

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday - Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Basse et dessus de trompette
Prelude on Capetown

*Louis-Nicolas Clérambeault
Healey Willan*

***Processional Hymn 691** – Jesus shall reign (Duke Street 475)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Introit – Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Keith Bissell

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

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 46**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Leader: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: **Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

People: **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***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.

***Hymn 193** – All heaven declares (Richards)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Monnette John-Buck

Romans 6:1-14

Sermon – “Come Alive”

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Choral Response – O keep my soul and deliver me

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 5:17)

Anthem – I waited for the Lord (Hymn of Praise)

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord; He inclined unto me. He heard my complaint. O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Jessica Willingham, Loren Graziano, sopranos

***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 787** – Take my life, and let it be (Nottingham) omit vs. 3 & 4

Words of Introduction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Prayer

Choral Preparation – Come, Holy Ghost

Veni Creator Spiritus

Following the Baptism of **Richard Amanchi** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 1)**

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.*

Following the Baptism of **Kevin Amanchi** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am (vs. 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.*

Following the Baptism of **Zoe Buck** 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 **Deborah Lewis** 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 **Mary** 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 **Nina Adler** 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 **Stanley Zhang** 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 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 748** – O Jesus I have promised (Day of rest)

***Benediction**

The Rev. John R. Torrance

Amen – Maddox in the Dorian mode

Postlude – Festival

Flor Peeters

Carillon – Chorale Partita No. 5 “All My Hope On God is Founded”

arr. John R. Knox

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

FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY

Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us. Enrich your understanding of these two seasons by borrowing a book from the Narthex book cart. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow, so we do not lose track of it.

OUT OF THE COLD - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*We are looking for: • Bakers • Water Carriers • Wednesday Sleeping Mat Set Up (10 - 11:30 am)
• Wednesday Dinner volunteers (5:30 to 9 pm) • Thursday Morning volunteers (6 - 8 am)
Please reach out to ootc@yorkminsterpark.com if you are interested in volunteering.*

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 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

YOUTH NIGHT (Gr. 6-12) - Friday, Nov 28, 7-9pm, Youth Zone Rm/Gym

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

Family Ministry Collage - November 23rd, 2025



YPBC Financial Update - General Fund Revenue and Expenses

January 1st to October 31, 2025

	2025 YTD Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2025 Budget
Donations from Congregation	\$ 948,857	\$ 932,791	\$ 1,274,500
Use of Facilities, Sundry Income	\$ 289,459	\$ 273,606	\$ 332,760
Total Revenue	\$ 1,238,316	\$ 1,206,397	\$ 1,607,260
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$ 1,607,832	\$ 1,556,051	\$ 2,047,144
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ (369,516)	\$ (349,654)	\$ (439,884)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$ 98,735	\$ 91,324	\$ 134,332
Operating deficit	\$ (270,781)	\$ (258,330)	\$ (305,552)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 89,600	\$ 92,754	\$ 150,000

Members and friends of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

The October 2025 Financial results are shown above.

The ministries and operations of the church are ongoing even as we undergo a time of change in our church. We continue to share God’s generosity and love. None of this can happen without your continued support.

- John Speller, Treasurer, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

BETHLEHEM
onYONGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are opportunities open for those who are interested in joining the 2025 team in the wonder that is Bethlehem on Yonge.

