

**Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
Joined by the Churches on-the-Hill  
Presents**

**A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES 2008**

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 6 through Holy Wednesday, March 19.

Led by Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes and William C. Maddox

Peter Holmes and William Maddox invite you to join them on a pilgrimage of sacred spaces on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. Lent is a time when we remember the pilgrimage of Jesus to Jerusalem and the suffering and love of his cross. We will be visiting six churches and one synagogue on our Lenten pilgrimage and as we meditate and pray in the quiet of these sacred spaces, it is our hope that we will be granted a renewed perspective on Christ's pilgrimage and on his love for the world.

Each of these sacred spaces is uniquely beautiful and serene. We will be welcomed by a host clergyperson or lay leader who will offer brief words of introduction about the place and the people of the faith community. We will then take time to meditate and pray in silence, and be led in devotional thought by Peter Holmes and in music by William Maddox.

The purpose of the pilgrimage is to gather in a variety of sacred spaces and allow these places to open our eyes in wonder as we close our eyes in prayer; to allow them to stop our talking and heighten our listening as we surrender to the silence and to the music of the season. We hope there will be moments when you will sense that you are alone with God, and times when God will grant us a great sense of unity and clarity together. Above all, it is hoped that this pilgrimage of sacred spaces will give us fresh glimpses into the gospel story and a renewed appreciation for the love of God.

Peter Holmes is the Minister of the Congregation at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. William Maddox is the Director of Music at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

The pilgrimage is open to all. This year we are delighted to be welcoming pilgrims from our larger family of The Churches on-the-Hill. For further information concerning the Lenten pilgrimage please call Peter Holmes at 416-922-1167 ext. 228.

**Ash Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.** (to conclude by 8 p.m.)

**St. Michael's Cathedral** *Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto*  
65 Bond St. (Corner of Bond and Shuter) 416-364-6029

Host: Father Damian MacPherson

TTC. Take Yonge line south and exit at Queen St. Walk north on Yonge to Shuter and then walk east to Bond. Parking – pay parking is available at the church.

*Our evening will include an ecumenical Liturgy of the Ashes presided over by Dr. Holmes and Father MacPherson.*

**Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 8:30 p.m.)

**St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Toronto** *Canada's oldest Greek Orthodox church.* 115 Bond St. 416-977-3342

Host: The Very Rev. Father Constantine Siarapas.

TTC. – exit Dundas station on Yonge line and walk east to Bond St. turn north. The church is on the east side.

Parking – Green P lots on southeast corner of Dundas and Bond,

This session will be led by the Rev. John R. Torrance.

**Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 9 p.m.)

**St. Gabriel's Church** *The greenest church in Canada – an invitation to re-visit the sacredness of creation.*

670 Sheppard Ave. E. 416-221-8866

Host: Father Paul Cusack

TTC – Take the Yonge subway line north to Sheppard station and transfer to the Sheppard line. Go to Bayview station and exit onto Sheppard Ave. Walk east along Sheppard a block past the Bayview Shopping Mall. St. Gabriel's is on the north side of the street, just past a construction site.

Parking – underground parking at the church

**Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 9 p.m.)

**Beth Tzedec Synagogue** *One of the largest synagogues in North America*

1700 Bathurst St. 416-781-3511 – west side of Bathurst half way between St. Clair and Eglinton.

TTC – Bathurst bus

Parking – behind the synagogue in the synagogue lot.

Host: Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

**Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 9 p.m.)

**St. Paul's Bloor St. Anglican**, *A recently restored landmark in our city*

227 Bloor St. E. 416-961-8116 – south side of Bloor at Jarvis.

TTC - half way between Yonge and Sherbourne stations on the Bloor line.

Host: Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker

Parking –

TTC – the church is located at the southwest corner of Bloor and Jarvis and approximately half way between the Yonge station and the Sherbourne station on the Bloor subway line.

**Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 9 p.m.)

**St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

3338 Lakeshore Blvd West, 416-255-7506

Host: Father Walter Makarenko

Parking in church lot

TTC – take Kipling South bus from Kipling subway station and transfer to westbound streetcar at Lakeshore Blvd., or 501 streetcar from Ossington station.

**Holy Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.** (to conclude by 9 p.m.)

**Wycliffe College Chapel,**

5 Hoskin Ave. 416-946-3535

Host: TBA

Parking: metered parking on Tower Rd; metered parking on south side of Hoskin. Public parking at Bedford and Bloor (then cross Bloor and walk south along Philosopher's Walk)

TTC – exit subway at Museum station on west side and walk south/west to Hoskin Ave. Wycliffe College is on south side.

**Background**

The Lenten Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces was started by Peter Holmes and William Maddox as a program of Yorkminster Park in 2007. In 2007 the pilgrimage included, Metropolitan United, Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Cathedral, St. Paul's Basilica, First Evangelical Lutheran, St. Anne's Anglican, Trinity College Chapel and St. Andrew's Presbyterian. We are pleased to be joined by our friends in the Churches on-the-Hill for the 2008 Pilgrimage. Plans are already underway for Pilgrimage 2009.

**Churches on-the-Hill (COTH)**

The clergy of the Christian churches located in the neighbourhood of St. Clair between Mt. Pleasant and Bathurst have been gathering for conversation and prayer for more than fifty years. These meetings have led to numerous ecumenical endeavours such as the annual Advent service, the Good Friday Walk, the COTH Food Bank.

The churches are:

Calvin Presbyterian Church, <http://www.calvinchurchtoronto.com>

Christ Church Deer Park (Anglican), <http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org>

Deer Park United Church, <http://www.deerparkunitedchurch.ca>

Grace Church-on-the-hill (Anglican), <http://www.gracechurchonthehill.ca>

Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, <http://www.holyrosary.ca>

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, <http://www.olphtoronto.com>

St. John's Evangelical Latvian Lutheran Church, 200 Balmoral Ave. 416-921-3327

Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church, <http://www.temc.net>

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, <http://www.yorkminsterpark.com>

**Churches on-the-Hill GOOD FRIDAY WALK – Friday March 21, 12 noon**

The western end of the walk leaves Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 12 noon proceeds to Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Timothy Eaton, St. John's Latvian Lutheran before meeting up with the eastern portion of the walk at Deer Park United Church. The eastern end of the walk leaves Our Lady of Perpetual Help shortly after 12 noon and proceeds to Yorkminster Park Baptist, Christ Church Deer Park and Calvin Presbyterian before joining the western leg of the walk at Deer Park United. Brief services are held in each church before concluding with a 20 minute service at Deer Park United. Refreshments are served following the service. All are welcome.