

DECEMBER 28, 2014

CHRISTMAS I



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah Ban
Minister of Discipleship

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Doxology Hymn 766

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

Sermon – THE REWARDS OF PATIENT WAITING

The Rev. Dale Rose

Recessional Hymn 111 – Thou didst leave Thy throne (Margaret)

Benediction

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

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*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Chancel today 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 will be no evening service this week.

Dr. Holmes is on vacation this week.

For pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Dale Rose.

PRAYERS

Yorkminster Park endeavors to be a people of Prayer. We believe that personal intimacy with God our Saviour in prayer is the privilege and responsibility of every believer. We must live our lives through prayer and trusting God! If you wish to submit a request to the ministry team, please email prayer@yorkminsterpark.com. Prayers for healing and blessing are offered each Sunday after the morning worship service in the Chapel.

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on
Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 2015 general offering envelopes are in the Narthex today.
Please pick up your set.
- The 2015 YP Women's Envelopes are also in the Narthex.
- This calendar is printed before the December 21st offerings were counted so no updated graph is available today. This Sunday is the last Sunday of the year. Every contribution will help us as we strive towards our goal of breaking even for 2014.
- All donations to be receipted for 2014 must be received by December 31, 2014. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 29 or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2014 and received in the Finance Office (Room 112) no later than January 7, 2015.

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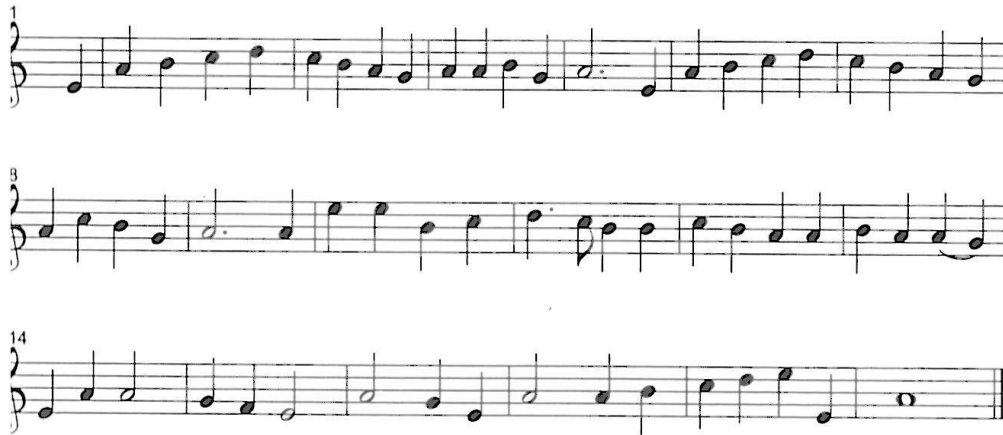
ONCE in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

- 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

What's Up in Children's Ministries

Each week in this space we will let you know what our kids are learning so you can pray for them and encourage them!



First Look (Preschool and Kindergarten) – The monthly theme for December is “Jesus is God’s Son.” and the memory verse is: “God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son.” John 3:16, GNT. The Bible story this week is from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11; the wise men follow a special star to Jesus to give Him gifts and worship Him.



252Basics (Grades 1 to 5) – The monthly theme is ‘GENEROSITY, Making someone’s day by giving something away.’ The memory verse is “Be rich in good deeds ... be generous and willing to share” from 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV. This week’s lesson is about the wise men visiting Jesus taken from Matthew 2:1-12. The bottom line is for children to ‘get wrapped up in giving’

If you have questions about Children’s Ministries and how you can be involved, speak to Miriam Little 416-922-1361.

YOUTH MINISTRY • brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com

Sunday Morning Schedule for Youth Group

10:00am - Youth Bible Study in Youth Zone Room 508

11:00am - Youth in Service

11:15am - Youth go to Cameron Hall for Doxa after the Children’s Moment

The 3rd Sunday of the month is Serve Sunday where youth are encouraged to use their gifts to serve the church. Please speak with Brennan for details.

