

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 5TH 2025
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Communion - Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Sonata #2
Grave
Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

***Processional Hymn 754** – O worship the King (Hannover)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit – Psalm 150

Praise ye the Lord, praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of his power. Praise Him in his mighty acts, praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, praise Him with stringed instruments, praise Him with organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals, praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Minster Singers
Dawn King, conductor

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

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.

***Hymn 835** – Goodness is stronger than evil (Goodness)

(The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn and sit on the chancel steps)

Prayer with the Children

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

**ACT OF INDUCTION OF AHMEDA MANSARAY-RICHARDSON
AS DIRECTOR OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Introduction

Monnette John-Buck and Len Jillard
Co-Chairs of the Board of Deacons

Address to the Candidate

Randall Speller
Chair of the Congregation

Response of the Candidate

Presentation of Ministry Symbols

Seeds

Marion Evans
Chair of the former MRC

Salt

Jake Aikenhead
Friend and colleague

Light

Allan Mason
Chair, YP Board of Mission

Towel

Dina Gilbert
Co-Chair, YP Out of the Cold

Address to the Congregation

Randall Speller
Chair of the Congregation

***Response of the Congregation**

(The congregation will be invited to stand, or raise a hand)

Declaration of Induction

Welcome

Induction Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

The Prayer of St. Francis (unison)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where this doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek,
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Holy Scripture

Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Matthew 5: 1- 16

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Response – Rest in the Lord

G. Thalben Ball

Offering

*“Give, and it will be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”
(Luke 6:38)*

Anthem – Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult, and in Him be joyful. Let us fear and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him). 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.***

Sermon – “Called to Serve”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***The Sign of Peace**

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

***Hymn – Spirit of God descend upon my heart (vs. 1-3) (Morecambe)**

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!*

Act of Remembrance

David Wilkinson, Jimmie Abbington, Douglas Brown

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Preparation – Eternal, unchanging, we sing to Thy praise

St. Basil

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Paula Willis

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(During the distribution we will remain seated and sing the following hymn)

Hymn – Spirit of God descend upon my heart (vs. 4 & 5)

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame*

Memorial Acclamation

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

***Recessional Hymn 546** – O Lord, my God, (How great Thou art)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen – Maddox in G

Postlude – Sonata #2
Allegro Maestoso and Fugue

Felix Mendelssohn

Carillon – Amazing Grace

arr. Ronald Barnes

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur

Jessica Willingham, Loren Graziano, Cassandra Amorim, sopranos
Margaret Terry, Amanda Weatherall, altos
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors
Stephen King, Joseph Ernst, basses

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

As per the Constitution, the Church Council has approved and passed a Motion to hire a **new Director of Family Ministry**:

As the position of Director of Family Ministry will fall vacant on November 16th, 2025, it is our intention to fill the position. A Ministerial Replacement Committee [MRC] is now being created to staff that position.

Further information will soon be made available.


Randall Speller
Chair, Church Council

UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES

- **Sunday, October 12 11:00 a.m.**, Thanksgiving Sunday
- **Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m.** Service includes the Sacrament of Baptism
- **Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m.** Festival of Faith and Christian Unity 2025
- **Sunday, October 26, – Tuesday October 28** The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
- **Sunday, October 26, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.** The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence preaching
- **Monday, October 27 7:15 p.m.** The Bell and the Bard, a concert featuring Steve Bell and poet, Malcolm Guite Tickets available at stevebell.com/event/toronto-on-the-bell-the-bard/

DOUG BROWN

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Doug Brown, a faithful long-time member of our church. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Morley Bedford Funeral Home.



*Enter into
His gates with
thanksgiving,
and into His courts
with praise.*

– PSALM 100:

Thanksgiving **OFFERING**

Due to the ongoing postal strike, we are unable to send out our Thanksgiving offering envelopes in the mail this year. Instead, we have included them in today's order of service and will do so again next Sunday.

We invite you to place your envelope in the offering plate during the service, mail it back to the church office:

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

1585 Yonge St. Toronto ON M4T 1Z9,

or make a donation online at

www.yorkminsterpark.com > Give

using the QR code provided.



