

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**AUGUST 31ST, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP**



Sunday, August 31st, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Machs mit mir, Gott
Andante cantabile (Symphonie IV)

*Sigfried Karg-Elert
Charles-Marie Widor*

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

***Hymn SHB 53** – Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee (Ode to Joy)

*1. 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!*

*2. 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.*

*3. 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.*

*4. 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.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

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.***

***Responsive Psalm 112**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

People: **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honour.

People: **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-8
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Solo – Thee will I love, my God and King

C. Armstrong Gibbs

Adam Wicks, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Offering

“Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Quartet – O come, everyone that thirsteth (Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

Jessica Willingham, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, alto;
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 741** – O Christ the same (Londonderry Air)

Sermon – “Through All Our Story’s Pages”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Hymn SHB 49 – Jesus, Thou divine companion (Hyfrydol 422)**

*1. Jesus, thou divine companion,
By Thy lowly human birth
Thou hast come to join the workers,
Burden-bearers of the earth.
Thou, the carpenter of Naz'reth,
Toiling for Thy daily food,
By Thy patience and Thy courage,
Thou hast taught us toil is good.*

*2. They who tread the path of labour,
Follow where Thy feet have trod;
They who work without complaining
Do the holy will of God.
Thou, the peace that passeth knowledge,
Dwellest in the daily strife;
Thou, the bread of heav'n art broken
In the sacrament of life.*

*3. Every task, however simple,
Sets the soul that does it free
Every deed of love and kindness
Done to man is done to Thee.
Jesus, thou divine companion,
Help us all to work our best,
Bless us in our daily labour,
Lead us to our Sabbath rest.*

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Postlude – Rondeau (Abdelazar)

Henry Purcell, arr. C. Morris

Carillon – Londonderry Air

arr. Sally Slade Warner

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur

VACATION NOTICE

The Rev. Paula Willis will be on vacation this week. Please direct all pastoral inquiries to **The Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes** by email at jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com or call his direct confidential line at 416-922-1271.

CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our neighbour, CCDP is having a rummage sale, and it's going to be a big one.

All are invited to attend.

BTW, they doing intake Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. till the big day if anyone has things to drop off.

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

Friday, September 21, 7-9pm, Youth Night (Gr 6-12) - Gym/Youth Zone Rm

Like us on [Facebook](#)  | Follow us on [Instagram](#)  | Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) 

Family Ministry Collage - August 31, 2025



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY MINISTRY FAIR SEPT. 14

After Worship Service
in the Heritage Room

Information Tables highlighting Ministries, Church Programs
and Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Refreshments • Children's Activities • Loot Bags and Treats

Everyone Welcome



Living Love!

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. – Romans 12:10

CARILLON RECITAL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 1:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

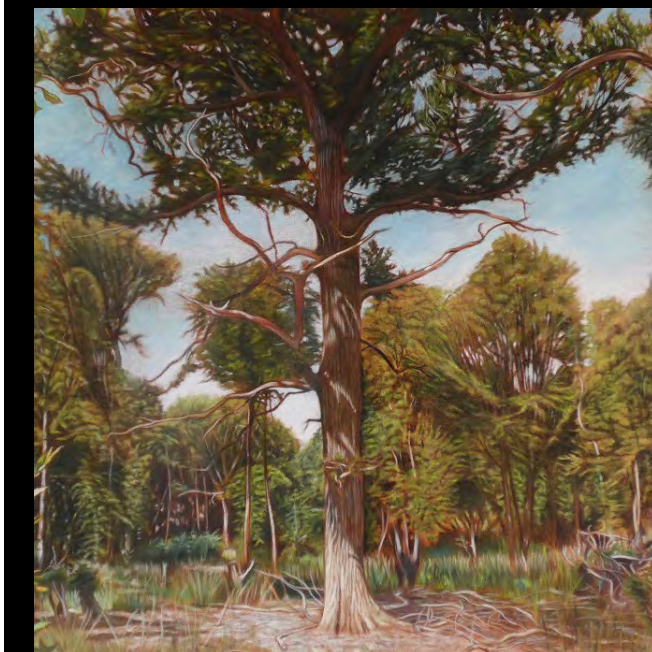
OUTDOORS – RAIN OR SHINE



Joseph Min

Don't miss the final performance
in our summer concert series!

Come enjoy beautiful music in the
open air — all are welcome.



YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

Hugh Alcock

Into the Clearing

Sept. 13 to Oct. 30, 2025

Reception:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Gallery Hours:

Saturday: Noon – 3 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

and 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Also available by appointment.

Call the church office at 416-922-1167 or

email office@yorkminsterpark.com

SUMMER GIVING

During the summer months, we continue to share the love of Christ with others in word and deed.

Sometimes our summer rhythms can keep us from attending church, leading to a drop in in-person giving that impacts our ability to meet needs.

We invite you to consider a special summer gift or to enroll in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), a monthly donation that supports Yorkminster Park year-round. For those who are able, contact our Bookkeeper, Estelle Ramos, at bookkeeper@yorkminsterpark.com.

THANK YOU – The Board of Finance and Administration

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RANDALL

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Steve Bell



**Anna Carter
Florence**



Malcolm Guite



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WEDNESDAYS ON ZOOM
SEPT 24–NOV 26 | 7:00 PM

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious.

No judgement, no pressure.

Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation.

Come along, see what you think.

Register today:
tinyurl.com/mr46anny



REGISTER HERE





Out of the Cold
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Who is my neighbour?



IN ACTION

OUT OF THE COLD BEGINS NOVEMBER 5

Our Out of the Cold (OOTC) ministry is just around the corner!

As we prepare to welcome guests again this season, there are many ways you can support this important outreach:

- Pray for our guests, volunteers, and the season ahead
- Volunteer to be part of a serving team
- Donate items or financial gifts
- Offer baking or toiletries to share with our guests

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For more information or to get involved, please email:

ootc@yorkminsterpark.com



Knitting in-the-Park at Yorkminster Park

**Saturday, September 12TH
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

The Needlework Guild of Canada
invites you to join them for a fun
afternoon of knitting, and crocheting
en plein air! **All are welcome!**



Needlework Guild of Canada

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, August 31

11:00 am Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall

Monday, September 1

All Day Church Office Closed, Labour Day

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 am Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
1:00 pm Community Carillon Recital, featuring Joseph Min, Church Grounds
6:30 pm FM Meeting, led by Heather Mackey, Zoom Only

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

11:00 am Worship Service, Sacrament of Communion, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall

SOME IMPORTANT FALL DATES AT YP

- Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m. All Boards Meeting
- Sunday, September 14, 11 a.m. Welcome Back Sunday. We 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. The 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
- Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. Women In Community with Beth Torrance sharing "Memories of India."
- Sunday, October 26 – Tuesday, October 28 The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
www.lesterrandall.com

Caption: A familiar face works on improving Yorkminster Park, one step at a time.

Photo: Peter Holmes

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,
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Hymns – Aug 31 2025

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***Hymn 741 – Christ the same (Londonderry Air)**

- 1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears ;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years :
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
- 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon Your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified :
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- 3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain :
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
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