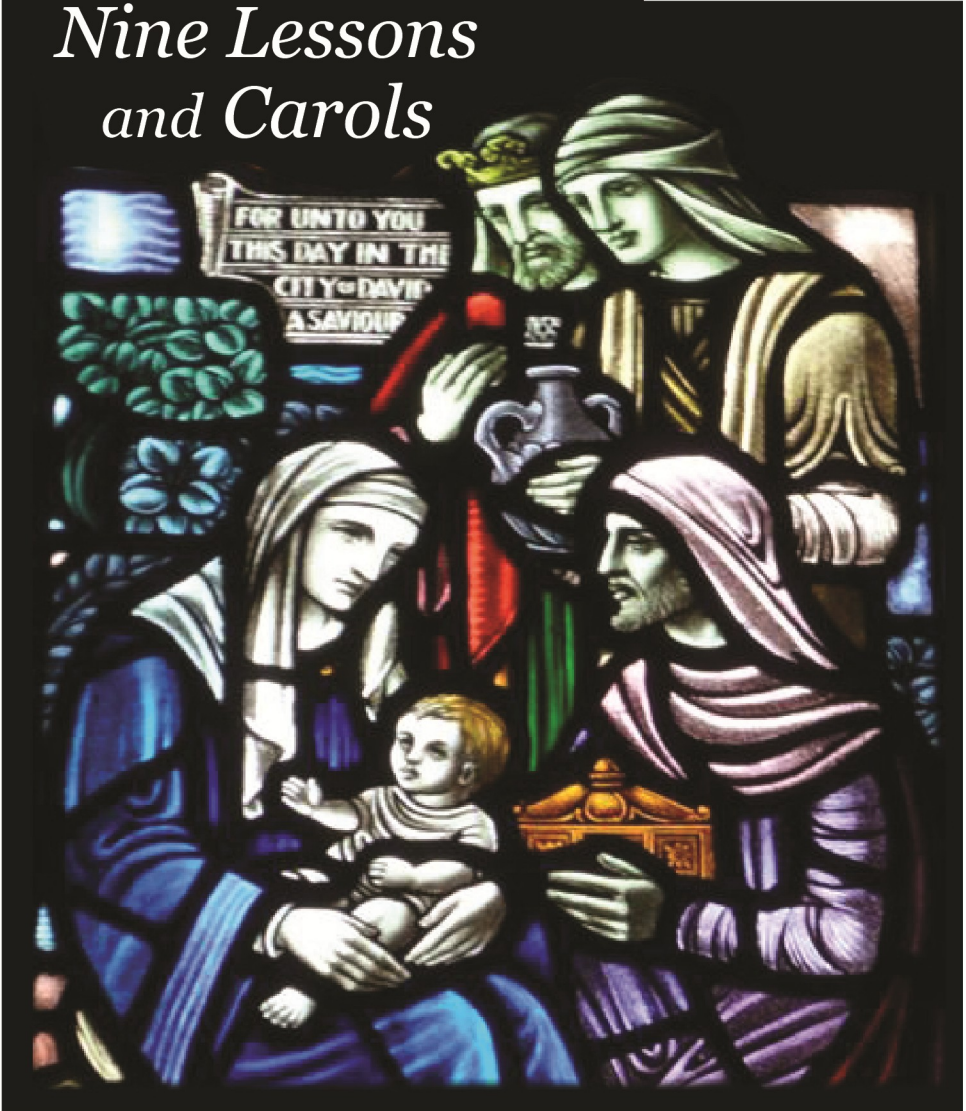


WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 20, 2015

FESTIVAL OF
*Nine Lessons
and Carols*



***To avoid wax dripping on clothes,
please sit clear of the candles at the pew ends.***

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

PRELUDES

Es ist ein ros' entsprungen *Johannes Brahms*

Choral orné: Rorate coeli de super *Jeanne Demessieux*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 106 – Once in royal David's city (*Irby*)

Verse 1 - **Stefan Mulak**; Verse 2 - **Choir**;

Verse 3 - *Congregation stands to join the choir.*

BIDDING & LORD'S PRAYER (sung Amen) (*congregation seated*)

Rev. Dale Rose

FIRST LESSON

Janet Kim

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head (**Genesis 3:8-15**)

CHOIR: Adam lay y bounden

Philip Ledger

SECOND LESSON

Samuel Alexander

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of earth be blessed. (**Genesis 22:15-18**)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 83 - O come, O come, Immanuel

(Veni Emmanuel)

THIRD LESSON

Heather Hetherington

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. (**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**)

CHOIR: The blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

FOURTH LESSON

Hannah Biemiller

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

(Micah 5: 2-4)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 105 - O little town of Bethlehem

(Forest Green 718)

FIFTH LESSON

Nicol MacNicol

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

(St. Luke 1: 26-35, 38)

CHOIR: Myn lyking

R. R. Terry

SIXTH LESSON

Andrew Flanagan

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. (**St. Luke 2: 1-7**)

CHOIR: Past three o'clock

Charles Wood

SEVENTH LESSON

Carol Roberts

The shepherds go to the manger. (**St. Luke 2: 8-16**)

CHOIR: All this time

William Walton

EIGHTH LESSON

Corey Keeble

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. (**St. Matthew 2: 1-11**)

CHOIR: I sing the birth

Mark Sirett

(The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.)

NINTH LESSON

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

(St. John 1: 1-14)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 98 - Hark! the herald angels sing

(Mendelssohn)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

DURING THE OFFERING – In dulci, júbilo

Flor Peeters

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Dale Rose

RECESSIONAL HYMN 107 - See amid the winter's snow

(Humility)

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (*Maddox in G*)

POSTLUDE - Toccata (Symphony V)

Charles-Marie Widor

***Following the service,
worshippers are asked to remain seated until the ushers
extinguish the candles.***

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.*

WELCOME TO A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, which follows closely the great tradition established at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918.

It is our hope that visitors will feel welcome and at home in our church, and aided in their spiritual search and devotion through the worship which we offer unto God. As well as providing weekly services of worship and prayer, the ministry of our church includes educational programs and Bible studies, recitals and concerts, pastoral services, children's programs, youth ministries, Meals on Wheels delivered five days a week, and lodging and meals for the homeless through our Out of the Cold program.

For more information on any of these programs, please complete one of the visitor's cards in the pew and place it on the offering plate. Offerings received this evening will support the ongoing ministries of our church. Income tax receipts will be given for all donations of \$20 or more.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

*Soloists: **Jessica Willingham**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano;
Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano;
Martin Houtman, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.
Christel Wiens, Associate Musician*

Cover: The Life of Christ Window, which is in the south transept above the balcony, was placed in memory of E. Frank Wright in September 1955.

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
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