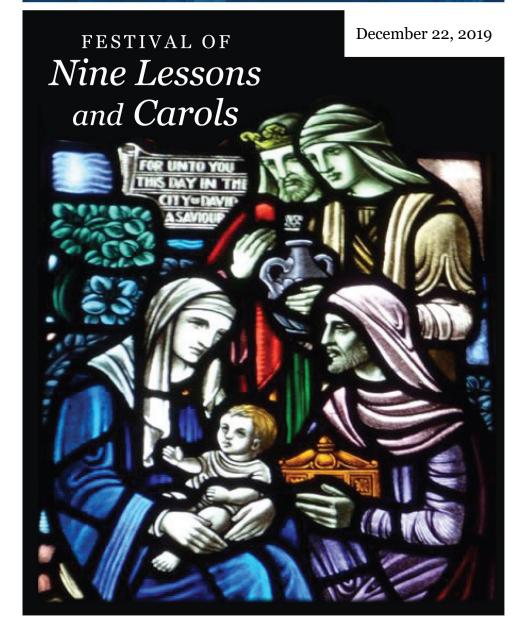
WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

To avoid the possibility of wax dripping on clothing, please sit clear of the candles at the end of the pews. Please do not use the candle holders as grab bars or safety devices. Please be careful.

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 81 - Once in royal David's city (Irby)

Verse 1 - Reneé Reyes; Verse 2 - Choir; Verse 3 - Congregation stands to join the choir

BIDDING AND LORD'S PRAYER (sung Amen)

The Rev. Dale Rose

FIRST LESSON

Gordon Brew

Canadian Baptist Ministries

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

(Genesis 3:8-15)

CHOIR: I sing of a maiden

Richard Shephard

SECOND LESSON

Charissa Wilson

Artistic Director, Harmony School of Dance and Music

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of earth be blessed.

(Genesis 22:15-18)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 45 - O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Veni Emmanuel)

THIRD LESSON

Helen Shaw

President, Current Events Club of Toronto

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

(Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7)

CHOIR: Past three o'clock

arr. Charles Wood

FOURTH LESSON

Angie Peters

Executive Director, Yonge Street Mission

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

(Micah 5: 2-4)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 79 - O little town of Bethlehem

(Forest Green)

FIFTH LESSON Julian Fisher

Principal and Music Director, Toronto School for Strings and Piano

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

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

CHOIR: The Angel Gabriel arr. Malcolm Archer

SIXTH LESSON **Mary Carol Healey**

Executive Director, Yorkminster Park Meals on Wheels

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

(St. Luke 2: 1-7)

CHOIR: A maiden most gentle

EIGHTH LESSON

Andrew Carter

SEVENTH LESSON Alana Walker-Carpenter Executive Director, Intriciti

The shepherds go to the manger.

(St. Luke 2: 8-16)

CHOIR: Rocking arr. David Willcocks

The Rev. Dr. Rupen Das Executive Director, Canadian Bible Study

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

(St. Matthew 2: 1-11)

CHOIR: Myn Lyking R. R. Terry

(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 66 - Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes ANNOUNCEMENTS

DURING THE OFFERING – In dulci, jubilo Flor Peeters

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION The Rev. Dale Rose

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 83 - 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.

* Congregation Stands

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, Amanda Cogan, soprano Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano, Tyler Cervini, tenor Lutzen Riedstra, baritone

Christel Wiens. Associate Musician

CHRISTMAS AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Tuesday, Dec. 24th 4:00 p.m. Bethlehem on Yonge Tuesday, Dec. 24th 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25th 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion

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

The Rev. Dale Rose Minister of Pastoral Care

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi, RN Parish Nurse

Mr. William Maddox BMus, FTCL, FCAM Organist and Director of Music

> The Rev. John Torrance Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

Ms. Heather Mackey Director of Family Ministries

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