

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2015
ADVENT III

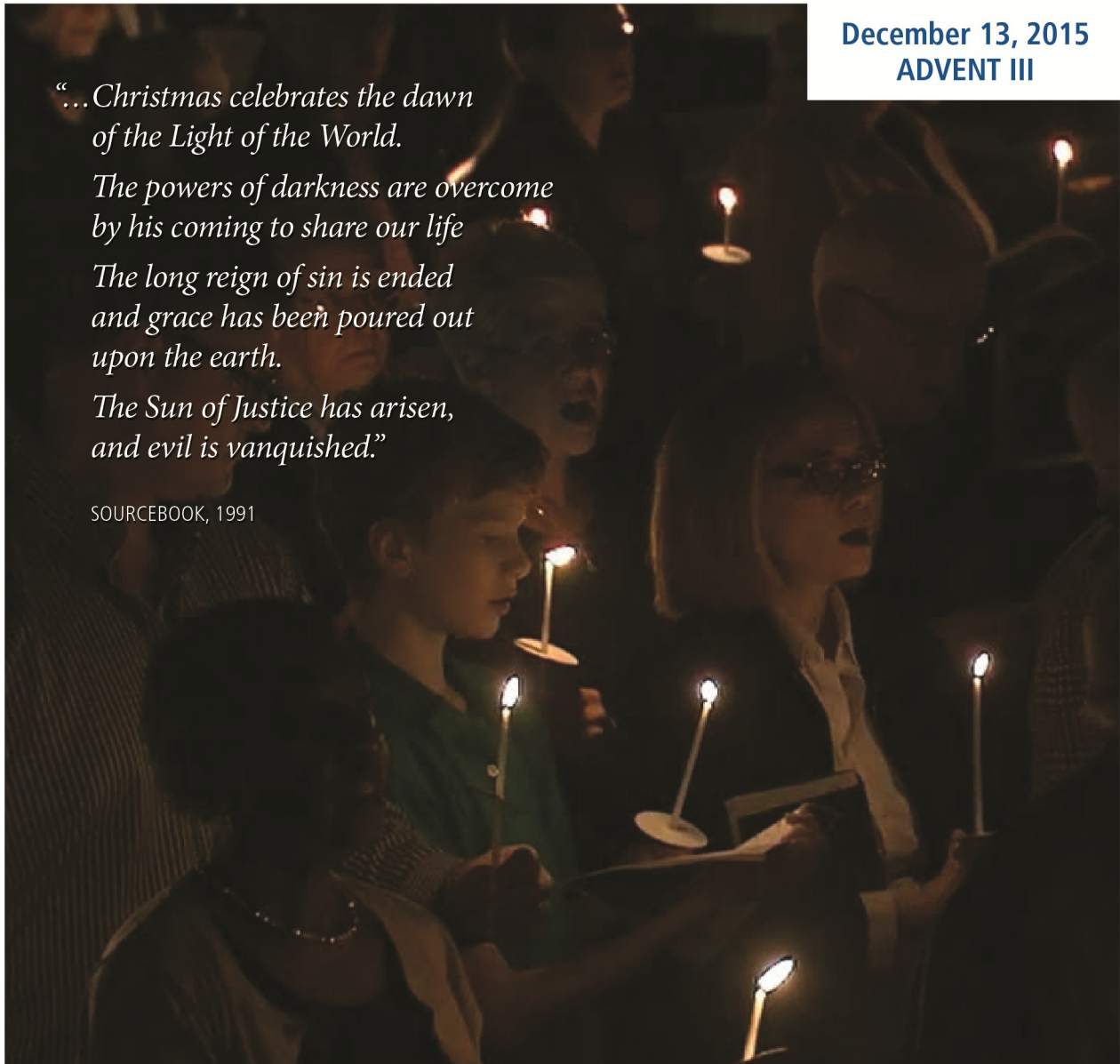
*“...Christmas celebrates the dawn
of the Light of the World.*

*The powers of darkness are overcome
by his coming to share our life*

*The long reign of sin is ended
and grace has been poured out
upon the earth.*

*The Sun of Justice has arisen,
and evil is vanquished.”*

SOURCEBOOK, 1991



Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am - Advent II

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ at 10:45am.

