

# WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
ADVENT III



**December 11, 2022 - 11:00 am - Advent 3**

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**Preludes** - Ecce, Dominus venient  
The Holy Boy

*Marcel Dupré  
John Ireland*

**\*Hymn 45** - O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

**\*Call to Worship**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Introit** - Follow the star

*S. K. Albrecht*

**Choristers**  
*Jessica Willingham, conductor*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy**

**The Campbell Family**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.*

**\*Responsive Psalm 146:5-10**

**Rev. Paula Willis**

**Leader:** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the  
LORD their God,

**People:** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who  
keeps faith forever;

**Leader:** who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**People:** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who  
are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**Leader:** The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and  
the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**People:** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in  
the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.*

**Offering of White Gifts**

*During the hymn the children of the church will circulate through the sanctuary to collect our white gifts. When the collection is complete they will place the gifts beneath the tree.*

**\*Hymn 88 - What child is this? (Greensleeves)**

*What child is this, who, laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
this, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him praise  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Come, have no fear, God's Son is here,  
his love all loves exceeding:  
nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail, the Saviour comes,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
all tongues and peoples own him,  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let every heart enthrone him:  
raise, raise your song on high  
while Mary sings a lullaby,  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

**Prayer with the Children**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes &  
Heather Mackey**

**Announcements**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Holy Scripture - Matthew 11:2-11**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Rev. John R. Torrance**

**Choral Response - Leave it all quietly to God**

*C. M. Palmer*

## Offering

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*  
(John 3:16)

**Anthem** - Glory to God (Messiah)

George Frederick Handel

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.*

## \*Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen***

**\*Hymn 394** - Tell out my soul (Woodlands)

**Sermon** - So This Is Christmas?

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**\*Hymn 36** - Hark, the glad sound! (Richmond 613)

**\*Benediction**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**Amen** - Stanford in B flat

**Postlude** - Tuba Tune

*C. S. Lang*

***The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude  
Parents are invited to go and sign-out their child(ren) in Cameron Hall during  
the Postlude.***

***Jessica Willingham, Emily Lapin, Kathleen Wilson, soprani;  
Margaret Terry, Alessia Vitali, alti;  
Michael Johnston, Ronald Tapawan, tenori;  
Lutzen Riedstra, Stephen King, bassi  
Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician***

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## Offering Envelopes

The 2023 offering envelopes are in the Centre Hall today. Please pick up your set.

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## COVID UPDATE

The Chief Medical Officer of Health Ontario has recommended we all mask up in public indoor settings in order to help bring relief to our overburdened health care system. None of us enjoys wearing a mask, but the ministry team and others will be wearing their masks again as a way of expressing our love and concern for our neighbour. We encourage you to do likewise. Further, we ask those who are experiencing symptoms of COVID, the flu or RSV to please stay home and worship with us online.

## **Bethlehem on Yonge**

Volunteers needed! There are opportunities open for those who are interested in joining the 2022 team in the wonder that is Bethlehem on Yonge, our first since December 2019!

We are in need of guides and angels and shepherds, a few wiseman, a couple of roaming camels and a donkey! We also need some help in Cameron Hall with serving our many visitors. Being involved with Bethlehem on Yonge is a wonderful way to get to know many people in the church all at once and I have found it every single year to be immensely rewarding and a great deal of fun. If you are new to the church please do not hesitate to call me and get involved because All are welcome!

Please contact Paula Willis at [pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com)

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## **From the Gladstone Library – Narthex book cart**

See the selection of books for Advent and Christmas.

There is also a display in the Children's Library downstairs.

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The **DECEMBER** Food of the Month donation is  
**CANS OF BEANS IN TOMATO SAUCE (NO PORK PLEASE).**

With rising food and fuel costs the Foodbank is serving record numbers of clients. We are meeting the needs by offering food parcels to clients outdoors and home delivering parcels to infirm and elderly.

Visit us at our website [www.cothfoodbank.ca](http://www.cothfoodbank.ca) for more information or to donate.

On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.



**TO MAKE  
A DONATION:**

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# **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Illustrated by the Children and Youth of Yorkminster Park



**ON SALE  
IN THE NARTHEX**

**1 for \$1  
10 for \$5  
20 for \$10**

Proceeds will go to COTH FoodBank



### For parents with children Gr. 5 & under:

Upon arrival, parents are to sign-in their child before the service begins at the Centre Hall Table and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall immediately following the Benediction of the Service (during the postlude).

