

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 5, 2021
Advent II



Morning Worship Service—December 5, 2021—11:00 am

(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)

*All who are able are invited to stand

Preludes—Conditor alme siderum
Ave maris stella

*Flor Peeters
Healey Willan*

***Processional Hymn 30**—Come thou long expected Jesus (*Stuttgart #95*)

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

***Call to Worship**

Introit—Say to them that are of a fearful heart

Everett Titcomb

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

The Souza Family

The Lord's Prayer (*seated*) (*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. Amen.***

***Responsive Reading: Luke 1:68-79**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: *He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,*

Leader: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People: *that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.*

Leader: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

People: *the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us*

Leader: that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

People: *in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.*

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

People: *to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.*

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: *He to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

***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.

Prayer with the Children

Heather Mackey

Dedication of White Gifts

The Rev. Paula Willis

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Scripture—Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-6

Choral Response—O keep my soul and deliver me

W. Maddox

O keep my soul and deliver me, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Offering

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Anthem—Sleepers, wake! (St. Paul)

Felix Mendelssohn

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling, it is the watchman on the walls: Thou city of Jerusalem!

For lo, the Bridegroom comes; arise and take your lamps! Hallelujah! Awake, His kingdom is at hand! Go forth to meet your Lord!

***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.***

Sermon—"Singing From the Same Song Sheet"

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Hymn 434**—Christ bids us break the bread (*Franconia*)

*Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.*

*It was for us he came,
to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,
for every child of earth.*

*The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died,
ascended now to reign.*

*Our hearts his word obey,
in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today
and feast with him above.*

*O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Act of Remembrance—Barbara Ferguson

Choral Preparation—Now my tongue, the mystery telling

Grafton

*Now my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious Body sing, and the Blood, all price
excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King, in a virgin's womb once dwelling, shed for
this world's ransoming.*

Call to the Table

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

***Recessional Hymn 36**—Hark the glad sound (*Richmond #613*)

*Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.*

*He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.*

*He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.*

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Choral Amen**—Palmer in E

Postlude—Rondeau (Abdelazar)

Henry Purcell

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

Cover Photo

CityTV records Peter Holmes' reflection for City Carol Sing.

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COTH Food Bank—City Carol Sing

The **DECEMBER** Food of the Month donation is **CANNED FRUIT**.

Annually, Yorkminster Baptist Church hosts a Carol Sing Concert in support for the Foodbank. This year the concert will be virtual again, and will feature Brett Polegato, Jullly Black, the Bach Children's Choir, and host Dina Pugliese. Visit citycarolsing.ca on **Friday, December 10th at 8pm** to catch the premiere performance or watch any time this holiday season on demand

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



Carols by Candlelight

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 4:30 PM

Carol arrangements and original compositions by David Willcocks, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, Geoffrey Bush and Malcom Sargent.

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Nine Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 4:30 PM

Carols by Mark Sirett, Healey Willan, Philip Ledger, Edgar Pettman, Herbert Howells and William Walton.

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JOIN US ONLINE or IN-PERSON

In-person seating will be limited, so we encourage you to click the links above to reserve your space or call 416-922-1167.

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

We are so glad to be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our Morning Worship Service. Rather than distributing the elements in the traditional way, upon arrival worshippers will be given the bread and cup in a sealed package which they will be invited to open, eat, and drink at the appropriate time in the service.

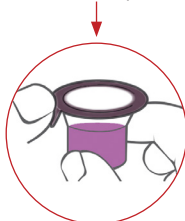
Below are instructions on how to safely access the wafer and the cup.



The container has a clear film top that reveals the wafer compartment.



Hint: Bending the tab downward to snap will release the airtight seal on the film and make the edge very easy to find and open.



Open Wafer: Lift the film to open and receive your wafer.



Open Cup: Open the cup by peeling back the tab on the foil seal to drink the juice.





Family Ministries seek to encourage and equip the whole family to grow further in their faith development and help nurture their relationship with Christ. Our **weekly online faith resources** include: Family lesson plans, age-appropriate Teaching Videos, Praise Song Video, Craft Video, Weekly Prayer, Collage of children/youth artwork. If you would like to subscribe to receive our **Family Ministries emails**, please do so [here](#).

Mid-week **ZOOM** experiences:

- Youth Night Zoom Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm
- Family Ministry Zoom Tuesdays 6:30-7:15pm

Sunday mornings, we are **online and in-person** for children and youth ministries. For in-person church...upon arrival, please enter the Centre Hall doors for sign-in and then families will go to Cameron Hall for the first bit. After the children's prayer time, our Family Ministry leaders will join everyone in Cameron Hall to continue worship and ministry with our children and youth and the parents may go into the sanctuary for the remainder of the worship service. At 11:30am we will join with others online via zoom.

Please contact Heather Mackey for any questions, prayer requests and/or support at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com.