Preludes

Ecce, Dominus veniet

Marcel Dupré

Quem pastores laudavere

Healey Willan

Processional Hymn 89 - Angels from the realms of glory (Regent Square 377)

Call to Worship

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Introit - A Welsh Lullaby (congregation seated)

arr. K. Lee Scott

Minster Singers

Dawn King, conductor

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

Andrew, Carolyn, Nancy, Peter

The Lord's Prayer (*seated*) (*sung Amen*) *Please see inside cover of the hymn book.*

Hymn - Go tell it on the mountain (Go Tell It)

[Chorus]

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

[chorus]

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus

that hailed our Saviour's birth!

[chorus]

3. Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

[chorus]

Please remain seated during the hymn as the children collect the gifts.

Prayer with the Children and Dedication of the Gifts **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Announcements

Scripture - Isaiah 12:2-6 (OT p.711)

Joan Ferguson

Luke 3: 7-18 (NT p. 61-2)

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Response

G. Thalben Ball

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently on Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire.
Amen.

Offering

*For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

Anthem - Glory to God (Messiah)

George Frederick Handel

Glory to God, in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

Dawn King, soprano

Doxology (Hymn 766)

Hymn SHB 80 - People look east (Besancon)

Sermon - The Road to Christmas

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 78 - Come Thou long expected Jesus (Blaenwern 595)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen - Maddox in E flat

Postlude - O nata lux de lumine

Flor Peeters

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

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Chancel 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.

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano
Martin Houtman, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

Evening Worship Service - 4:30pm - Carols by Candlelight

ANGELS, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant-light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:

4 Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear:

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1. People, look East, the time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house glad as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today,
Love the guest is on the way.

2. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as moon and stars together.
People, look East and sing today,
Love the star is on the way.

3. Angels, announce ~~the~~ to man and beast
He who cometh from the East,
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today,
Love the Lord is on the way.

COME, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TALK

After the morning worship service, we invite you to join us for coffee in the Narthex.

YP GALLERY

Paul Roorda “Night Gold” show on until Sunday, December 20

PRAYERS

You may submit a request for prayer on the Welcome Card and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

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 in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, 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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

Christmas Cookies for our elderly and homebound friends

Drivers - Please remember to pick up your deliveries from the Heritage Room Kitchen TODAY.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

The Men’s Baking Group will have this year’s Christmas Cakes for sale following the morning service. The proceeds from this year’s sales will be donated to the House of Compassion.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Doug Purdon “Christmas Eve” Christmas Cards are available from the YP Women for \$10 per box. One option is blank and the other option has a Christmas greeting inside. The cards will be available in the Narthex and Centre Hall following the morning worship service or contact the Church Office if you would like more information.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK



Please remember the Churches-On-The-Hill Food Bank. December suggested donation is chunky soup. Please note that the Foodbank no longer needs egg cartons or plastic bags at this present time. Many thanks. Donations can be left in the donation box just outside the Sanctuary (north east exit), near the doors to the Friendship Room. Thank you for your support on behalf of the clients.

BOARD OF MISSION REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank God - Charlene and Chancella have arrived!

Join us in a prayer of thanksgiving for their safe passage. Continue to uphold their needs in prayer. Prayer that they will find us a welcoming and empowering community that offers support and friendship in Jesus' name. To learn more or to get involved, contact Michael Wills at 485-4074 or mwills@chartwellconsulting.ca.

DISCIPLESHIP

Enrich your spiritual life in this season of preparation by including an advent devotional in your festive routine. You are invited to choose one of the following:

- Unto us a Child is Born by Henri Nouwen which can be found in the Centre Hall.
- The Canadian Baptist 2015 Advent Reader can be found online at baptist.ca/advent

Advent Soup and Study • December 16 - Presence of Christ

BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The 2016 general offering envelopes are in the Centre Hall today.

Please pick up your set.

The 2016 YP Women's Envelopes are also in the Centre Hall.

All donations to be received for 2014 must be received by December 31, 2015. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 27 or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2015 and received in the finance office no later than January 6, 2016.

PRIME TIMERS

On **Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 12:30pm**, Tom Hayes, retired art teacher will present “Christmas in Art and Song”. Please join us for lunch time conversation. Bring your own lunch—dessert and tea are provided. All ages and stages welcome!



