

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Communion - Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Prelude on Song 13
Folk Tune

*Healey Willan
Percy Whitlock*

***Processional Hymn 8** – Today I awake (Slithers of Gold)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Introit – The Holy Eucharist

William H. Harris

Him holy, in him abide, eternal soul, in him you hide all your sin on God laid bare, receiving life he longs to share. Him holy, in him abide, O Christian souls his Body live who in him to Father make the sacrifice of Incarnate. Him holy, in him abide, heaven home in him alive, Holy love one body make, Joying souls new blessing wake. (Text: Douglas J.L. Bean, 1966)

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.

Prayer with the Children

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1:7-21

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Choral Response – O keep my soul and deliver me

W. Maddox

Offering

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Anthem – Turn back, O man

Gustav Holst

Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days, yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim, “Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.” Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise. Age after age their tragic empires rise, built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep: would man but wake from out his haunted sleep, Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one: nor till that hour shall God’s whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, peals forth in joy man’s old undaunted cry: “Earth shall be fair and all her folk be one!”

***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 – “Choose Life”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Sign of the Peace**

*Greet those around you with the words, “**The peace of Christ be with you,**”
to which we respond with the words, ‘**And also with you.**’*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn 487 – Christ is the one who calls (vs. 1-3) (Love Unknown)**

Reception of New Members

Michael Amarie, Emehakon Ukpong

***Church Covenant**

As an organized group of Christian people, we enter into covenant with one another to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, grace and godly living; to promote its Christian spirit by sustaining its worship, sacraments, discipline, doctrine and maintenance of the biblical norms and standards of conduct; to contribute to the support of the ministry, to the expenses of the church, and to serve, as our respective talents and circumstances permit, the mission of the church, which covenant is made in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Act of Remembrance

Rudy Isaac, May “Betty” Owen, Ron Taylor

Choral Preparation – Now my tongue, the mystery telling

Grafton

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Distribution of Elements

Hymn 487 – Christ is the one who calls (vs. 4 & 5) (Love Unknown)

*Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting
and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns,
our risen King.*

*Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare ;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving name.*

(As the elements are distributed all are invited to sing)

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***Recessional Hymn 335 – My God, accept my heart this day (St. Peter)**

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Amen – Palmer in E

Postlude – Processional

William Mathias

Carillon – Immortal Love, Forever Full (Albano)

arr. Beverly Buchanan

Elisa Tersigni, Carillonneur

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

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Family Ministry Collage - September 7, 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



Knitting in-the-Park at Yorkminster Park

Saturday, September 13th
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
al fresco! **All are welcome!**



Needlework Guild of Canada



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

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SEPT 24-NOV 26 | 7:00 PM**

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Present

Writing History: A Conversation Between Two Storytellers

In this "Conversation between two storytellers," who are also two friends, Charlotte Gray, the author of twelve best-selling books of (mostly) Canadian popular history

Friday, September 26th, 2025 7:00pm
Cameron Hall,
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto
(also available as a live webcast)

www.CIHE.ca

Photo credit: Michelle Valberg



Charlotte Gray

Photo credit: City of Toronto Archives



Maureen Jennings



A **YORKMINSTER PARK** **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.



A service to celebrate the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith.

This year the **The Rev. Dale Rose** will be our guest preacher. Dale was the Minister of Pastoral Care at Yorkminster Park from 2012 to 2021. Dale is serving as the President of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec for 2025-26.

There will be a reception immediately following the service.



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

For more information or to get involved, please email:

ootc@yorkminsterpark.com

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
+ SO MUCH MORE

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Steve Bell



Anna Carter
Florence



Malcolm Guite

Have you ever thought about attending the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship?

Though often seen as a clergy event, LRPF is for anyone who values excellent preaching. Over two and a half days you'll enjoy inspiring lectures, workshops, public and private preaching events, shared meals, and fellowship.

This year's keynote speakers include **musician Steve Bell**, **Anna Carter Florence**, and **poet Malcolm Guite**, along with familiar voices like Emily Bisset, Karoline Lewis, Paul Scott Wilson, and Susan Sparks. And yes—Donnie from Blazing Kitchens will keep us well fed!

A highlight this year is **The Bell and the Bard**. Steve Bell in concert with Malcolm Guite—an unforgettable evening of song, poetry, and storytelling on Monday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m.—free for registered attendees.

Come share in this spirit-filled gathering of learning, inspiration, and community.

Register before September 15 for the early rate of \$425, which includes all meals, workshops, and events.

*We look forward to sharing this
rich time of learning and fellowship
with you!*

REGISTER NOW | www.lesterrandall.com ►

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

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

Monday, September 8

9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, September 9

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
7:00 pm YPBC All Boards Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

9:00 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

11:00 am Worship Service, Start Up Sunday, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall
12:15 pm The Yorkminster Park Art Gallery Show Opening, featuring artist Hugh Alcock, YP Centre Hall

SOME IMPORTANT FALL DATES AT YP

- 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 service to celebrate the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith. The Rev. Dale Rose will be our guest preacher. A reception will immediately follow the worship service
- 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: We give thanks for another blessed Family Ministries Potluck Lunch!
Grateful for the joyful fellowship shared and for the dedicated team whose efforts made this a cherished YPBC gathering.

Photo: Leticia Limengco

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
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The Rev. John Torrance

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