Family Ministry Collage—December 5, 2021





REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM & THE COTH FOOD BANK

We encourage families to prayerfully consider giving a financial gift to support YPBC's Refugee Sponsorship Program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as these gifts provide needed support to families we hope to soon welcome and resettle.

To donate, please go to our YPBC website yorkminsterpark.com online donation option **OR** send a cheque to YPBC and indicate that it is for the Refugee Sponsorship Program.

(Further information will be given to our families regarding Christmas letters we are asking them to write/draw for us to collect and send to the refugee families we are sponsoring. We will also share bios of each refugee family to help our families write their letters of Christmas greetings)

We are also collecting **School Snack Food Items to give to COTH Food Bank - granola bars, juice boxes and fruit cups**



Please bring your FOOD donations to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1584 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4T 1Z9

On Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 12:30-1pm just outside the Centre Hall doors

Thank you for your support!

For further info, contact: Heather Mackey
Director of Family Ministries • hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com

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YORKMINSTER PARK
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Friday December 10 | 8:00pm

FREE, LIVESTREAM EVENT

IN SUPPORT OF CHURCHES ON THE-HILL FOOD BANK

with special guests



Jully Black



Brett Polegato



Dina Pugliese

BACH CHILDREN'S CHORUS | THE HEDGEROW SINGERS | YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
William Maddox, Organ and Eric Robertson, Conductor

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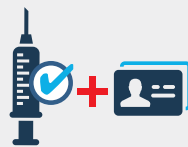
Weston Family
Foundation

Mandatory Vaccination at YPBC

With the busy Christmas season in mind, the Yorkminster Park Reopening Committee informed us that beginning December 18th the church will require proof of full vaccination and ID of all who enter the building.

The decision was made after prayerful consideration in good faith believing it is the best way to continue to do our best to ensure the safety of all who enter. Authorized medical exemptions are accepted, but need to be presented to parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com.

PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE: Come to the Yorkminster Park Centre entrance and provide proof of vaccination along with ID, at which time your name will be placed on a master list. This will hasten your entry into the church. Members of the committee will be available at the to assist people in pre-registering on **Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** and **before & after church in the Narthex on Sundays.**



PROOF OF VACCINATION CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT: <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca>

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If you are having trouble for whatever reason, you can get a copy emailed to you or a paper copy in the regular mail. Call **1-833-943-3900** between **8 a.m.** and **8 p.m.** any day of the week. You will need to have your health card ready.

Iona **PRAYER SERVICE**

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 4:00 pm

The music by Iona Passage featuring **Sharlene Wallace** on harp, **Anne Lindsay** on violin and **Eric Robertson** on the piano.

We invite you to send in the first names of those you would like us to pray for as we light the votive candles and offer the names of those on our hearts in prayer.

Email: jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com or pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com



WALKING TOGETHER

on SATURDAYS in ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27TH TO CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Introducing this year's guest writers:

Nov. 27th – Rev. Dr. Ray Kibler III

A retired Lutheran pastor, professor and author living in Claremont California who is part of our online worshipping community and active in our weekly Bible Study.

Dec. 4th – Rev. Jim Sanderson

The Minister of Mimico Baptist Church, Toronto with a profound involvement in the wider community of Mimico.

Dec. 11th – Rev. Bonnie Parsons

The Minister of Pastoral Care at Weston Park Baptist Church, Toronto and a leader of the liturgical dance program at L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill.

Dec. 18th – Rev. Phillip Jones

A recently retired Congregational pastor living in Taunton, Somerset, England, Phillip has been worshipping online with us for many years and looks forward to his first in person visit to Yorkminster Park in 2022.

Dec. 25th – Barry Morrison, M.Div. (McMaster), Th.D. (Toronto)

Barry served Baptist churches in Saskatoon, Montreal, and Hamilton before being invited to Acadia Divinity College where he was the first incumbent in the John N. Gladstone Chair for Preaching and Worship.

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Saturday, November 27th

The Rev. Dr. Ray F. Kibler III is a retired Lutheran pastor residing in Claremont California where he serves as Chair of the Faith and Order Commission of the Southern California Christian Forum of the National Council of Churches, and Scholar of the History of Christianity with Ecumenical Theology and History. He has pastored a number of churches in Southern California and served as Professor of Research on the faculty of a Lutheran college in California. Ray holds the B.Mus. degree cum laude from California State University, Long Beach, the M.Div and M.Th degrees from Luther Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Claremont School of Theology, and a Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Due to a medical disability Ray has been confined largely to his home for more than ten years but continues to serve via electronic means.

After a friend told him about Yorkminster Park he searched for us online and has been worshipping with us ever since. More recently Ray has become active in our mid-week online Bible Study and we have been blessed by his participation.



