

MARCH 1, 2015

LENT II

THE SACRAMENT OF
HOLY COMMUNION



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah Ban
Minister of Discipleship

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MORNING WORSHIP • MARCH 1, 2015 • LENT II

The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude

Prelude English Suite in A minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Don Deathe, piano

Processional Hymn 35 – Worship the Lord (Was Lebet)

Responsive Call to Worship – Psalm 22:23-31 **Brennan Rabbets**

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

Leader: And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. Let us worship God.

Introit – (congregation seated) For the beauty of the earth *Pachelbel Canon cantus firmus, arr. D. King*

Minster Singers

Anthony Varahidis, tenor; Dawn King, conductor

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen) **The Rev. Deborah Ban**

Hymn *SHB 5 – Amazing grace (Amazing grace)

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

Wonderfully Made **Ryan**

Announcements

Holy Scripture – Matthew 13:3-9 (NT p.14) **Esther Barnes**

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

Choral Response *W. Maddox*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:
be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

Offering – The Lord is the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Cor. 3:17)

Anthem – Sanctus (Réquiem) *Maurice Duruflé*

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts

Pleni coeli et terra Gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory

Hosanna in excelsis.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the

Hosanna in excelsis.

Lord Hosanna in the highest.

Christel Wiens, conductor

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – SOUL KEEPING: SOUL SOIL

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SHB 6 – Amidst us our Beloved stands (Hamburg)

Choral Preparation -

Schmucke Dich

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy Thy praises render unto Him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded: High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Act of Remembrance – Walter Boyd

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Dale Rose

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Distribution of the Elements

Recessional Hymn 375 – Lead on, O King eternal (Lancashire)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

Postlude Paraphrase on a theme of Handel

Alexandre Guilmant

**SHB – Supplementary Hymn Book “Sing to God’s Glory”*

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

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

HOPE McBRIDE

By Hope Hambly

The flowers in the Narthex are placed in loving memory of

CYNTHIA BLUNT

*whose funeral was held here yesterday
by Wilton Blunt and family*

Sunday, April 26 is available for anyone wishing to place memorial or celebration flowers in the chancel. Please contact Kay Hayes at 416-447-9416.

Each year at Easter, the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women have the Sanctuary decorated with Easter flowers. Donations made to the flower fund at this time in memory of loved ones will enable you to participate in the floral celebration of Easter and the beautification of the Sanctuary throughout the year. Easter flower forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex, Centre Hall and South tables. To ensure enough time to prepare the memorial list for the Easter calendar, please complete the form and place it on the offering plate or leave it in the Church Office by **March 22**.

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WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

2 Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine;
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

3. Thru' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Amidst us our Beloved stands

1. Amidst us our Beloved stands
And bids us view His pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.
2. What food luxurious loads the board,
When at His table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet.
3. If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not him,
O may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!
4. Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Thy present smile a heav'n imparts;
O lift the veil, if veil there be:
Let ev'ry saint thy beauty see.

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LEAD on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace:
For not with sword's loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums:
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!

E. W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917.

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.

TODAY at 7:00 pm – An Iona Liturgy; The Rev. Dale Rose preaching

TRANSPORTATION NOTE

To all members who use the services of either Wheel Trans or a taxi to get to and from the Church on Sunday mornings: Please instruct all dispatchers to send the drivers to the Centre Hall glass doors (Art Gallery) at 1585 Yonge Street for pick up. Please wait in this area for the driver to come and get you when they arrive.

PRAYERS

Yorkminster Park endeavours 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.

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 am, 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 10 am to 3 pm and Wednesday 10 am to 12:30 pm.

ANTHEM NOTE:

In 1974, the Choir sang the Duruflé Requiem under the direction of Giles Bryant, and were accompanied by Marie-Madeleine Duruflé-Chevalier, wife of the composer. It was originally intended that Maurice Duruflé would conduct, but illness precluded him from coming on tour with Mme Duruflé. Her registrations for the Yorkminster Park organ on that occasion were written down and preserved by Catherine Palmer, and are those which are used to accompany the Sanctus today.



