

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**MAY 18TH, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP**



Sunday, May 18th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

**All who are able are invited to stand*

Preludes – Four Folk Hymns for Piano

John Carter

Simple Gifts

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Wondrous Love

Sharon L. Beckstead, piano

***Processional Hymn SHB 53** – Joyful, joyful we adore Thee (Hymn to joy)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, praising Thee their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father-love is reigning o'er us, brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Introit – A new commandment

Richard Shephard

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***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 Psalm 148**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

People: **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

People: **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. 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.

***Hymn 193 – All heaven declares (Richards)**

Prayer with the Children

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

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Kennedy Idu

Acts 11: 1-18

John 13: 31-35

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Response – Leave it all quietly to God

C. M. Palmer

Offering

I beseech you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Anthem – I will lift up mine eyes

Stephen Chatman

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and for ever more. 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 252** – Like the murmur of the dove's song (Bridegroom)

Sermon – “Them and Us”

The Rev. Paula Willis

***Hymn 680** – In Christ there is no east or west (St. Peter 664)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Amen** – Maddox in the Dorian mode

Postlude – Final (Sonata #1)

Felix Mendelssohn

Carillon – Excerpts from Royal Fireworks Music

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Elisa Tersigni, Carillonneur

Wayne C. Vance Carillonist at the Metropolitan United Church.

**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**

BAPTISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

A class will be held in the Minister's Study on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:30 for those who are interested in learning more about Baptism and church membership, and those who are interested in learning more about the faith and the church are encouraged to attend. The class will run for four successive Sundays beginning on May 11 and continuing on May 18, May 25, and June 1. To learn more or register for the class, please contact Peter Holmes at jpholmesyorkminsterpark.com

FIRE DRILL

In keeping with the church's safety policy a Fire Drill will be held next Sunday, May 25th, immediately following the 11 a.m. Service. The congregation will be invited to remain seated at the end of the service at which time we will receive instruction on how to exit the building in the event of a fire. The congregation will then be led in a practice drill. This should be completed in less than 15 minutes. The purpose of the drill is to ensure the overall safety of all who are in the building in the event of a fire. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

YPBC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing the book "The Wind Knows My Name" by Isabel Allende. For more information please contact the church office at office@yorkminsterpark.com.

CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL

COTH Foodbank needs a part-time volunteer Bookkeeper for approximately 3-4 hours per week for the majority of the year (longer in January). Anyone with a Bookkeeping background with an interest in volunteering to this worthy cause, please notify kenwburns@rogers.com and information regarding the position and indication of hours will be provided.

Nominations for Members of Boards

Church Elections 2025-26

The Nominating Committee invites members of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church to submit nominations for election to the five Standing Boards of the Church. Only members of the Church may nominate people to the Boards, or be nominated. Each nomination must be submitted in writing and include the Nominee's Statement of Agreement to Serve if elected. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee or left at the Church Office by Thursday May 22, 2025. No nominations may be made from the floor at the Church Business Meeting in June.

As stated in the constitution, a number of current board members, who are eligible, will be renewing their terms. As a result, the number of new members to be elected and the terms for which they will serve are:

Board of Deacons	3 members for a three-year term
Board of Music	2 members for a three-year term
Board of Mission	1 member for a three-year term
Board of Finance & Administration	3 members for a three-year term
Board of Christian Education	3 members for a three-year term

Kevin Carpenter, *Vice Chair of the Congregation & Chair, Nominating Committee*

Welcome families! In support of our Protection Plan, upon arrival, parents/guardians may sign-in their child (Babies to Gr. 5) 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).