Saturday December 4th

Rev. Jim Sanderson has been pastor of Mimico Baptist Church (MBC) since November 1994. He is married to Jennifer and they have three grown children, Jesse, Jillian, and Jemma. Jim loves the outdoors, kayaking, fishing, hiking, snowshoeing. He loves his church and community. MBC is particularly excited about their vibrant Mandarin Ministry and their other focus on children and youth. Jim trained four years to be an illustrator, served one year with Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, and three years as a director of a ministry to young offenders and troubled youth. He completed his MDiv at Tyndale University. Prior to coming to Mimico, Jim served as associate pastor at First Baptist Church Ingersoll and Pastor of Beachville Baptist Church. While at Mimico, Jim was instrumental in the establishing the Annual Mimico Party in the Park Festival, the Mimico Residents Association, the Christmas Tree Lighting service and an Annual Remembrance service for the Guiding and Scouting groups of south Etobicoke. MBC recently completed a significant renovation to make the building fully accessible. In 2020 the church celebrated its Centennial. Jim serves on the Advisory Board of The Gardens, a collaboration between LAMP, Humber College and other community partners to address food insecurity needs in South Etobicoke.

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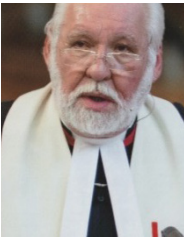
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Saturday December 11th

The Rev Bonnie Parsons serves in part-time ministry at Weston Park in the role of pastoral care, as well as leading Spirit Movers (liturgical dance group) at L'Arche Daybreak. She first received the call to ministry through volunteer work in palliative care. When Weston Park's youth outreach centre, Frontlines, was on the verge of closing in 1999, she resigned from her job at Green Shield Canada to 'keep the doors open'. Soon after, she began her divinity studies at Wycliffe and was eventually ordained in 2019. Relationships are the heart of ministry for her, patterning after perichoresis - danced relationships, whether to music or the breath of God.



Saturday December 18th

The Rev. Phillip Jones B.A; B.D. Born in the South Wales County of Monmouthshire to a Baptist father and Congregationalist mother, I followed my mother! Worked in the tinplate section at Ebbw Vale Steel Works.

Recognised and Commissioned by the Congregational Church in England and Wales as a Lay Preacher in 1967-1980 regularly conducting worship in various Congregational/United Reformed Churches where there was a ministerial vacancy or when the minister was on holiday. In 1972 the Congregational Church in England and Wales united with the Presbyterian Church of England forming the United Reformed Church.

Trained for the Ordained Ministry within the United Reformed Church at Manchester (1980-1984) where I first came across the Revd Dr Brian Haymes.

Ordained at Banstead URC (Surrey) 1984-90, Sanderstead URC (Surrey) 1990-2003, Weybridge URC (Surrey) 2003-2009, Guildford URC (Surrey) 2009-2020. My leaving gift from Guildford was a trip to Toronto but because of the Pandemic (Covid 19) I have not been able to take this up, I hope to visit you in person circa mid-October next year.

Now retired living in Taunton, Somerset and an active member at Paul St United Reformed Church here in Taunton and now since our minister left in August I have been conducting worship twice a month. So much for retirement!

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SAVE THE DATE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS – IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

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.

**In-person seating will be limited for Carols by Candlelight and Nine Lessons and Carols. We encourage you to click the links below to reserve your space or call 416-922-1167.*

Advent I - Sunday Nov. 27

11 a.m. Worship Service

Advent II - Sunday, Dec. 5

11 a.m. Worship Service Communion

4 p.m. Iona Liturgy

Friday, Dec. 10

8 p.m. CITY CAROL SING – ONLINE ONLY >

Advent III - Sunday Dec. 12

11 a.m. Worship Service

4:30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight – *RESERVE>

Saturday, Dec. 18

11 a.m. Service of Comfort and Hope – IN PERSON ONLY

Advent IV - Sunday, Dec. 19

11 a.m. Family Christmas Sunday Service

4:30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols – *RESERVE>

Christmas Eve -Friday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service – ONLINE ONLY

11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25

11 a.m. Christmas Day Communion – IN PERSON ONLY

Christmas Sunday - Dec. 26

11 a.m. Worship Service

New Year's Eve - Friday, Dec. 31

11:15 p.m. Watch Night Service



We are delighted you have joined us online and in person

We are pleased to have you worshipping with us during these days when COVID-19 protocols have shut the doors of churches across our province and around the world. As long as we are able, we will webcast a Sunday service 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.

We also know that we are not alone in offering this worship. We sense your prayers, and we can see that we have often had more people watching online than we could fit into the church. And thanks to the wonderful emails we receive from many of you, we know that many of you do sense Christ's presence.

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.

Offerings and Gifts

Please consider sending your offerings to the church by mail. Send cheques, do not send cash if possible. You can also remit your offerings through the [PAR program](#) (Pre-Authorized Remittance), [Monthly Credit Card Offerings](#), online through [CanadaHelps](#) or contact our bookkeeper Estelle for other ways to donate.

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.

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
Family Ministries

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi, RN
Parish Nurse

The Rev. John Torrance
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The Rev. Dr. William Sturgess
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