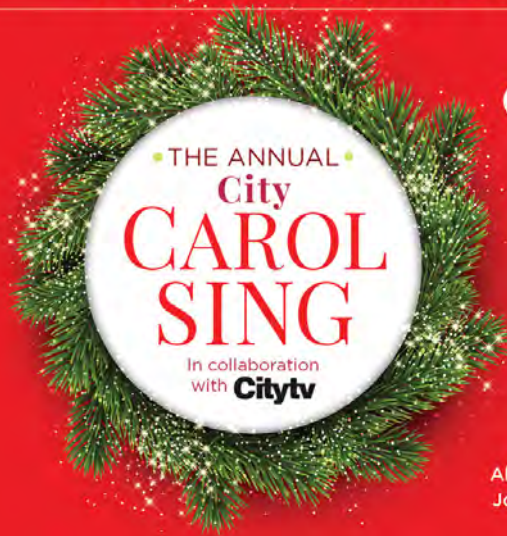
We are in need of **guides** and **angels** and **shepherds**, **a few wise men**, a couple of roaming **camels** and a **donkey**! We also need some help in Cameron Hall with serving our many visitors. Being involved with Bethlehem on Yonge is a wonderful way to get to know many people in the church all at once and we always have a lot of fun. If you are new to the church please do not hesitate to call me and get involved because **all are welcome!**

BAKING FOR BETHLEHEM ON YONGE

If you love to bake and have some free time on **Saturday, December 13th between 9:00 – 5:00** to learn some new recipes, please feel welcome to join us for a few hours or even the whole day as we prepare for all our guests on Christmas Eve. Veronica Bergs has made it a Christmas tradition to share her time and baking talents at this time of year and will help anyone who is new to baking but wants to learn.

Please contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com

• YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS •



A FREE CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF
**CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL
FOOD BANK**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2:00 P.M.

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



Barbara Lica



Jeff Lillico



Devo Brown

Also featuring the Toronto Brass Quintet | the Hedgerow Singers
John Wanless Gr.6 Choir | Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Choir

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM
NOV. 26 TO DEC. 17 | ZOOM



Join us as we
explore *Heaven and
Earth: Advent and
the Incarnation* by
Will Willimon.

To Register please
[click here](#), or contact

pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com

This study will be co-led
Rev. Paula Willis and
Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes.

LECTIO DIVINA

SUNDAY, NOV. 23, 7:00 P.M.



His Eminence,
Archbishop
Emeritus Thomas
Cardinal Collins will
preach in his Lectio
Divina tradition,

marked by his deep love of scripture
and prayerful devotion
to God. All are welcome.



CONCERTS & EVENTS



TORONTO MENDELSSOHN CHOIR FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 2, 3 and 4, 7:30PM

Sing along to carols led by Maestro Jean-Sébastien Vallée, with festive works performed by TMChoir. TMChoir. Purchase tickets at tmchoir.org



TORONTO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA BY REQUEST

Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

A festive evening of music featuring highlights from Wicked and Jurassic Park, seasonal favourites and more. Purchase tickets at torontocommunityorchestra.org



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

The Elmer Iseler Singers join with, their associate choir, VIVA Chamber Singers, and the Amadeus Choir. For tickets, email office@yorkminsterpark.com, or they can be purchase in the narthex before morning worship service.



TORONTO ORPHEUS CHOIR MERRY AND BRIGHT

Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.

Orpheus reunites with the acclaimed Hannaford Street Silver Band to celebrate the holiday season in style. Purchase tickets at orpheusnyc.org/tickets-and-concerts



JOHN MCDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with John McDermott, special guest Lawrence Gowan, and more.

Free Admission: Donations in support of Out of the Cold and the House of Compassion will be gratefully accepted.

Notice of Fall Business Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fall Business Meeting of members of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2025, in the Heritage Room at 12:30 p.m.

Members will be asked to vote on the following MOTIONS:

i) Motions from Church Council as Follows:

Ministerial Replacement Committee for the Minister of the Congregation [MRC-MC]:

A **MOTION** from Church Council for the endorsement of the Church Membership.

The Church Council nominates the following Church Members as an MRC to undertake the hiring of a Minister of the Congregation:

John Speller (Co-Chair)
Joan Ferguson (Co-Chair)
Rob Inman
Jonanne Fenton
Ruth Farrow
Winnie Brown

Janice Ivory-Smith
Bruce Mullock
Jake Aikenhead
Janet Kim
Carol Voaden
Milton Fletcher

Ministerial Replacement Committee for the Director of Family Ministry [MRC-FM]:

A **MOTION** from Church Council for the endorsement of the Church Membership.