The **Orpheus Choir of Toronto** and the **Hannaford Street Silver Band** present **Welcome Christmas: The Gospel According to Jackie** with guest narration by the **Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes** at Yorkminster Park, on **Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.** Tickets \$15 - \$40. Rejoice in the spirit of the season with Orpheus, the Hannaford Street Silver Band and JUNO-nominated jazz and gospel songstress Jackie Richardson for a glorious Christmas celebration. Please contact 416-420-9660/416-530-4428 or orpheuschoirtoronto.com for information/tickets.

BETHLEHEM ON YONGE

We are so happy that many have signed up to help with Bethlehem On Yonge.

We still have a need for the following:

- Be an angel
- Be a host to welcome people
- Invite neighbours and friends to visit
- Take an Ice Lantern mould home and prepare some ice lanterns

Contact Miriam Little at mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com or Sally Roy at sallyroy@rogers.com.

YOUTH

December 18th we will be holding our Christmas Potluck Party.

Please bring a dish to share, and a \$10 gift. Please also RSVP with Brennan, brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com or call him at the office.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE - Saturday, December 19, 11:00 am

If at this Christmas season you are **going through a time of transition in your life**; experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness; or you would just like a break from the upcoming stress and busyness of the holiday season, please join us for a Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel. This is a quiet, contemplative service to help validate our feelings and draw us closer to God. A light lunch will follow in the Friendship Room. **All are welcome.**



Amadeus Choir of Toronto with Bach Children's Chorus and Trillium Brass Quintet presents **Season of Joy** at Yorkminster Park on Saturday, **December 19, 7:30 p.m.** Be inspired by premiere performances of winning compositions from the Amadeus Choir 29th Annual International Song Writing Competition! We will also honour the memory of our dear friend and patron Sir David Wilcocks by performing some of his brilliant arrangements of traditional carols with brass and audience participation. Tickets \$15 - \$40. For tickets and information, call 416-446-0188 or visit <http://www.amadeuschoir.com/>.

JOHN MCDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS

December 22, 7:00pm

A fundraising event for the Toronto House of Compassion.

General Admission: \$20. Tickets available on EventBrite \$21.80.

Tickets available following the morning worship service in the Narthex and Centre Hall.

PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES - MONTREAL

The Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces Committee is pleased to announce a PILGRIMAGE TO MONTREAL, **April 25-28, 2016**. Pilgrims will travel to Montreal by coach and stay at the Best Western Ville Marie on Sherbrooke St. and explore many of the magnificent sacred spaces of Downtown, Old Montreal, Le Plateau, and other areas as they are led by Corey Keeble, Curator Emeritus of the Royal Ontario Museum, William Maddox and Peter Holmes. The cost is \$625 per person based on double occupancy and \$825 based on single occupancy. The price includes, coach travel, hotel, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. To reserve your space, please contact Euan Ferguson at eujoferguson@sympatico.ca or 416-363-9900. Space is limited and waiting lists have often developed in the past, so if you plan to come, please contact Euan soon.

2016 CHURCH RETREAT

Mark your calendar! Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will be gathering for an **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT** on **May 13 – 15, 2016** at Jackson's Point Conference Centre near Sutton. Look for more details in January, including an information session after the morning service on January 31st.

YPBC | WOMEN'S RETREAT

Change...

AND THE JOURNEY OF THE HEART

ALL WOMEN are invited for a
day of spiritual nourishment,
warm fellowship
and a delicious meal!

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING YOU.



FACILITATOR:
Sister Sue Mosteller

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT HOTEL

475 Yonge Street, (approximately 1 block north of the College St. subway station)

\$50 Registration fee includes Light refreshments and a full hot lunch.

REGISTER TODAY!

BRIGHT GREEN REGISTRATION FORMS are available in the Narthex and on the Centre Hall table. Cut off date for registration is **January 17, 2016**.

