

# WELCOME TO Yorkminster Park Baptist Church



Whether you are young or old,  
a lifelong believer or a new Christian,  
from a different culture or tradition, or if  
you have never been in a church before,  
you will find Yorkminster Park to be a  
welcoming and stimulating environment.  
We are on this journey together.  
We invite you to come along with us.

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

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Organist and Director of Music


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Mr. Brennan Rabbets  
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Ms. Jan Andrews RN, BScN, MN  
Parish Nurse

The Rev. John Torrance  
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Dr. William Sturgess  
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care



**Yorkminster Park**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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## AN OVERVIEW OF THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

## WORSHIPPING WITH US

**Sunday Services** are held in a cathedral setting with organ and choral music.

### **Sunday Morning Services - 11:00 a.m.**

Before gathering in their classes, children join in worship. Holy Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month. Infant Dedications and Believers Baptisms are celebrated as required. Morning Services are webcast live and are also available on CD.

### **Sunday Evening Services - 7:00 p.m.**

The Iona Liturgy is used for service the first Sunday of each month. On the third Sunday of every month, Holy Communion is held. Evening Services are also available on CD.

### **Youth Worship Services - 11:00 a.m.**

Services are held three times a month in Cameron Hall, featuring youth's own music and liturgy.

**Special Services** are held during the Christmas and Easter seasons and a Summer Guest Preacher Series is held in July and August.

## A MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**Yorkminster Park** is synonymous with magnificent music.

**Our Senior Choir**, recognized as one of the best congregational choirs in Toronto, presents great choral literature as part of the liturgy.

**The Minster Singers** sing monthly and our **Choristers** (Grades 1 to 5) participate on special occasions.

**Special Services of Music**, this congregation's trademark, are very popular community traditions that are widely enjoyed during Advent (Christmas), Holy Week (Easter) and Remembrance Day.

**A Chamber Music Series** is held at 12:10 p.m. every Tuesday.

**Free Organ Recitals** are held at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

**Visiting Concerts** draw appreciative audiences from all over Southern Ontario.



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Many programs and activities abound for the nurturing of children and youth.

**Church Nursery** is open from 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday mornings for newborns to two-year-olds.

**Large and small group lessons and activities** are provided during the morning worship for children up to Grade 5. Children attend the 11 a.m. service and gather for a prayer before joining their classes.

**Doxa** is held in the Cameron Hall every week except for the fourth Sunday of the month. Doxa is a youth service run by youth. The youth attend the 11a.m. service and leave after the children's prayer time.

**Choristers**, practice every Sunday at 10 a.m. and the **Minster Singers** practice every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

**Family Events** are for those who want to meet others in the church community and a monthly newsletter helps keep families informed of activities.

**Mission Projects** are planned twice a year to help children and their families develop an increased passion for a hurting world.

**Youth Events** are planned throughout the year. Please see Weekly Sunday Calendar for details.



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Our course offerings serve as vehicles to nurture our faith in Christ.

**Bible Study and Spiritual Growth Opportunities** are offered. Please see Weekly Sunday Calendar.

**Life Groups** are small groups in which people connect and do life together, study God's Word, build friendships and participate in ministry.

**Discipleship 101 Classes** explore the Christian faith and prepare participants for Baptism and church membership are held throughout the year.

**The Gathering** is an intergenerational gathering offering time to be a community of all ages and stages, centred on Christ, expressing creativity, building relationships, eating together and celebrating God's loving presence through worship. It is held every six weeks.

**All Church Study Groups** gather the community in groups of eight to ten people for six weeks to reflect on the hope God's action in our lives.

**Our Dorcas Group** knits and sews clothing, blankets and more for those in need.

**The YPBC Women and Men's Groups** undertake a wide variety of activities to support those less fortunate.



**Special Presentations**, such as art presentations, scholarly lectures and amateur music nights, are scheduled seasonally.

**The John Gladstone Library** offers a wide range of Christian literature and audio/video resources.

**Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces** tours remarkable sanctuaries and houses of worship both locally and beyond our borders. It is a spiritual, musical and cultural experience led in tandem by Peter Holmes, William Maddox and Corey Keeble, Curator Emeritus of the ROM.

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## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

At the centre of our community is a heart that cares and beats for others.

**Pastoral Care** offers guidance and support, bereavement courses and home visits to the ill, the elderly and the shut-in. We also offer special services for our homebound members, a soup and cookies ministry, and our Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope.

**The Open Door Ministry** – the sanctuary is open from Tuesday to Thursday for prayer and meditation.

**The Yorkminster Park Prayer List** is regularly updated and the clergy and a number of lay people gather each Tuesday morning in the chapel to pray through the list.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMS, COURSES, OR MINISTRIES

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**Our Heath and Wellness Committee** provides referrals for services in the community and advocacy. We also provide a walking club, first aid training, nutrition courses and wellness seminars.

**Our Mission Board** creates, partners with, strengthens and supports missionary initiatives locally and globally.

**The Out of the Cold program** provides food, companionship and overnight shelter to homeless people during the cold winter months.

**Meals on Wheels** daily meal delivery and the **Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank** are supported by our congregation.

**Our Volunteer Outreach** programs help enrich the lives of everyone involved.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**LIVE and archived webcasts** of our Sunday morning worship services and special events are available on our website.

**Peter's Blog** offers words of inspiration from our senior minister.

**The Quarterly Newsletter** is published online and in print.

**Our website, weekly Sunday calendar and Facebook page** offer general information, news and events and much more.

