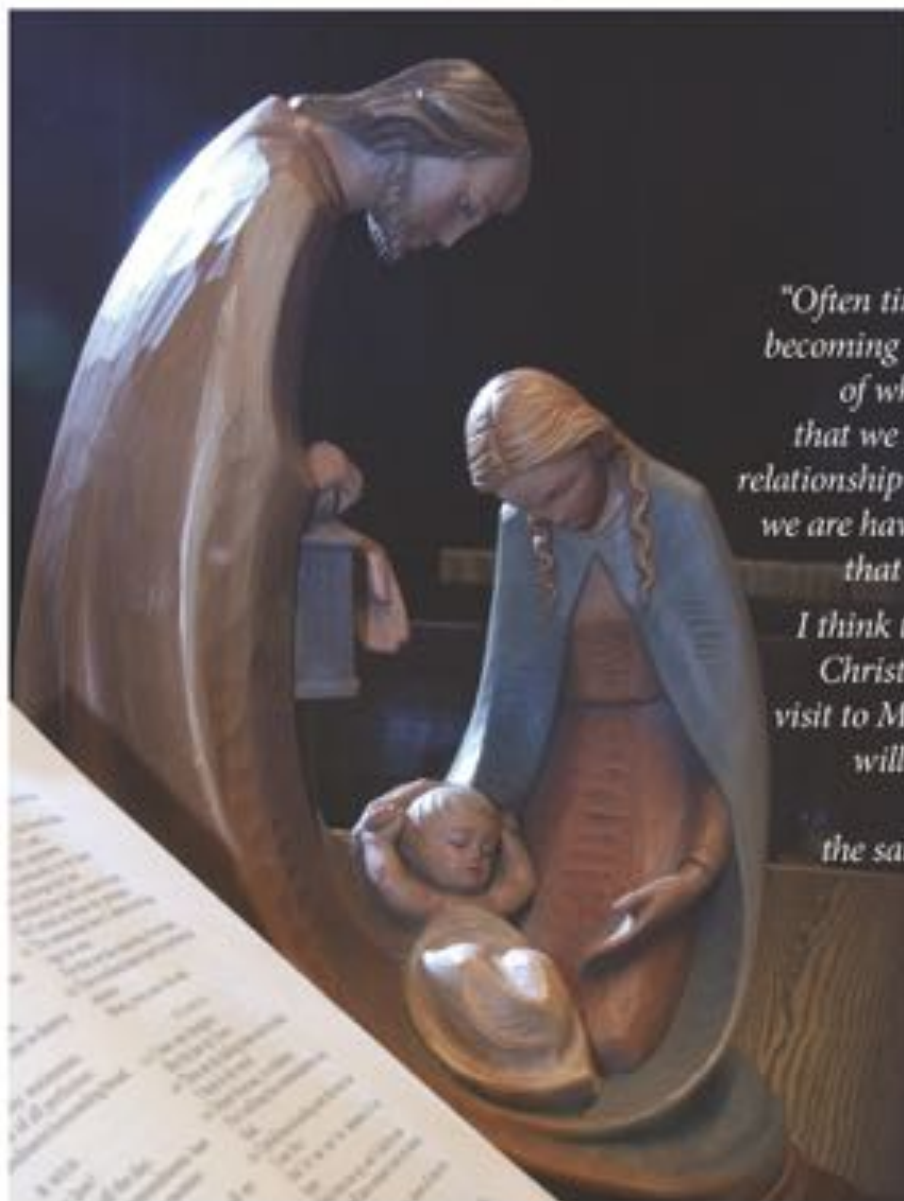


WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 20, 2015
ADVENT IV



"Often times when we think of becoming a Christian, we think of what it is doing for us – that we are reconciling in our relationship with our creator that we are having our sins forgiven, that we are being saved..."

I think that the call to receive Christ is more like Gabriel's visit to Mary where he asks us, will you carry the Christ, will you carry the salvation of the world?"

