

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 20TH, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday, April 20th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship | Easter Sunday

**All who are able are invited to stand*

Preludes – Fantasia in G, BWV 572
Entrata Festiva

*Johann Sebastian Bach
Flor Peeters*

***Processional Hymn 205** – Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Leader: Christ is risen:

People: **The spirits of evil have fallen.**

Leader: Christ is risen:

People: **The angels of God are rejoicing.**

Leader: Christ is risen:

People: **The tomb is empty and still.**

Leader: Christ is indeed arisen from the dead.

People: **Glory and power are Christ's for ever and ever.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

(from an Easter hymn attributed to Hippolytus, adapted)

Introit – Rise heart, thy Lord is risen

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays, who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise; That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The Cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art. (Text: George Herbert)

Stephen King, baritone

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

The Rev. John R. Torrance

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.

***Hymn 193** – All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

Prayer with the Children

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Janet Kim

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20: 1-18

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Response - Rest in the Lord

G. Thalben-Ball

Offering

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

(1 Peter 1:3)

Anthem – Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; His ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and Heaven. While we, His soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

***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 208** – Light's glittering morn (Lasst uns Erfreuen)

Sermon – “A Living Hope”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Easter Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, through the raising of your Son from the grave, you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die. As we celebrate this great triumph may we also make it a model for our living. Help us to identify in our lives all that should rightly die - redundant relationships, tired habits, and fruitless longings. Resurrect in our lives faith, hope and love, as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave. Amen.

***Hallelujah (Messiah)**

George Frederick Handel

***Recessional Hymn 218** – Thine be the glory (Maccabaeus)

***Benediction**

Choral Amen – Maddox in E ♭

Postlude – Rigaudon

André Campra

Carillon – He is Risen (Unser Herrscher)

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur

We thank our guest brass and percussion players:

Neal Andrews, Roy Feuerherdt, James Stager, Colin Murray, and Andy Morris

Jessica Willingham, Emily Lapin, Loren Graziano, sopranos
Margaret Terry, Cassandra Amorim, altos
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors
Stephen King, Joseph Ernst, basses
Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician

THANK YOU to **Paula Willis and Kim Aikenhead** and all who worked with them
to present a wonderful Easter breakfast!

HAPPY EASTER!
HAVE A TRULY BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

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Church of Scotland.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes will be on vacation for the next week. For all pastoral matters
please contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com.

Easter Memorial Flowers 2025

In Loving Memory of

Akinola Olawore
Albert Schnell
Andrew Aikenhead
Andriy Martyanov
Barbara Cooper
Barbara Paddon
Bob Kennedy
Brian Banks
Bruno Kuemin
Carol Belford
Cecil Yip
Choir Members
Chris & Elaine Lo
Christine Magoon (Jillard)
Daniel Fung
David Walker Morgan
Dedicated to the glory of God in loving
memory of our beloved David C. Onley
and grand-daughter, Sarah Onley
Diane
Diane and Grant Livie
Don Leishman, John, Florence Rae
Don MacDonald
Donald MacDonald
Donald & Betty Glover (Parents)
Dorothy & Family
Dorothy & Fred Branscombe
Dr. James Yao
Dr. Don MacDonald
Family & Friends
Family & Friends
Father, Mother, Kathy, John
For our Parents
Francis and Beatrice Fung
Fred & Jean Tenor

From

Love, Busola and Zacharia
Rosemary, André and Marion
Aikenhead Family
Janet Kim
Robert Mee
Ralph
Carol and family
Catherine, Caitlyn, Tyler & Lynda
Rosemary, André and Marion
Pauline Gabourel
Yvette
YPBC Senior Choir
Yvette Yip
Jillard Family
Yvette Yip
Alice Morgan
Ruth Ann and Family

Mary
Lynda
Mary Leishman
Tom & Kay
Judy
Darlene Chandler
Ralph
Ellen and Margaret
Wanda Sutherland
Lynda
Catherine
Joan & Euan
Doug & Jerri
Ron & Joan Budd
Yvette Yip
Yvette Yip