*We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity
as together we celebrate this season of thanksgiving.*

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

Fri Oct 10, 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 - October 5th, 2025



A close-up photograph of a hand lighting a candle. Several other candles are already lit, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

IONA PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:00 PM

FEATURING MUSIC BY IONA PASSAGE

If you are unable to be with us, but would like us to light a candle and say a prayer for someone, please email jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A photograph of a set table with a fork and spoon wrapped in a burlap napkin, tied with twine. There are autumn leaves and a branch with red berries on the table.

YPBC WOMEN *in* COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER

**Monday, October 6th
6:00 pm | Friendship Room**

After sharing a meal together in fellowship, we'll move into a special presentation by **Beth Torrance**, *Memories of India*. Beth will reflect on her missionary work in the 1980s and offer insights from her return visit last January, highlighting both the challenges and the joys she experienced along the way.

ALL WOMEN ARE WARMLY INVITED!

YOU ARE INVITED

DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

2:00 - 3:00 PM | FRIENDSHIP RM

Join the Rev. Paula Willis for a relaxed time of community and fellowship.

*Come as you are.
Stay as long as
you'd like.*

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025



Sunday

19

October
7:00 p.m.

A Journey through
the Nicene Creed
Reflection and Prayer

Baptism into the Death and
Resurrection of the Lord

Sponsored by The Greater Toronto Area Council of
Christian Churches, and the Archdiocese of Toronto

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Steve Bell



Anna Carter
Florence



Malcolm Guite

Jerusalem Youth Chorus

Hope Rises

**Thursday, October 9, 2025
8:00 p.m.**



The Jerusalem Youth Chorus

brings together young singers from East and West Jerusalem to create music that builds understanding and hope. Through song and shared stories, JYC encourages dialogue, leadership, and reconciliation – even in difficult times. Their performance, *Hope Rises*, weaves powerful personal narratives into a moving concert experience that inspires action and community.

This performance is presented as part of **The Promise of Music**, an initiative of The Glenn Gould Foundation.

Learn more at
promiseofmusic.com

Tickets: 50.00

Available on [Eventbrite](#)



AN EVENING WITH STEVE BELL & MALCOLM GUTE

Join us for a rare and unforgettable night of music, poetry, and story as acclaimed Canadian singer-songwriter **Steve Bell** takes the stage with renowned English poet **Malcolm Gute**.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

**TICKETS: \$35.00
ON SALE NOW!**

[stevebell.com/event/
toronto-on-the-bell-
the-bard/](http://stevebell.com/event/toronto-on-the-bell-the-bard/)



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, October 5

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)
10:00 am Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
11:00 am Worship Service, featuring the Sacrament of Communion and Induction of
Ahmeda Mansaray Richardson, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching
11:30 am Family Ministries led by Heather Mackey, Cameron Hall
7:00 pm Iona Evening Worship, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
6:00 pm Women in Community Dinner, Friendship Room (302)

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
11:30 am Meals on Wheels Annual General Meeting, Heritage Room
12:10 pm Lunchtime Chamber Music, featuring performers from the Glenn Gould School
6:30 pm FM Meeting, led by Heather Mackey, Zoom Only

Wednesday, October 8

- 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 Michael Bloss, Director of Music, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Thursday Night Bible Study, led by John Speller, Zoom Only
7:30 pm YPBC Choir Practice, Cameron Hall
8:00 pm The Glenn Gould Foundation presents: Jerusalem Youth Chorus: Hope Rises, Sanctuary
Tickets: promiseofmusic.com/event/jerusalem-youth-chorus-hope-rises/

Friday, October 10

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)
7:00 pm YP Speaker's Series presents Adam Shoalts, Vanished Beyond the Map: The Mystery of
Lost Explorer Hubert Darrell, Cameron Hall

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)
10:00 am Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
11:00 am Worship Service, Thanksgiving Sunday, 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

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

Ms. Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Director of Mission and Community Engagement

The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

Hymns – October 5th 2025

***ProceSSIONal Hymn 754 – O worship the King (Hannover)**

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above ;
O gratefully sing his power and his love ;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space ;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- * 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old ;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite ?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light ;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail ;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 6 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

***Hymn 835 – Goodness is stronger than evil**

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours
through him who loved us.

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***Recessional Hymn 546 – O Lord, my God, How great Thou art**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’*
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, ‘My God, how great thou art!’