

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Carols by Candlelight

December 12, 2021



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY



A Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF WAX DRIPPING ON CLOTHES, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS PERMITTED WITH MASK ON.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, December 12, 2021

4:30 p.m.

PRELUDES—Deux Noël's *Denis Bédard*

Noël huron

Toccata sur Il est né, le divin Enfant

Prelude on "Christmas Day" *Gustav Holst, arr. James Mansfield*

Played by Sharon L. Beckstead

PROCESSIONAL (*congregation remains seated*)

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

*Puer nobis nascitur
arr. David Willcocks*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Paula Willis

CHOIR

Ding, dong, merrily on high

arr. David Willcocks

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (*see insert*)

The First Nowell

First Nowell

INVOCATION

The Rev. Paula Willis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung Amen*)

CHOIR

Seven Joys

Geoffrey Bush

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

Heather Mackey

CHOIR

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *arr. David Willcocks*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

CHOIR

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks

All this time

William Walton

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-15

The Rev. John Torrance

CHOIR

Glory to God in the highest

Randall Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon-Sortie
William Maddox, organ

Henri Mulet

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Rev. Paula Willis

READING—The Little Towns of Bethlehem (John Terpstra)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

CHOIR

Silent Night

arr. Malcolm Sargent

READING—First Light (Myrna Reid Grant)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fideles

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

CHOIRAL AMEN—Palmer in E

RECESSIONAL

Of the Father's love begotten *Corde natus ex parentis*

The Memorial Bells will peal for ten minutes after the Recessional.

Director of Music
William Maddox

Jessica Willingham, Emily Lapin, Kathleen Wilson, soprani;
Margaret Terry, Alessia Vitali, alti;
Michael Johnston, Chris Edwards, tenori;
Lutzen Riedstra, Philip Penney, bassi

Following the service, worshippers are asked to remain seated until the ushers extinguish the candles at the end of the pews.

Welcome to Carols by Candlelight, which was established in 1933 as the first candlelight carol service in Canada. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our church in person and virtually. We pray your visit will aid you in your spiritual journey through participating in the worship which we offer to God. As well as providing weekly services of worship and prayer, the ministry of our Church includes education programmes and Bible studies (in person and online), Meals on Wheels delivered five days a week; and lodging and meals for the homeless through our Out of the Cold programme (lodging has been temporarily suspended during the pandemic). For further information, please complete one of the visitor's cards in the pew and place it in the offering box. For further information, please check the [website](#) or [email](#) a member of the ministerial team.

A secure link to online giving is [available here](#). Offerings can also be placed in the secure boxes in the Narthex and at exits. Offerings receive support the ongoing ministries of the church, and income tax receipts can be given for all donations of \$20 or more. Thank you for your support.

Congregational Singing is Permitted with Mask on.

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night which was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his Blood mankind hath bought.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!
For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven:
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the heavenly angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Good Christians all, rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
Come at his most gracious call
To find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

O come, all ye faithful

O 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,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest;
See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

CHRISTMAS AT YORKMINSTER PARK

We have a number of special services and events over the Advent and Christmas season. Services and events are both ONLINE and IN-PERSON unless indicated otherwise.

Saturday, December 18th 11:00 a.m. Service of Comfort and Hope
A service for those who have experienced loss and grief this year. Contact the [Rev. Paula Willis](#) for the link to join the service.

Sunday, December 19th 11:00 a.m. Advent IV
Family Christmas Sunday Service
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Sunday, December 19th 4:30 p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Evening Service—Online Only

Friday, December 24th 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Saturday, December 25th 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion—In Person Only
The Rev. John Torrance

Sunday, December 26th 11:00 a.m. Christmas I
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Friday, December 31st 11:15 p.m. New Year's Eve Watchnight Service
The Rev. Paula Willis

Our Annual City Carol Sing Concert will be available to watch on CityTV December 24th & 25th at 11:00pm and online all season long at citycarolsing.ca.

The cover of this calendar is a detail from the Nativity Window, the gift of the Brown family, which was originally installed in Park Road Baptist Church, and is now in the Heritage Room here at Yorkminster Park. Photograph by Henry Regehr.

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

The Rev. Paula Willis
Minister of Pastoral Care
and Discipleship

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

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