M. WILKINS

Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am

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

Preludes

Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis Claude D'Aquin

The Holy Boy

John Ireland

Processional Hymn 104 - O come all ye faithful , omit verses 4 & 6 (Adeste fideles)

Call to Worship

Brennan Rabbets

Introit - How Far Is It To Bethlehem? (congregation seated)

M. Pooler

CHORISTERS

Jessica Willingham, conductor

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Ken, Pamela, Vaughn, Logan

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

Presentation of a child and Act of Dedication

Miriam Little, The Rev. Deborah Ban and The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Children's Presentation - 'Let There Be Light' Stick Drama

Point of Grace

Mary Edward, director

Hymn 734 - Away in a manger (Cradle Song)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY presented by the children

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-16 (NT p.59-60)

Callum

Hymn *SHB 8 - Angels we have heard on high (vs 1 & 2 - please remain seated) (Gloria)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11 (NT p.2)

Sarah

Hymn *SHB 8 - Angels we have heard on high (vs 3 & 4 - please stand) (Gloria)

(During the singing of the carol,

Preschool and Kindergarten children move to the aisle to line up to move to the Chancel.)

Children's Song—No Room in the Inn

Robert Evans

Preschool and Kindergarten Class

Kim Aikenhead, director, Michelle Holmes, accompaniment

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Announcements

Hymn 100 - Infant holy (Infant holy)

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

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 - King Jesus hath a garden*John Rutter*

King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers, Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.

There naught is heard but Paradise bird, Harp, dulcimer, lute, With cymbal, trump and tymbal, And the tender, soothing flute.

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity: The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place, 'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.

Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim The Star of Bethlem-Jesus-bless'd be his Name!

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat.

Christel Wiens, piano**Doxology** (Hymn 766)**Sermon - HIDDEN IN THE NATIVITY****The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes****Recessional Hymn *SHB 52 - Joy to the world** (Antioch)**Benediction****The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes****Choral Amen** - Stanford in B flat**Postlude** - Festival*Flor Peeters*

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

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

PRESENTATION OF A CHILD AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We welcome these parents as they present their child to God
and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little one:

Jack Thomas Whitaker, born on May 29, 2015, son of Andrea and Adrian Rocca

104

LUKE ii. 15.

COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels:
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

- 2 True God of true God,
Light of light eternal,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
Begotten not created:
- 3 See how the shepherds,
Summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
- 4 Lo, star-led chieftains,
Wise men, Christ adoring,
Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
- 5 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
"Glory to God,
Glory in the highest":
- 6 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

STICK DRAMA ▪ Point Of Grace - Let There Be Light Lyrics

Star of wonder, star of might
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

From the beginning the Father
Had a magnificent plan
Revealed through the law and the prophets
To fulfill the redemption of man

You spoke after centuries of silence
In the midst of a still, starry night
And Emmanuel came down among us
And the Father said, Let there be light

Chorus: Let there be light, let it shine bright
Piercing the darkness with dazzling white
Hope for the hopeless was born on that night
When God sent His Son and said, Let there be light
Let there be light

People who walked in great darkness
Gathered from near and afar
Shepherds with flocks in their keeping
Three kings who follow a star

Together the poor and the richest
Witness that Bethlehem night
And the sky full of Angels announcing
The birth of a glorious light

Chorus

We who are His have this calling
To praise Him and make His name known
So one day the presence of Jesus
Shines in every heart and every home
Shines in our home
Star of wonder, star of beauty bright

Chorus

734

AWAY in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He
lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus ! look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus ; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Anon.

Angels we have heard on high

8

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria....

3. Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria....

4. See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
Gloria....

100

INFANT holy,
Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing,
Little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging
Angels singing,
Nowells ringing,
Tidings bringing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

- 2 Flocks were sleeping,
 Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
 Saw the glory,
 Heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing,
 Free from sorrow,
 Praises voicing,
 Greet the morrow,
Christ the babe was born for you !

Joy to the world

52

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrow grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TALK

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

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

Evening Worship Service - 4:30pm - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS CARDS