You are invited...

to grow with YP Reflects

What better time than Lent to recommit to following Jesus in community with fellow

believers. Members of the YPBC family will share devotionals reflecting on God’s extravagant generosity, and our response as stewards of all God’s spiritual and material gifts. We invite you to read them on YPReflects.com and contemplate your own commitment to upholding the body of Christ at YPBC with your gifts. May your faith and the life of our community be enriched through both reflection and action.

YPBC Stewardship Committee

ART GALLERY – MARCH SHOW

Victoria Cowan – The Ghost Stories



Victoria Cowan begins each of her works with the “ghost” version (the second printing) of a plate. From there she incorporates a text which becomes hidden in layers of multiple printings. Cowan’s artwork serves as a compelling metaphor for time, memory, distortion and belief.

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 March is “Jesus wants to be my friend forever.” and the memory verse is: “Love one another” taken from John 13:34, NIV. The Bible story this week is from Luke 12:16-21, where Jesus tells a story about a man who builds bigger barns to hold all of his extra food rather than sharing it with people who need it.



252Basics (Grades 1 to 5) – The monthly theme is ‘PATIENCE, Waiting until later for what you want now’. The MEMORY VERSE is “Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don’t lose hope. Wait for the Lord!” from Psalm 27:14, NIV. This week’s lesson is about how Esau can’t wait from Genesis 25:24-34. The bottom line we want children to learn is, “When you think you can’t wait, think twice”.

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

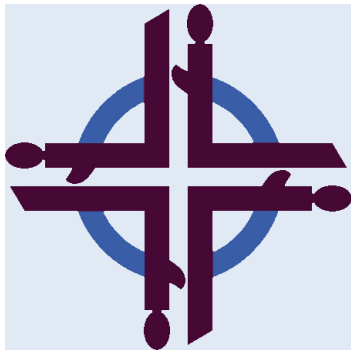
CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK

March’s Food of the Month suggested donation is **Dry Crackers.**

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.

Tired of this winter weather?



Join your friends from the Churches on the Hill for a video trip to the Bahamas. Celebrate the World Day of Prayer service on **Saturday March 7, 2015 at 1:00 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Latvian Church at 200 Balmoral Avenue (2 blocks south of St Clair Avenue, west of Avenue Road.)

This service was written by a committee from the Bahamas. The theme features John 13: 12 with Jesus saying "Do you know what I have done to you?"

A reception will follow the service. All are welcome.

YP NEWS

Articles/items for the Easter edition of the YPBC News will be received until **March 7**. Text should be in Word, non-formatted, and photos/illustrations in JPEG.

Please send to: pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

FREE weekly exercise classes now available at Yorkminster Park!!

- Led by Fitness Professionals.
 - Suitable for All!
 - Beginning week of **March 16, 2015** with choice of Wednesday morning or Friday noon hour
- Please contact Parish Nurse, Cathy for more details.

The Parish Nurse's office is now "The Health and Wellness Resource Centre" located in Room 403 beside Cameron Hall.

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

Please see the latest Health Bulletin in the Narthex and Center Hall.

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 or by email: parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com. All communications are strictly confidential.

CALENDAR NOTICES

Please note that items for inclusion are due on the Tuesday prior to the Sunday when you would like your item to be included in the calendar. In an effort to streamline the calendar, we are endeavouring to publish one announcement/Board or Committee notice a maximum of twice a month.

The Toronto Baptist Women are having a family breakfast on **March 14, 2015**.

The Toronto Baptist Women's Family Breakfast When: Saturday March 14, 2015

Where: Blythwood Baptist Church (80 Blythwood Road; 416-487-4571)

Time: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Menu includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, turkey bacon, toast and fruit Please RSVP by March 9:

