

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**OCTOBER 19TH 2025
MORNING WORSHIP**



Sunday, October 19th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Consolation
Voluntary in A minor

*Joseph Bonnet
Maurice Greene*

***Processional Hymn 537** – For the beauty of the earth (Dix 94)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit – Quam dilecta

Horatius McCauley, arr. W. Maddox

*How pleasant is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts, to me! The tabernacles of thy grace, how pleasant, Lord, they be! For why? within thy courts one day is better to abide, than other where to keep or stay a thousand days beside. My thirsty soul cries out for thee; it fainth thy courts to see: my very heart and flesh do wait, O living God, for thee. How blest are they that in thy house forever give thee praise. Blest are all those whose strength thou art, in whose heart are thy ways.
(Text: Psalm 84, Scottish Psalter paraphrase)*

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.

***Responsive Psalm 121**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come.

People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

***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.

***Praise Song – Goodness of God**

*I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

Refrain

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God*

Refrain

*Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me*

Refrain

Prayer with the Children

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Tom Hayes

Genesis 32:22-31
Luke 18:1-8

Sermon – “Until Daybreak”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Response – Say to them that are of a fearful heart

W. Maddox

Offering

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Anthem – Salvation is created

Pavel Tschesnokoff

Salvation is created, in the midst of the earth, O God, O our God. Alleluia (Text: Psalm 74)

***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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***Hymn 451** – Just as I am (vs. 1 - 2)

Woodworth

*Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Words of Introduction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Prayer

Choral Preparation – Come, Holy Ghost

Veni Creator Spiritus

Following the Baptism of **Diana Kivi** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451** – Just as I am (vs. 3)

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Following the Baptism of **Margaret Brody** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 4)**

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Following the Baptism of **James Thompson** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 5)**

*Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Following the Baptism of **Dennis Kwadwo Asare** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 6)**

*Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Following the Baptism of **Karen Maureen Harris** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 7)**

*Just as I am – and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come*

Following the Baptism of **Megan Harris-Jillard** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 1)**

*Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Following the singing of the hymn, the congregation will rise and sing:

***Blessing, honour, glory and power be unto Him that sitteth on the throne and
unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen**

***Words of Invitation**

***Recessional Hymn 588** – And can it be (Sagina)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Amen – Smith of Durham

Postlude – Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable, arr. E. Power Biggs

Carillon – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (Cwm Rhondda)

arr. Beverly Buchanan

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

Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician

UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES

- **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 7:30 p.m.** The Bell and the Bard, a concert featuring Steve Bell and poet Malcolm Guite. Special YPBC Ticket Price: \$20.00 Contact: office@yorkminsterpark.com or, 416-922-1167

YPBC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing the book *All the Color in the World* by C.S. Richardson.

For more information please contact the church office at office@yorkminsterpark.com.

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

**Youth Night is coming alongside the Life Together Life Group
Fri Oct 24, 6:30-8pm!**

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Family Ministry Collage - October 19th, 2025



YOU ARE INVITED

DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

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

The Bell & The Bard



STEVE BELL AND MALCOLM GUITE

In Concert

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

Join us for a rare and
unforgettable night of
music, poetry, and story

**SPECIAL
YPBC TICKET PRICE:
\$20.00**

To reserve your tickets:
office@yorkminsterpark.com
or, 416-922-1167

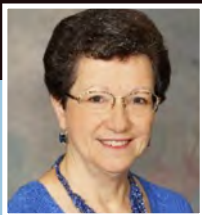
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Six Wednesdays: November 3 – December 8, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:45pm

Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd.

\$25 per participant for the course materials

This education and support group is designed for those who are dealing with the death of a loved one. Taking a faith-based perspective, we will explore various aspects of grief, how grief affects one's emotions, behaviours, body, mind and spirit. We will look at tasks one can do and adjustments one can make to move through grief, and help find ways to reinvest in one's life in meaningful ways.