- Children/youth and their families stay in for the beginning part of the Worship Service
- After the Children's Prayer Time in the Worship Service, children, youth and leaders will go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning
- For Youth joining online, please use our zoom link to gather with DOXA at 11:30am (Hybrid)

### ZOOM Times:

- **Sunday:** DOXA Youth @11:30am
- **Tuesday:** Family Ministry (ALL ages) @6:30pm
- **Tuesday:** Youth Ministry @7:30pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday/month)
- **Tuesday:** FM Leader Time @ 7:30pm (4th Tuesday/month)

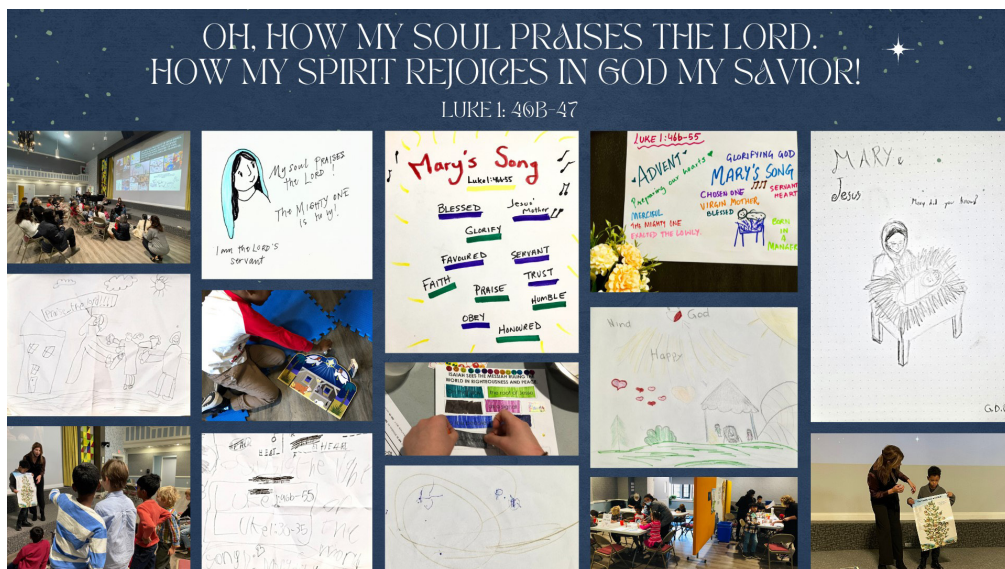
If you would like to receive our weekly **Family Ministry Email** that includes faith videos/resources, Schedule for Youth Nights & Outings, Special Events, Collage and more, please subscribe. For details, contact **Heather Mackey** at [hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com)!

*Youth DOXA Christmas Party – Dec. 14th 6:30-8:30pm*

*(ALL YP Church family are welcome to join us)*

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**Family Ministry Collage – December 11, 2022**

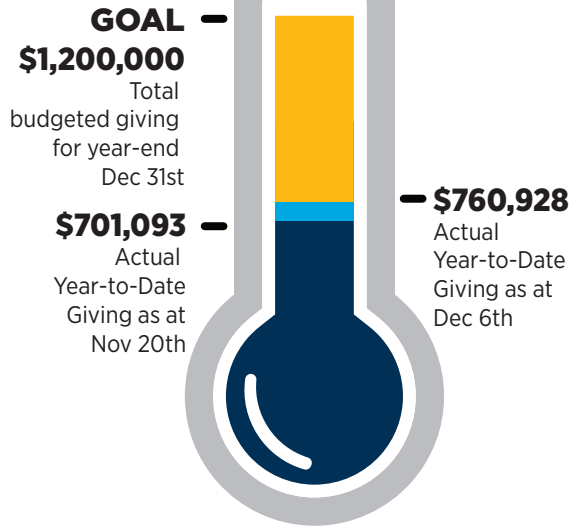


## 2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE

# Please help us reach our target for 2022

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

– Luke 6:38



**We are pleased to announce that with your support,  
we have achieved our immediate need of \$79,000 for the A/V Campaign**

## WALKING TOGETHER on SATURDAYS in ADVENT

**NOVEMBER 26th to CHRISTMAS DAY**

**During the Season of Advent** we are pleased to expand our weekday online devotional, Walking Together, to include **Saturdays**.

**Our guest contributor for Saturday, December 10 is Rev. Dr. Bruce Neal**  
Author, pastor, and former President of Canadian Baptist Ministries.

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for delivery to your email early each morning.



# CELEBRATE WITH US ADVENT & CHRISTMAS *at Yorkminster Park*

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## **Saturday, December 17**

**11:00 a.m. Service of Comfort and Hope**

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## **Sunday, December 18 - Advent IV**

**11:00 a.m. Family Service** The DOXA Band Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching

**4:30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
Following the tradition of King's College, Cambridge

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## **Saturday December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**3:00 p.m. Bethlehem on Yonge** The Christmas Story re-enacted Carol Singing, Cookies and Hot Chocolate in Cameron Hall. (Dress warmly)

**11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** with Choir and RH Thomson  
Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching

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## **December 25 - Christmas Day**

