

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 6, 2015
ADVENT II

Peace on Earth

• CHRISTMAS TRUCE SERVICE •



4:14 p.m. – A bell will ring for one minute to call us to worship.

4:15 p.m. – PRELUDES

(The service of worship begins with the music of the preludes.)

Poems

Cyril Scott

The Twilight of the Year

The Garden of the Soul - Sympathy

Poppies

The War Memorial

Martha Hill Duncan

Don Deathe, piano

4:29 p.m. – A bell will ring for one minute.

4:30 p.m. – PROCESSIONAL CAROL 104 –

O come, all ye faithful (omit vs. 3&4) (Adeste Fideles)

(The congregation rises as the organist plays the last line of the hymn.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dale Rose

INTROIT

Everett Titcomb

Say to them that are of a fearful heart; be strong, fear not;
behold, your God will come and save you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung Amen)*

Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.

WELCOME

PEACE ON EARTH (Christmas Truce 1914)

*Narration based on the narration with the musical score,
A Christmas Truce 1914 by Len Ballantyne (used with permission)*

Narrator and reader R. H. Thomson

NARRATION and a letter from a Canadian Soldier –

Art Stratford

CAROL 97 – (seated) God Christian men, rejoice

Vs 1 - Anthony Varahidis; Vs 2 - Alex Loschberger; (In dulci jubilo)

Vs 3 - congregation.

NARRATION and a letter from a French Soldier –

Maurice Laurentin

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE– Isaiah 11:1-2; 40 (selected verses)
(OT p.710, 740-1)

CAROL 107 – *(seated)* **See, amid the winter’s snow (vs. 1 and 2)**
(Humility)

NARRATION and a letter from a German Soldier –
Johannes Niemann

CAROL 107 – *(seated)* **See, amid the winter’s snow (vs. 3 and 4)**
(Humility)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 2: 1-20 (NT p.59-60)

CAROL 107 – *(seated)* **See, amid the winter’s snow (vs. 5 and 6)**
(Humility)

NARRATION and a letter from a German Soldier –
Lieutenant Meinicke

DUET – “**Maria durch ein Dornwald ging**”
Anthony Varahidis and Alex Loschberger

NARRATION and a letter from a German Soldier –
Josef Wenzl

DUET – “**O du Fröhliche**”
Anthony Varahidis and Alex Loschberger

NARRATION

CAROL 105 – **O little town of Bethlehem, verses 1 and 2**
(Forest Green)

“PEACE ON EARTH” **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

CAROL 105 – **O little town of Bethlehem, verses 3 and 4**
(Forest Green)

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 – Lo, how a rose e'er blooming *Michael Praetorius*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when
half-spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour, when half-spent was the night.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

CHORAL RESPONSE *C. M. Palmer*

Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of our days.

Sharing the Light of Christ

*Those on the end of each pew will light their candles from the
Minister's candle and pass the flame to the person next to them.*

CAROL - Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE **The Rev. Dale Rose**

RECESSIONAL CAROL 98 – Hark! The herald angels sing

BENEDICTION – Choral Amen (*de Séverac*)

Please extinguish candles.

Soloists:

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers on the Chancel are dedicated to the glory of God
and placed in loving memory of*

**GERARD HANNAHSON COLLINS
(GERRY)**

By Earlane

WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives.

RH Thomson CM is a Canadian legend of film, screen and stage whose talents as an actor, writer and director have often been employed to strengthen our sense of national identity and history. While many remember fondly his portrayal of Jasper Dale in the CBC's *The Road to Avonlea*, Thomson has gained critical acclaim through his portrayal of a number of historical figures including Charlie Grant, Samuel Lount, Edsel Ford, Dr. Frederick Banting, Duncan Campbell Scott, Mitchell Sharp, and James Cross. In 2010, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada. In May 2015, Thomson received a Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement.

RH Thomson is the founder of THE WORLD REMEMBERS, an organization which seeks to remember, educate and develop international understanding. The TWR project seeks to display all the names of the fallen of the First World War from all participating nations all around the world. It serves as a living reminder of the sacrifices of a century ago and the lessons which must be learned.

To learn more about the project go to
<http://www.theworldremembers.org>

Yorkminster Park lost 32 young men in the First World War. The World War One Centennial Committee of the church seeks to enhance our remembering of the sacrifices they made and to continue to learn from, “the war to end all wars.” Thanks to the research of Randall Speller, the 32 fallen are now more than just names as he has unearthed stories and in some cases even faces to go with the names.

Peace on Earth - The Christmas Truce Service represents a coming together of our local efforts and RH Thomson’s global work to remember. The service brings together the music, scriptures, prayers and letters home from the front describing the spontaneous peace which emerged from the trenches on the first Christmas Eve of World War One. The liturgy and script were designed by RH Thomson and Peter Holmes who borrowed with permission some phrasing from Len Ballantyne’s Christmas Truce anthem. The Christmas Truce Service was first offered at the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in 2014 and is being offered again this year at this earlier time and date. The script and liturgy are now also being made available to other churches through TWR.

The soldiers’ quotes were provided by the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ieper, Belgium and The World Remembers project.

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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CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK

Please remember the Churches-On-The-Hill Food Bank. December suggested donations are 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.

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 Narthex and Centre Hall and/or The Canadian Baptist 2015 Advent Reader which can be found online at baptist.ca/advent

Advent Soup and Study - December 9: Pardon of Christ
Leader: The Rev. Deborah Ban Chef: Phil and Miriam Irwin

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 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.

BOARD OF MISSION - Refugee Sponsorship Update

We are happy to tell you that Charlene and Chancella, our sponsored family from the Central African Republic, will be arriving on the evening of Thursday, December 10. Please join us in praying for their safe arrival and smooth settlement – and in giving thanks to our good Lord and to all those who have helped them along their journey.

If you could make available spare bedrooms or a basement apartment for their short-term use while they look for a permanent place, please contact the church office or Michael Wills at 416-485-4074 or mwills@chartwellconsulting.ca

CELEBRATE WITH US

Advent
&
Christmas
at
Yorkminster Park
Baptist Church



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – ADVENT I

11:00 am Morning Worship

7:00 pm Evening Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

2:00 pm City TV Carol Sing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT II

11:00 am Morning Worship

(The Sacrament of Holy Communion)

4:30 pm Christmas Truce Service

Special WWI Liturgy with RH Thomson

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

YPBC LIVE Worship Service Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Our Sunday Worship Services are broadcast LIVE online.
Visit **yorkminsterpark.com** Sunday mornings at 11:00,
and worship with us online – real time!