Watch for NEW opportunities for your Spiritual Growth & Discipleship

New Life Groups



New Lenten Study

New Bible Study Topics

If you have an interest in joining or leading, please contact the Rev. Deborah Ban, Minister of Discipleship, dban@yorkminsterpark.com.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Coming Soon - The Parish Nurse's office will be "The Health and Wellness Resource Centre" located in Room 403 beside Cameron Hall.

The Parish Nurse is available Sundays 9am-3pm; Tuesdays 9am-3pm; Wednesdays 3pm-6pm and Thursdays by appointment.

Please see the latest Health Bulletin in the Narthex and Center Hall. This week's topic: Head Injuries in Children.

If you would like more information or to discuss any health matter, please contact Parish Nurse Cathy Newman RN at 416-922-1428 or mobile 416 358-6453 by email: parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com. All communications are strictly confidential.

UPCOMING AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK

December's Food of the Month suggested donation is **Peanut Butter**. Please support your Churches On-The-Hill Foodbank to help those in need. Donations can be left in the donation box in the Centre Hall just outside the Sanctuary (north-east exit), near the doors to the Friendship Room. On behalf of the clients and volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

Wednesday, December 31, 11pm – Watchnight Service

The Rev. Dale Rose preaching

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.

Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 – 8:30am to 12 noon; Thursday, January 1, 2015 – Closed

Next Sunday, January 4 – Epiphany

11am - The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

4:30pm – The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – An Iona Liturgy

COME JOIN US

Helpers are needed to take down the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary at 8:00am on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**. We will remove the lights, disassemble the branches, and pack everything away until next year.

DORCAS GROUP

Dorcas begins again on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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!

LUNCHTIME CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES (9sparrowsarts.org)

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 12:10pm – Rising Stars Recital

WHAT DOES EVE HAVE TO DO WITH TRAUMATIZED WOMEN?



The Yorkminster Park Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to start your year by joining Baptist women across Canada in the annual Great Canadian Bible Study and mission project. Explore the Legacy of Eve with Bible study leader Carol Belford. Then give your toonies to help women in the Democratic Republic of Congo who have been traumatized by rape and sexual violence. Since 2012, this project has raised more than \$24,000 for medical assistance, trauma counselling, workshops to reduce discrimination against victims and their children, and microcredit programs to get survivors started on a new life. Come to the Friendship Room at **12:30 on Thursday, January 8**. Please bring a sandwich.

ART GALLERY – JANUARY SHOW • Ila Kellermann – Remark

Reception – Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 12:30pm



Kellermann's work celebrates and documents the tenacity and timelessness of nature. Her mark making explores the iconography and stewardship of landscapes and their inhabitants, while her ever-expanding membrane of colour and contemporary approach articulate her passions for our environment.

WEDNESDAY NOONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

January 14, 2015

Imre Olah, Organist and Music Director at Caven Presbyterian Church, Bolton

YPBC WOMEN'S RETREAT - JUST AS I AM: BODY AND SOUL

An exploration of self-acceptance

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2015 - 9 AM to 3:30 PM

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

FACILITATOR: Cindy Mosey. Cindy has capably led two of our previous retreats and is a committed Christian and a Social Worker by profession.

FEE: \$45 - Cheques payable to YPBC Women - **January 10, 2015 cut-off date.**

Please see DETAILS on Registration Form.

Light refreshments and a full hot lunch will be served with vegetarian and gluten free options available.

Registration Forms are available on the Centre Hall bulletin board beside our poster and on a table in the Narthex.

All women are warmly invited to this soul-nurturing day-apart.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND • May 11 to 23, 2015 - 13 Days

This special journey will be led by Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes and Corey Keeble, Curator Emeritus of the Royal Ontario Museum, and will include time in Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Hermon, Golan, Nimrod, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Tiberias, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Masada, and other Biblical sites. We will have an overnight by the sea outside Tel Aviv, four nights in Tiberias, in the heart of the Galilee region and six nights in Jerusalem. Visiting these sites with a pilgrim's heart can bring the Biblical stories to life and transform one's faith. Travel arrangements will be made through Craig Travel of Toronto. Full details will be available in a couple of months. To have your name on the list of those interested in receiving more information, please speak with Mary Stevens.