Sunday Morning:

- Family Ministry Leader Prayer Time: 9:45-10:15am
- Family Ministries (children/youth): 11:10am-12:15pm
 - o Children/Youth and their families are in the Sanctuary for the first part of the 11am Worship Service
 - o After the Children's Prayer Time in the Service, children, youth and leaders go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning before dividing into age-appropriate groups
- We encourage all youth (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs after the service for fellowship time
- Family Ministry Potluck Luncheons (Scheduled Sundays throughout the year)

Tuesday Online:

- Family Ministry (ALL Ages) Bible Study and Activities: 6:30-7:15pm
- Family Ministry Leader's Bible Study and Prayer: 7:15-8pm

Youth Nights (twice a month):

- Youth (Gr. 6-12) are welcome to experience Fun, Faith and Fellowship two scheduled nights a month

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

Next Youth Night (Gr. 6-12), Wed May 21, 6:30-8:30pm - Youth Zone Rm/YPBC

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Family Ministry Collage - May 18th, 2025



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, May 18

10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Fifth Floor Board Room (502)
10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
10:00 am	Baptism & Membership Class, Minister's Study (420)
11:00 am	Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am	Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall

Monday, May 19

All Day	Church Office Closed - Victoria Day
9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
1:00 pm	Women of the Word, led by The Rev. Suzanne Wilkinson, Zoom Only

Tuesday, May 20

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
12:10 pm	Lunchtime Chamber Music, Ragtime - Featuring Angus Sinclair, piano - and Autumn Debassige, vocalist, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Family Ministries Meeting, Zoom Only
7:30 pm	YPBC Book Club, Zoom Only

Wednesday, May 21

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
12:30 pm	Noonday Organ Recital, featuring Jonathan Oldengarm, Director of Music, Metropolitan United Church
6:30 pm	FM Youth Night, Youth Zone (508)
7:00 pm	Board of Music Meeting, Red Board Room (120)
7:30 pm	YPBC Book Club, Zoom Only

Thursday, May 22

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Memorial Service, Dr. Robert Clappison
7:30 pm	YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, May 23

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
6:00 pm	Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)

Saturday, May 24

12:00 pm	YPBC Art Gallery Open, YP Centre Hall
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Sunday, May 25

10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Fifth Floor Board Room (502)
10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
10:00 am	Baptism & Membership Class, Minister's Study (420)
11:00 am	Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am	Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall
12:10 pm	Church Fire Drill to follow the closing hymn

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

Tap to Give using our TipTap display **OR**

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code:

It will take you directly to our Canada Helps page. ►



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,
Pastoral Care

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You're Invited!

DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR

Join Rev. Paula Willis for a relaxed time of community and fellowship. Whether you're new, reconnecting, or just craving a friendly space - we'd love to see you!

WEDNESDAYS: MAY 7 & 21, JUNE 11 & 25
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | FRIENDSHIP RM

No agenda, no pressure - just coffee, conversation, and connection.

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DR. AMY BARRON

Canadian Archaeologist

Friday, June 6, 2025 | 7:00pm

Cameron Hall, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

(also available as a live webcast)



YPBC WOMEN *in* COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER

MONDAY MAY 26, 6:00PM

All women are warmly invited to share a delicious meal, after which we're pleased to feature a conversation with YPBC member **Barbara Wood**, who will share stories from her extraordinary life,



**YPBC
News**

Go into all the world and preach
the Good News to everyone.

**The summer issue of
the YPBC News will be
published in June.**

Please send all items/articles
to the editor, [ramsay7stars@
gmail.com](mailto:ramsay7stars@gmail.com) no later than
Friday, May 30th.

Text should be in WORD,
14 pt font, unformatted, and
photos/illustrations in JPEG.



PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday, May 27th

1:00 p.m. | Friendship Rm

**Join us for an afternoon
of fellowship and of cre-
ating shawls for people
in need of comfort.**

If you are less experienced,
assistance is available. Yarn
and needles are also provided.

Contact the church office,
416-922-1167 or
[**office@yorkminsterpark.com**](mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com)

Hymns – May 18th 2025

***Processional Hymn SHB 53** – Joyful, joyful we adore Thee

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Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken
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***Hymn 193** – All heaven declares

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 thron;

I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

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 252** – Like the murmur of the dove's song (Bridegroom)

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might :
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign :
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare :
come, Holy Spirit, come.

***Hymn 680** – In Christ there is no east or west

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.