Galdino Y Fetalvero
Gilbert Howey
Helen and Randy Speller
Helen Charette
Herb & Diane Letsche
His parents, Norman and Marjorie Barnes
Isobel
Jeff
Jeffrey Speller
John
John B. Shaw
John Stevens
Jonathan Mee
Joyce Taylor
Karl and Tracy
Kathryn Anne Taylor
Kerr Spiers
Lily Farmer
Lois Bishop - Friend
Lorraine Townsend
Lothar Renters
Loved Ones
Loved Ones and Dear Friends
Lyle Jillard
Madeline Jillard
Margaret Torrance
Margaret Torrance
Maria Leocadia Alves
Marianne
Marina Gabourel
Marina Gabourel
Marioara Pelle and Florita Ardelean
Mary Eleanor Jillard
Mary Harris
Mary-Jo Hayes
Melanie
Mike Hamilton
Mom Ana Vidican, rest in peace
Mom and Dad

Cleber Souza
Heather Rayne
The Family
Charette Family
Tom & Kay
Esther Barnes
Joan & Euan
Mom, Dad and Emma
Randall and Don
Mary
Helen and Family
Tom & Kay
Robert Mee
Karen Harris, Megan Harris Jillard & Len Jillard
The Letche Family
Rob Taylor
Mary
Marsha and Tony Berry
Audrey Johnson
Estelle Ramos
Ralph
Judy
Harold and Heather
Jillard Family
Jillard Family
John Torrance
Linda and Gary Kaye
Jackeline Riedstra
Alfred Family
Betty
Pauline Gabourel
Daciana Drimbe
Jillard Family
Pauline Gabourel
Tom & Kay
Alfred Family
Marsha and Tony Berry
Daciana Drimbe
The Letsche Family

Mona Farmer
Mother, Florence Richards
Mrs. Wilma Ford
Mum, Dad, Baby Jimmie
Muriel Johnson - Mother
My Father, Aivars Bergs
My Husband, Brien Pepperdine
My Husband, Graham Barnes
My Loved Ones
My Mom & Dad
My Mentor, Alfreda Hall
My Parents
My Parents and Brother
My Parents, Herbert and Isabel Frey
Myra & Herm Terry
Niilo Edwards (Grandson)
Norm and Joan Rattray
Norm Houser
Our brother Frederick
Our Custodian - Andriy Martyanov
Our Fathers
Our Father, Mother, and Grandma
Our Parents
Our Parents
Our Parents
Parents/Grandparents
Precious Loved Ones
Ralph Gerred
Rev. Deborah Ban
Rev. Frederick T. Jillard
Rex Mason
Robert W. Stretton & Ruth E. Brown Stretton
Ruth and Ron Adams
Shirley Freeman
Shirley Freeman
Shirley Vardon
Ted Hampton
Walter & Mary Bark, John & Mary Lou Bark
Zulaikha Muhammed

Marsha and Tony Berry
Lorraine
Sandra and Michelle
Jerri & Doug
Audrey Johnson
Veronica Bergs
Veronica Bergs
Esther Barnes
Mary
Estelle Ramos
Esther Barnes
Susan Hampton
Lynda
Esther Barnes
Margaret
Ralph
Janet Rattray
Sandra and Michelle
Margaret and Ellen
Kevin, Alana, & Carter Carpenter
Peter & Janet Holmes
from us the Five sisters
Harold and Heather
Linda & Jim Weir
Stephen & Marion Hart
Sandra and Michelle
Lorraine Beech
Judy
Pauline Gabourel
Jillard Family
Janet Kim
The Rev. Cynthia R. & Ross R. Stretton
Janet Kim
Betty
Pauline Gabourel
The Vardon Family
Susan
Louise Bark
Jenny Rajack

JOIN THE FIGHT TO END HUNGER!

YORKMINSTER PARK



Daily Bread
Food Bank

**SATURDAY, MAY 3
9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**WE NEED 60
VOLUNTEERS !**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Help sort donated food
- Learn about the roots of food insecurity and its impact on individuals and families
- Hear about initiatives aimed at tackling this growing crisis
- Make new friends along the way!

REGISTER TODAY!

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex or email Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com

TO THE
MOON &
BACK

Schumann's "Frauen-Liebe und Leben"
and other songs of celestial love

AUTUMN DEBASSIGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO
ANGUS SINCLAIR, PIANO

APRIL 25 7:30 PM

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YORKMINSTER PARK

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Upcoming YPSS Presentation

Friday, May 2, 2025 | 7 pm

**Joseph Stalin and the Origins and
Legacy of Stalinism**

Tracy McDonald

*Professor of Russian History,
McMaster University*

This lecture examines how historians have debated the origins of Stalinism and the legacy of Stalinism after his death.