The content will be based on the materials of Dr. Bill Webster, Centre for the Grief Journey.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Hart, recently retired United Church minister, has been facilitating grief support groups for more than 30 years.

Contact: Deborah Hart for information or to register

Phone: 416-626-2958 Email: revdeb5@sympatico.ca

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday, October 21

1:00 p.m.

Friendship Room

**If you are interested in
knitting or crocheting,**

join us for an afternoon of fellowship and of creating shawls to be given to people in need of comfort.

For more information
contact the church office,
416-922-1167 or
office@yorkminsterpark.com



**Daily Bread
Food Bank**

DONATE TODAY:
www.dailybread.ca

BOARD OF MISSION UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025

As part of this year's efforts, **Daily Bread Food Bank** is once again partnering with **Purolator** for the Toronto Red Bag campaign. Now in its seventh year, 20,000 red bags have been distributed to homes in key neighbourhoods for residents to fill with non-perishable food donations. Aiming to raise 50,000 lbs of food, the **Red Bag initiative** is part of the Purolator Tackle Hunger® National Red Bag Campaign, which supports families facing food insecurity across Canada. Above, Red Bag volunteers, including Daily Bread Food Bank CEO Neil Hetherington (centre).

A PERFECT STORM: THE IMPACT OF THE POSTAL STRIKE AND TARIFFS ON FOOD BANKS

Charities such as the Daily Bread Food Bank are expressing concerns over the impact another Canada Post strike will have on donations around Thanksgiving. Many receive mailed donations, some of which are large. DBFB CEO Neil Hetherington was interviewed on CP24 and said, "This strike has a painful impact on our operations. About 25 per cent of what we need to help those who are food insecure, one in ten Torontonians, comes by mail. Because of the rising demand, we encourage online donations and monthly support if possible at dailybread.ca."

There is another large shadow impacting food banks in a time of increased demand – tariffs. How do they affect the needy?:

Increased Food Costs: Tariffs are a tax on imported goods, which leads to higher prices on commonly stocked food items like peanut butter, rice, and pasta.

Financial Hardship for Families: Tariffs contribute to job losses and reduced working hours in key sectors, increasing financial strain on low- and middle-income families and making it harder for them to afford food, thereby increasing food insecurity.

Increased Demand on Services: As families struggle with rising costs, food banks experience a surge in people needing their services. **Reduced Donations:** With increased financial pressure on donors, both cash and food donations to food banks may decrease.

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, October 19

- 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 Baptism, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching,
- 7:00 pm** Worship Service, Festival of Faith and Christian Unity 2025, 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, Sanctuary

Monday, October 20

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 1:00 pm** Women of the Word Bible Study, led by Esther Barnes, Zoom Only

Tuesday, October 21

- 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
- 12:10 pm** Lunchtime Chamber Music, featuring performers from the Glenn Gould School
- 1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl Group, led by Rhoda Hill, Friendship Room (302)
- 6:30 pm** FM Meeting, led by Heather Mackey, Zoom Only
- 7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting, Zoom Only

Wednesday, October 22

- 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 Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
- 2:00 pm** Coffee Time with Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)

Thursday, October 23

- 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

Friday, October 24

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 6:30 pm** Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)

Saturday, October 25

- 4:00 pm** Pax Christi Chorale Concert, Resonance, Music for Choir, Marimba & Percussion, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 26

- All Day** **Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship**
- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)
- 10:00 am** Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Anna Carter Florence preaching, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm** LRPf Evening Worship, The Rev. Anna Carter Florence preaching, Sanctuary
- 8:15 pm** LRPf Introductory Panel, 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 – Sunday Oct 19 2025

***ProceSSIONAL Hymn 537 – For the beauty of the earth**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light :

- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled :

- 4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven :

- 5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

***Praise Song – Goodness of God**

*I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 1 - 2)**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
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- 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
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- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

***Recessional Hymn 588 – And can it be (Sagina)**

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- 2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.
- 3 He left his Father's throne above —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.