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2015 AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am Youth Bible Study, Room 510
10:00am Being the Beloved Bible Study, Boardroom 502
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)
11:20am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm Refugee Sponsorship Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom
12:30pm Full Life Group, Room 508
12:30pm Stick Drama Rehearsal, Heritage Room, Sanctuary and Room 508
1:00pm Ball Hockey, Gym
4:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday to Friday

9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room

Monday

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
6:30pm House of Compassion Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom

Tuesday

9:30am Ministerial Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym
12:10pm Lunchtime Chamber Music - Amina Holloway, Sanctuary
12:30pm Prime Timers, Friendship Room
5:30m Budget Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom
7:00pm Board of Mission, Administrative Boardroom 502
7:30pm Orpheus 'Welcome Christmas' Concert, Sanctuary

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Advent Soup and Study, Friendship Room
12:30pm Noontday Organ Recital – *Michael Bloss*
6:45pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym

Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Brentwood Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

9:15am Senior Gentle Fitness - Mild, Room 508
10:15am Senior Gentle Fitness - Moderate, Room 508
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym
5:30pm Bay Street Life Group, Library
6:00pm Youth Christmas Party, Youth Zone and Cameron Hall

Saturday

11:00am Service of Comfort and Hope, Chapel and Friendship Room
12:00pm Art Gallery, Centre Hall
3:00pm Walking Life Group, offsite (For details call Mary/Nikhil at 416-880-9372)
7:00pm Amadeus 'Season of Joy' Christmas Concert, Sanctuary and Friendship Room

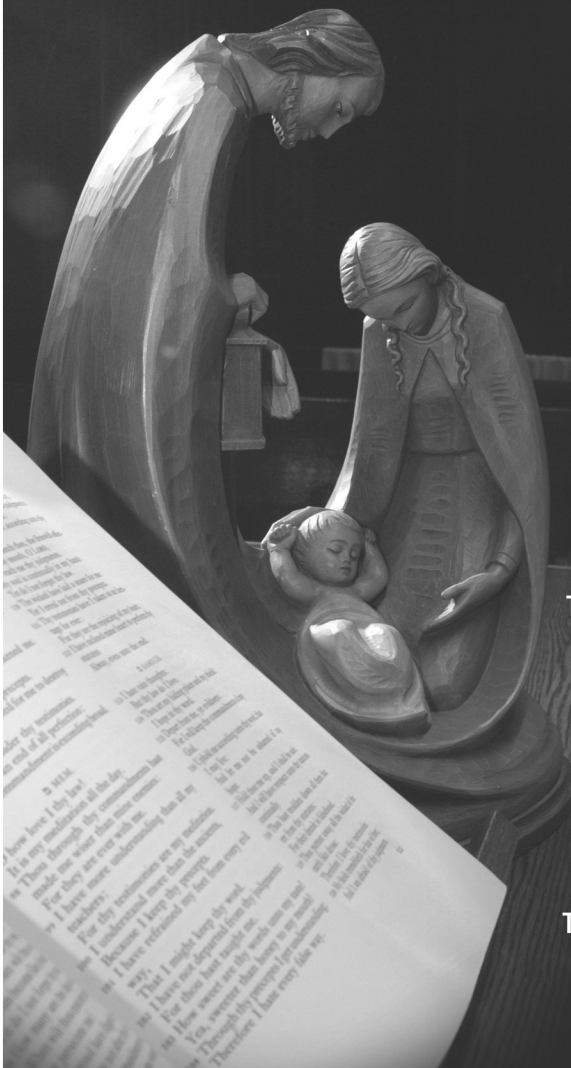
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4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CELEBRATE WITH US

Advent & Christmas

AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – ADVENT III

11:00 am Morning Worship

4:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:00 am Service of Comfort and Hope

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 – ADVENT IV

11:00 am Morning Worship Service

4:30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

7:00 pm John McDermott Family Christmas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Bethlehem on Yonge Family Service

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 am Worship Service

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:15 pm Watchnight Service

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Parking: Parking is FREE on Sunday mornings until 12:45 pm. at City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair). Don't forget to have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.

Accessibility: 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. Hearing assistance is also available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

For Children: Nursery is available for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to Grade 5 after the Children's Prayer. Parents are reminded to pick up a pager before the service, or when the children head to classes. Youth are encouraged to join Doxa Youth Worship in Cameron Hall today.

Fellowship: Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected: 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.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office at info@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1167.

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

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah A. Ban
Minister of Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox
BMus, FTCL, FCAM

Organist and Director of Music

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

Mrs. Miriam Little
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