2025 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

WORSHIP WITH US IN-PERSON

We are pleased to welcome our line-up of guest speakers for the 2025



July 6

Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

Visiting Professor of
Preaching, Knox College,
University of Toronto



July 13

Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

Ambassador,
Canadian Bible Society



July 20

Rev. Dr. Douglas McArthur

Retired Full Elder,
United Methodist Church



July 27

Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes

Former President, Princeton
Theological Seminary



August 3

Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis

Associate Professor,
Knox College,
University of Toronto



August 10

Rev. Laura de Jong

Pastor, Christian
Reformed Church of
North America



August 17

Rev. Dale Rose

Incoming President,
Canadian Baptists of
Ontario and Quebec

For more information
about our guest
speakers, visit

[YPBCSummerPreaching.com](https://ypbcsummerpreaching.com)





Lighthouse Kids DOXA Youth

Every Sunday Morning at 11am:

Upon arrival, parents are to sign-in their child (Gr. 5 & under) at the Centre Hall Table before the service begins and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall following the Choral Amen of the Service (during the Postlude).

- Children/youth and their families stay in the Sanctuary for the first 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 (Gr. 6-12) joining online, please use our zoom link to gather with DOXA at 11:40am (Hybrid)

Mid-Week Ministries:

Tuesdays ONLINE:

- Family Ministry (ALL ages) 6:30-7:15pm

After DOXA every Sunday, we encourage YOUTH (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs to connect with snacks and activities!

To receive our weekly Family Ministry E-update, Zoom links or any information about our ministries, schedule, events, collage and more, please contact **Heather Mackey** at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-8:30pm – Youth Night – Youth Zone Rm

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Family Ministry Collage - April 20th, 2025



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, April 20

- 8:30 am** Easter Sunday, Communion, Cameron Hall
9:00 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast, Heritage Room
11:00 am Worship Service, Easter Sunday, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall
- No Evening Service

Monday, April 21

- All Day** **Easter Monday, Church Office Closed**
9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, April 22

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
10:00 am Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group, led by Rhoda Hill, Friendship Room (302)
6:30 pm Family Ministries Meeting, Zoom Only

Wednesday, April 23

- 7:00 am** Morning Brew Bible Study, led by Stuart Campbell, Friendship Room (302)
9:00 am Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
6:30 pm FM Youth Night, Youth Zone (508)

Thursday, April 24

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
7:30 pm YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, April 25

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
7:30 pm To the Moon and Back, Autumn Debassige and Angus Sinclair, Cameron Hall

Saturday, April 26

- 12:00 pm** YPBC Art Gallery Open, YP Centre Hall

Sunday, April 27

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Fifth Floor Board Room (502)
10:00 am Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
11:00 am Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall
7:00 pm Evening Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

Thank you for joining us in person and online via our webcasts.

Stay Connected: Please [share your email address](#) to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park and to notify you of any special upcoming services and events. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

Accessibility: Large-print Bibles and calendars, hearing assistance and a limited number of wheelchairs are available upon request. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

Offerings and Gifts

There are a number of ways to make offerings or gifts to the church.

In Person: Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or events.

By Mail: Send your offering to the church by mail (please send cheques, if possible).

PAR: (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.

Online: Visit yorkminsterpark.com > Give

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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.

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

The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus,
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Hymns – Easter Sunday – April 20th 2025

***Processional Hymn 205 - Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)**

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia*,
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia*,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.
- 3 But the pains that he endured *Alleluia*,
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
where the angels ever sing *Alleluia*.

***Hymn 193** - All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

- 1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne ;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
- 2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne ;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

***Hymn 208 - Light's glittering morn (Lasst uns Erfreuen)**

- 1 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.*

- 2 That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:

- 3 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:

- 4 Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise:

- 5 All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:

***Recessional Hymn 218 - Thine be the glory (Maccabaeus)**

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won ;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb ;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom ;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting :

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life ;
life is naught without thee : aid us in our strife ;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love ;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above :