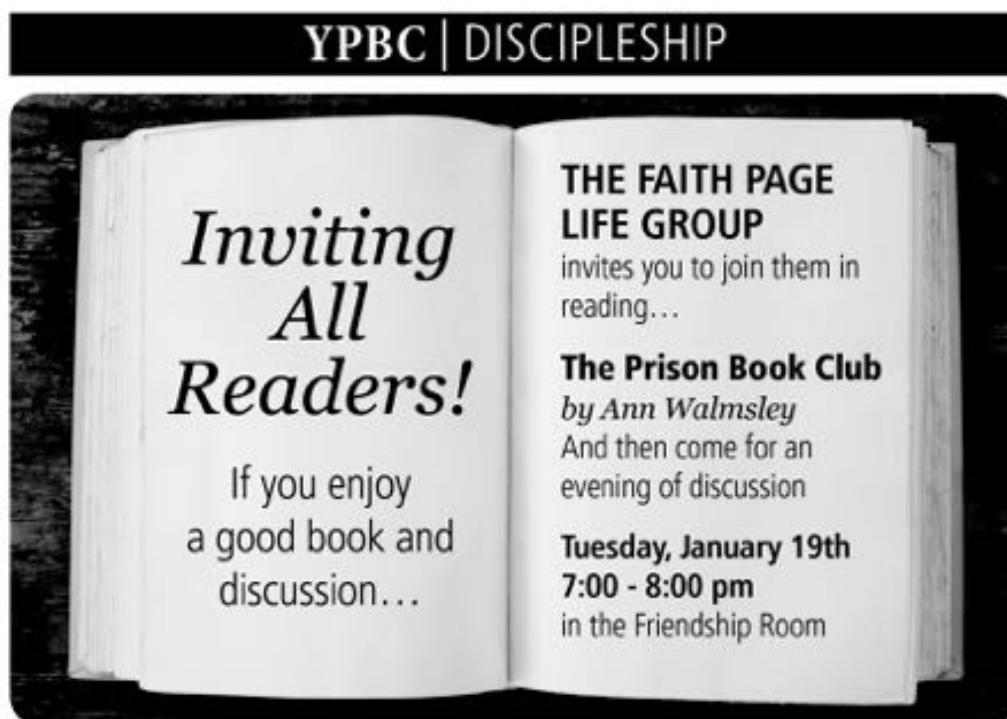


The Doug Purdon "Christmas Eve" Christmas Cards are available from the YP Women for \$10 per box. One option is blank and the other option has a Christmas greeting inside. The cards will be available in the Narthex and Centre Hall following the morning worship service or contact the Church Office if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

THANK YOU

The Men's Baking Group, on behalf of the House of Compassion,
thank you for all of your support with our 2015 Christmas Cake sales.

Advent Soup and Study • December 23 - Power of Christ



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. Pray 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 416-485-4074 or mwills@chartwellconsulting.ca.

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 in the Narthex and Centre Hall following the morning and evening worship services and from the Church Office during the week.

CHRISTMAS AT YPBC ON TV

The City Carol Sing will be broadcast on City TV December 24 at 11pm and December 25 at 11pm

Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices

December 25 and 28, 2015 – Closed • Wednesday, December 31, 2015 – 8:30am to 12 noon
Friday, January 1, 2016 – Closed

COME JOIN US

Helpers are needed to take down the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary at 8:00am on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016**. We will remove the lights, disassemble the branches, and pack everything away until next year.

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 receipted for 2015 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.

AFTERNOON MISSION FELLOWSHIP - A Tale of Two Wives



The 2016 Great Canadian Bible Study challenges Baptist women across Canada to learn from two marriage partnerships—one tragic, one triumphant—in the book of Acts. Join in this study, led by Otha Sim, at the Afternoon Mission Fellowship on **Thursday, January 7, at 12:30 pm** in the Friendship Room. Bring your lunch, plus your loonies for the new Canadian Baptist women's project: literacy for women in Rwanda.

The Gathering...

GAMES NIGHT WITH FOOD AND FUN

An All Church Event! Please Join Us! Bring your family, friends & neighbours.

Saturday, January 9, 2016 • 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Reservations requested by calling **416-922-1167** or email: **dban@yorkminsterpark.com**

We look forward to sharing with you!

Deborah Ban, Miriam Little, Brennan Rabbets

FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

- **Please be advised that annual reports for 2015 are due January 31, 2016.**
 - If you plan to have a meeting on-site at the church, please call the Church Office to reserve a room.
 - If you wish to place a notice in the calendar, please submit your information by Tuesday of the Sunday prior and your notice will be appear for two Sundays.
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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 are being developed, 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.

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2015 AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am Youth Bible Study, Room 510
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)
12:30pm Full Life Group, Room 508
4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday to Friday

9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room

Monday

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room

Tuesday

9:30am Ministerial Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym
7:00pm John McDermott Family Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Advent Soup and Study, Friendship Room
6:45pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room and Gym

Thursday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
4:00pm Bethlehem on Yonge Street Live Nativity, Park and Cameron Hall
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight - The Rev Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Friday

11:00am Christmas Day Communion - The Rev. Dale Rose

Next Sunday

10:00am Youth Bible Study, Room 510
10:15am Children's Ministry, Room 205
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Please note there will not be an evening worship service today.

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**.

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.

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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