The Church Council nominates the following Church Members as an MRC to undertake the hiring of a Director of Family Ministry [MRC- FM]:

Trevor Sinker (Chair)
Gwendolyn Ramsay
David Dorapalli
Ren Nguyen-Poon
Helen Shaw
Michelle Holmes

Elaine Mason
Ange Rocca
Myriam Touré
Shannon Wareham-Browne
Veronica Bergs

ii) Motions from the Board of Trustees as Follows:

A **MOTION** from the Board of Trustees for endorsement of the Church Membership.

That the Membership of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church confirms the appointment of **Mr. Mark Fell** to the Board of Trustees, to serve a minimum of one seven-year term effective December 1st, 2025 in accordance with the Church Constitution.

You will also find a copy of the motion on the information tables in the Narthex and the Centre Hall. Coffee and tea will be available. Members are requested to bring their own sandwich or snack for the meeting. A copy of this Notice will be sent to members by mail and/or electronic mail as required by the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Constitution.

Please contact the Church office at 416 922-1167 or office@yorkminsterpark.com with any questions.

Randall Speller, *Chair of the Congregation and Church Council*
John Lutz, *Church Clerk*

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 23

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. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Sanctuary
12:30 pm	YPBC Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
7:00 pm	Evening Worship, Lectio Divina led by Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins, Sanctuary

Monday, November 24

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
1:00 pm	Women of the Word Bible Study, led by Esther Barnes, Zoom Only
7:00 pm	Grief Support Group, Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd.

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
10:00 am	Dorcas Knitting Group, Youth Zone (508)
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group led by Rhoda Hill, Friendship Room (302)
6:30 pm	FM Meeting, led by Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only

Wednesday, November 26

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
2:00 pm	Churches on the Hill Clergy Meeting, Friendship Room (302)
6:00 pm	Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium
7:00 pm	Advent Bible Study, <i>Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation</i> by Will Willimon, Zoom Only

Thursday, November 27

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, November 28

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm	Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)
7:00 pm	YP Speakers Series presents, Dr. José-Mario Capo-Chichi, "Of Mice and Men ... and More: The Evolution of Genetics and Recent Developments in Personalized Medicine", Cameron Hall
7:00 pm	Family Ministry Youth Night, Youth Zone and Gymnasium

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

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. Paula Willis preaching, Advent I, Dedication of Out of the Cold Staff, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Evening Worship, The Rev. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

Thank you for joining us in person and online

Stay Connected: Please [share your email address](#) to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park. 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 Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.



In Person

Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.



By Mail

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.



Scan the QR Code

It will take you directly to our [CanadaHelps](#) page.



Online

Visit our website yorkminsterpark.com > Give



Tap to Give

Use our **TipTap** machine. Please note that a tax receipt cannot be issued at this time.



Interact E-Transfer

Submit your offering to transactions@yorkminsterpark.com

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. Leticia Limgenco

Interim Director of
Family Ministries

Ms. Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Director of Mission and Community Engagement

The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care



Hymns – November 23 2025

***ProceSSIONAL Hymn 691 – Jesus shall reign (Duke Street 475)**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run ;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns :
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains ;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head ;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King ;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

***Hymn 193 – All heaven declares**

- 1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
- 2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

***Hymn 787** – Take my life, and let it be (Hendon) omit vs. 3 & 4

- 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.
- 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.

***Hymn 451 – Just as I am**

- 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,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 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.
- 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 748 – O Jesus I have promised**

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

* 2 O let me feel thee near
me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee
speaking in accents clear and
still above the storms of
passion, the murmurs of self-
will; O speak to reassure me,

to hasten or control; O speak,
and make me listen, thou
guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast
promised to all who follow
thee, that where thou art in
glory there shall thy servant
be; and, Jesus, I have
promised to serve thee to the
end: O give me grace to
follow, my Master and my
Friend.

5 O let me see thy foot-
marks, and in them plant
mine own; my hope to follow
duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end; and
then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.