W. C. Dix, 1837-98*

## CHURCH COVENANT

As an organized group of Christian people, we enter into Covenant, one with another, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, grace and godly living; to promote its Christian spirit by sustaining its worship, sacraments, discipline, doctrine and the maintenance of the Biblical norms and standards of conduct; to contribute to the support of the Ministry, to the expenses of the Church, and to serve, as our respective talents and circumstances permit, the mission of the Church, which Covenant is made in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***7pm worship service – An Iona Liturgy - The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching***

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

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

### 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.

### THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Joint Deacons/Finance Executive, Library
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Board of Deacons, Friendship Room
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Board of Finance and Administration, Red Boardroom
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	Noonday Organ Recital – Aaron James
<b>Thursday, January 9</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	YP Women's Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
	<b>12:00pm</b>	Stewardship Committee, Room 420
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Youth Outing, offsite

### **Next Sunday – January 12, 2014 – The Baptism of the Lord**

11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

12:30pm Art Reception

7:00pm The Rev. Dale Rose



## 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.

### **Thank you for all you have done!**

Bethlehem on Yonge, our presentation of the Nativity, was a huge success even on such a cold night. Over 350 people from around the community and across the nation were greeted, escorted, taught and fed. Christ was honoured, God was indeed glorified and the Holy Spirit was present with us and this was due in no small part to the efforts of each person involved. Thank you to those who served on the set up and take down crew, made and gave out cookies and hot chocolate, and greeted our guests. Thank to each one who was a character, guide, census taker and singer! We and our community have been blessed by your gift of time.

**Thank you!**

### **BOARD OF MISSION – New Partner in Mission**



Please pray for the most recent of CBM's Global Field Staff to arrive overseas - Conrad and Fiona Kwok. Pray for them as they adjust to new surroundings and struggle with bodies trying to get accustomed to the 12 hour time change. As they settle in Chiang Rai, Northern Thailand, pray that their health will remain strong and that they will quickly become immersed in the culture and ready to serve the country and her people with energy and enthusiasm, modelling to them the grace and compassion of the God they love and serve.

## UPCOMING AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**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.



**January 12 - February 19.**

**Opening reception Sunday 12 January, 12:30-2pm: Art Speaks – January 19, 9:30am**

**Ann Bald-Bloom – *Beyond Flora*.**

These expressive acrylics capture the essence of a flower – its vibrancy – its simplicity. From the first tiny shoot in early spring, to budding, to full bloom and then to its beautiful, twisted-petal death. The exhibition is a small, but powerful story of life.

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. The video features 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 Saturday, 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](http://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

### *Because of our experience during the Ice Storm...*

Cathy Newman, Parish Nurse and the Health and Wellness Committee will be developing, with consent, a register of members of our church community who are vulnerable in emergency situations along with a system for contact and support. Further information will be shared as we develop the process. In the interim, if you know of anyone that should be contacted to be on the register, please email or call Cathy Newman at [parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com) or 416 922-1428.

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### *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](mailto:parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com). All communications are strictly confidential.

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### *"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) 922-1428, [parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com) or Dale at (416) 922-1240, [drose@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:drose@yorkminsterpark.com) or Elaine at (416) 243-2302. The program begins **January 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Please submit Annual Reports to the Church Office by January 26, 2014.**

### **COME JOIN OUR TEAM**

Centre Hall Greeters staff the Yorkminster Centre Welcome Desk  
from 10am to 2pm each weekday.

**Contact Len Linton at 416-512-2080 or [leonardlinton@rogers.com](mailto:leonardlinton@rogers.com)**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A DAY LONG RETREAT FOR WOMEN  
"LIVING LIFE WITH ABUNDANT JOY" - Facilitator, CINDY MOSEY



**Saturday February 8, 2014 • 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

North York NOVOTEL - 3 Park Home Ave., Gibson Ballroom

A day long retreat for women with light refreshments and a full hot lunch

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45

Please find yellow registration forms on the Centre Hall bulletin board and in the Narthex.

*(Cheques payable to YPBC Women and submitted to Rhoda Hill  
or YPBC Women's mailbox by January 27)*

We welcome all women to this day apart  
and look forward to a very special time of fellowship and soul nurturing!

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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.