Darlene Lucas: darlenelynnlucas@gmail.com or

Kathleen Wilson: kathleen.wilson56@gmail.com

BOARD OF MISSION

Yorkminster Park has a long history of sponsoring refugee families and at their meeting on February 18, 2015 the Board of Mission approved a motion to sponsor a new refugee family and to make refugee sponsorship an ongoing program of the Church. Refugees throughout the world live in terrible circumstances and our objective is to bring families to a safe and secure place, and to give them every possible support as they strive to make a living here and to become part of Canadian society. Sponsorship entails a one-year commitment of funding and support for a family once they have arrived and we ask for your prayerful support of this Ministry. Donations may be made using envelopes (marked Refugee Fund) and once our sponsored family arrives we will need many volunteers to help with housing, clothing, schooling, medical assistance and other needs. Our sponsored family has not yet been identified but we will try to keep you informed as information becomes available. Please visit <http://refugeesponsorship.blogspot.ca/> and subscribe to updates to get the latest information, or contact mwills@chartwellconsulting.ca

Your prayers are being solicited as we seek team members
for our summer Short Term Mission Trips.

Anyone who feels gifted and called to be involved in either of these mission trips is
encouraged to apply before March 15th.



One team will be travelling to **Beirut, Lebanon** to assist Gladys Haddad working with children and youth ministry in one of the children's camps, as well as serving among Syrian refugee families as part of Yorkminster Park's commitment to the **STEP partnership** with the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (**LSESD**), **July 20 to July 30, 2015**. Rev. Deborah Ban and Ken Little are co-leading this mission project.



The second opportunity is a mission trip to the **Oneida Nation of the Thames in conjunction with First Oneida Baptist Church**, a week of day camp for children, ages 5 – 12 at the Standing Stone Elementary School located near London, Ontario. The trip is from **July 26 to 31, 2015** with accommodation at Fanshaw College for the week. We are looking for volunteers who love to work with children and have a passion for servant ministry. Teens (15 yrs. and over unless with a parent), families or seniors are welcome to apply. Rev. Dale Rose and Miriam Little are co-leading this trip.

We're excited about both of these **Short Term Mission Trips** and the ministry which God has called us to at Yorkminster Park. We would love to have you share in the journey. If you are interested in applying, **please speak with a team leader TODAY.**

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 8.
Please remember to set your clocks ahead at 2am.

THIS WEEK AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dale Rose will be away on holiday this week.
Please address pastoral concerns to The Rev. J. Peter Holmes at 416-922-1167 x228
or jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com

Monday, March 2	7:00pm	Lenten Bible Study, Library
Tuesday, March 3	9:30am	Prayers, Chapel
	10:00am	Dorcas Group, Room 508
	12:10pm	Lunchtime Chamber Music Series – Rising Stars Recital
	5:30pm	Deacons/Finance Executive, Library
	6:30pm	Lenten Bible Study, Room 508
	7:00pm	Board of Deacons, Friendship Room
	7:00pm	Board of Finance, Red Boardroom
Wednesday, March 4	12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study, Library
	12:30pm	Noonday Organ Recital – Andrew Adair
	7:00pm	Lenten Bible Study, Friendship Room
Thursday, March 5	7:00am	Lenten Bible Study, Friendship Room
	12:00pm	Stewardship Committee, Red Boardroom
	7:00pm	Lenten Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
	7:30pm	Don Mills Bible Study, offsite
	7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall
Friday, March 6	6:00pm	Life Group, Friendship Room
Saturday, March 7	1:00pm	World Day of Prayer, St. John's Latvian Lutheran
	2:00pm	Children's Stick Drama Practice, Room 508

Next Sunday, March 8 – Lent III – COMMONWEALTH SUNDAY

9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am	Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am	Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am	Parents Life Group, Room 508
10:00am	Youth Bible Study, Room 510
11:00am	The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
12:00pm	Guest Connection, Narthex
12:15pm	Reception with the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Narthex
12:30pm	Annual Business Meeting, Heritage Room
7:00pm	The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, March 8, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will host the Vice-Regal party for the occasion of the Commonwealth address; a very short speech will be read on behalf of the Queen at the conclusion of our worship. We look forward to welcoming The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, March 8** following the morning worship service; for the purpose of considering and approving the proposed budget for 2015. Minutes of the November 23, 2014 Fall Business Meeting, the 2014 Annual Reports and the Proposed Consolidated Budget for 2015 are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall. Please bring a bag lunch.

– David Wilson, Church Clerk