

JULY 6TH, 2025

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

We are deeply privileged to once again welcome the Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris to Yorkminster Park. Stephen is a semi-retired Presbyterian minister and is presently serving as Visiting Professor of Preaching at Knox College, University of Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and Cambridge University, England, from which he received his PhD. He is Dean Emeritus of St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver, and Professor Emeritus of Preaching of Vancouver School of Theology. Dr. Farris was elected Moderator of the 140th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has served on the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and as President of the Academy of Homiletics, the international association of teachers of preaching. He has preached and taught internationally and nationally, and is the author of four books, many academic and popular articles, and a murder mystery short story. His most recent book is *So, Tell Me a Story: The Art of Storytelling for Preaching and Teaching*.

Stephen Farris is married to Patricia Farris, a retired school principal, and has two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Sunday, July 6th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

*Indicates places in the service where worshippers are invited to stand as they are able.

Preludes – Ode

Prière à Notre-Dame

Denis Bédard

L. Boëllman

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

***Hymn 766 – Praise my soul, the King of Heaven (Praise my Soul)**

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

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 30**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: **LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader: LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

People: **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

Leader: By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

People: **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

Leader: “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

People: **Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

People: **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

***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

**The Rev. Paula Willis
& Heather Mackey**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Paula Willis

Holy Scripture

2 Kings 5:1-14
Galatians 6:1-5

Solo – Lord God of Abraham (Elijah)

Adam Wicks, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Offering

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Duet – Now we are ambassadors (St. Paul)

Felix Mendelssohn

Adam Wicks, tenor; **Stephen King**, bass

***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 635** – For the healing of the nations (Westminster Abbey 648)

Sermon – “Small Roles, Big Effects”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

***Hymn 787** – Take my life and let it be (Nottingham)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Postlude – Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Carillon – Martyrdom (Wilson)

Hugh Wilson arr. John R. Knox

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur

**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**

VACATION NOTICES

William Maddox is on vacation this week and in his absence we are honored to have our Associate Musician, **Sharon L. Beckstead** leading our music from the organ and piano. Sharon Beckstead has distinguished herself as one of Canada's finest church musicians, serving in churches for fifty years prior to her retirement from Leaside United in 2018. Sharon, a native of Winnipeg, served at Leaside United Church for twenty-five years. She has also served as President of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes is on vacation until August 19. Please direct all pastoral inquiries to **The Rev. Paula Willis**. She can be reached at 416-922-1240 or by email at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com

SOME IMPORTANT FALL DATES AT YP

- **Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.** first Choir Practice
 - **Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m.** Sacrament of Communion
 - **Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m.** All Boards Meeting
 - **Sunday, September 14, 11 a.m.** Welcome Back Sunday. I invite your family and friends to join us as we welcome everyone back from summer holidays. After church there will be displays about many of our fall ministries and programs.
 - **Sunday, September 14, 12:15 p.m.** Yorkminster Park Art Gallery Show Opening, featuring artist Hugh Alcock
 - **Friday, September 26, 7 p.m.** Yorkminster Park Speakers Series featuring Maureen Jennings and Charlotte Gray: "Writing History: A Conversation Between Two Storytellers"
www.ypspeakersseries.com
 - **Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m.** YP Anniversary Sunday – a Homecoming to celebrate the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith. The Rev. Dale Rose will be our guest preacher.
 - **Sunday, October 5, 7 p.m.** Iona Service
 - **Sunday, October 26 – Tuesday, October 28** The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
www.lesterrandall.com
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CHURCH COUNCIL NOTICE

The following **MOTION** was passed by Church Council in a recent online vote.

- It is moved that Church Council approve that the position of the Senior Minister of the Congregation of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church be filled.

Randall Speller

Chair of the Congregation and Church Council, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

UPCOMING MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service for Rudy Isaac will be held at the church on **Thursday, July 10th, 2:00 p.m.**
Please continue to keep his wife Velma, and her family in your prayers.

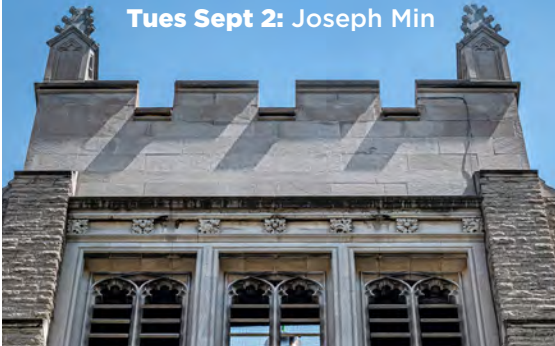
CARILLON RECITALS

JULY-SEPTEMBER | 1:00 PM

Thurs July 10: Annie Gao

Tues Aug 5: Gordon Slater

Tues Sept 2: Joseph Min



PRAYERS IN THE PARK

AT YORKMINSTER PARK

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

JULY - AUGUST

In the Meditation Circle
(In the event of rain, we will
meet in the Friendship Room)

*Bring a packed lunch and stay
for fellowship!*

ALL ARE WELCOME



FEARFULLY *and* WONDERFULLY MADE

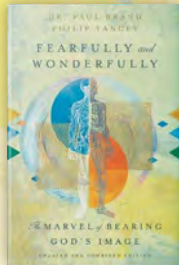
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

led by Rev. Paula Willis

Wednesdays

July 9-Aug 13

7:00pm | Online



Inspired by the book *Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God's Image* by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancy

REGISTER to attend, or email
pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com ►

2025 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES



July 13

Rev. Dr.

Andrew Stirling

Ambassador,
Canadian Bible Society

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

July 20: Rev. Dr. Douglas McArthur

July 27: Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes

And more!

To see our full line-up visit
YPBCSummerPreaching.ca ►

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
 - Children/Youth and their families are in the Sanctuary for the first part of the 11am Worship Service
 - 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

Family Ministry Potluck Lunch (Food and Song Theme: South Asian) Sunday, July 20 after the service – Cameron Hall

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Family Ministry Collage - July 6th, 2025



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, July 6

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Fifth Floor Board Room (502)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am** Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall

Monday, July 7

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 1:00 pm** Women of the Word, Zoom Only

Tuesday, July 8

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 am** Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm** FM Meeting, led by Heather Mackey, Zoom Only

Wednesday, July 9

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm** Prayers in the Park, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Meditation Circle

Thursday, July 10

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm** Community Carillon Recital, featuring Annie Gao, carillonneur, Church Grounds
- 2:00 pm** Memorial Service, Rudy Isaac, Sanctuary

Friday, July 11

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels

Saturday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 13

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Fifth Floor Board Room (502)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am** Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall

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

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***Hymn 766 – Praise my soul, the King of Heaven (Praise my Soul)**

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.
- 5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

***Hymn 635 – For the healing of the nations (Westminster Abbey 648)**

- 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

***Hymn 787 – Take my life and let it be (Nottingham)**

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee ;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love ;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King ;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold ;
not a mite would I withhold ;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will, and make it thine :
it shall be no longer mine ;
take my heart : it is thine own ;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love ; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store ;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.