**11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Communion**, Peter Holmes preaching

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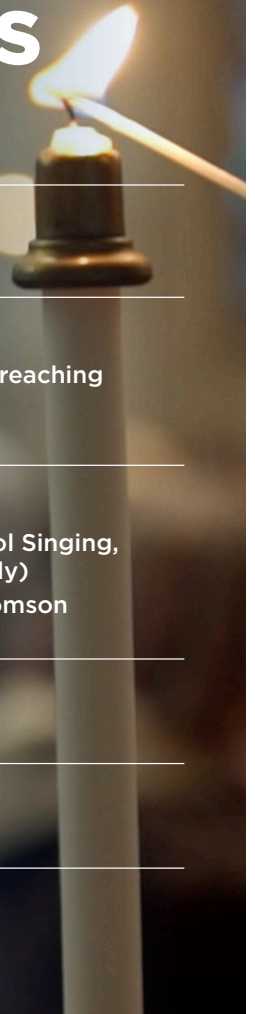
## **Saturday, December 31 - New Years Eve**

**11:15 p.m. Watchnight Service**, Paula Willis preaching

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## **Sunday, January 1 - New Years Day**

**11:00 a.m. Paula Willis preaching**



## **YPBC Winter 2022 Newsletter is Now Available Get Your Copy Today!**

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# CONCERTS & SPECIAL SERVICES



## **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.**

Following the tradition of King's College,  
Cambridge

Presented by the Yorkminster Park Choir  
with William Maddox, Organist and Director  
and Sharon Beckstead, Associate Musician



## **JOHN McDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS**

**Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.**

With Special Guest Amanda Walther

### **FREE ADMISSION**

*The proceeds will be split between Yorkminster  
Park Out of the Cold/Board of Mission and  
Sunnybrook Hospital's McDermott House.*



## **BUNDLE UP FOR BETHLEHEM ON YONGE**

**Saturday, December 24, 3:00 p.m.**

The Christmas Story re-enacted  
in the Park

Carol Singing, Cookies & Hot Chocolate  
in Cameron Hall

# SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

**Saturday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.**

For many, this season is not a time of joy but a time when we deal with sadness, loss, loneliness, isolation, or health challenges. This service is reminder that God is with us, especially when we face difficult times.

Come to light a candle for a loved one, to pray, and to receive the Comfort and Hope that our Lord so longs to give.



**Out of  
the Cold**  
Yorkminster Park  
Baptist Church

*Who is my neighbour?*



**Please help our neighbours in need**

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# Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

## Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 am** New Life Group (Zoom Only)
- 9:15 am** Minster Singers, Heritage Room
- 9:30 am** Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room
- 10:00 am** Choristers Rehearsal, 203c
- 11:00 am** Morning Worship, 3rd Sunday of Advent, White Gift Sunday, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am** DOXA Bible Study, Cameron Hall/Zoom Family Ministries, Cameron Hall/Zoom
- 4:30 pm** Carols by Candlelight, Sanctuary

## Monday, December 12

- 1:00 pm** Women of the Word (Zoom Only)
- 5:00 pm** The Joy Café (Zoom Only)

## Tuesday, December 13

- 10:00 am** Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
- 12:10 pm** Lunchtime Chamber Music Recital, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm** Family Ministries (Zoom Only)
- 7:30 pm** Youth Night (Zoom Only)

## Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00 am** Morning Brew Bible Study, Friendship Room (302)
- 12:30 pm** Noonday Organ Recital featuring Sharon L. Beckstead

## Thursday, December 15

- 7:00 pm** Singing Praises Life Group (Zoom Only)
- 7:00 pm** Thursday Night Bible Study with Sue Wilkinson (Zoom Only)
- 7:00 pm** Thursday Night Bible Study with John Speller (Zoom Only)
- 7:00 pm** John McDermott Family Christmas, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm** YPBC Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

## Friday, December 16

- 6:00 pm** Bay Street Life Group, The Friendship Room

## Saturday, December 17

- 11:00 am** Service of Comfort and Hope, Sanctuary

## Next Sunday, December 18

- 11:00 am** Morning Worship, Advent 4, Family Christmas Sunday Service, Scripture reading and the DOXA Band, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm** Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Yorkminster Park Choir, Sanctuary

## We are delighted that you have joined us!

We are pleased to have you worshipping with us both in person and online via our Sunday service webcast; claiming Christ's promise that where two or three are gathered in his name Christ will be in the midst. We pray that you too feel his presence as together we offer worship to God.

**Stay Connected:** We invite you to [share your email address](#) to receive our emails about our life together and notify you of any special upcoming services and events. Your information will be held in confidence and not shared with others.

**Fellowship:** Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex\*. We invite you to participate with us.

**Accessibility:** A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship. Hearing assistance is also available. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

**Offerings and Gifts:** There are a number of ways to make gifts or offerings to the church. Place your offering in the offering plate during services or events. You can also send your offerings to the church by mail (please send cheques, if possible), or remit your offerings through the **PAR program** (Pre-Authorized Remittance), **Monthly Credit Card Offerings**, or online through **CanadaHelps**.



\* The Narthex is located in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

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### Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

*In the prayerful hope of true reconciliation and healing, we acknowledge the land we are meeting on has been the site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to live, work and worship on this land.*

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#### 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

#### Ms. Heather Mackey

Director of  
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#### Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi

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