

# WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025  
MORNING WORSHIP



**Sunday, December 28th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.**

**Christmas I - Morning Worship**

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

**Preludes** – Royal Fireworks Music

*G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs*

Overture

The Peace

Bourée

**\*Processional Hymn 59** – Angels from the realms of glory (Regent Square 231)

**\*Call to Worship**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Introit** – In Bethlehem's low stable

*Angus J. F. Sinclair*

*In Bethlehem's low stable, our Saviour Christ is born; my soul to him I offer upon this blessed morn: Eia, Eia, upon this blessed morn. O Child of love from heaven, my heart I give to thee, in all life's joys and sorrows Thine always shall I be. Depart Thou never from me, but make me pure within that I might bear Thine image in this dark world of sin. In Thy blest love rejoicing, Thy praises shall I sing: accept my heart's pure offering, Lord Jesus, new-born King.*

**Invocation**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**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 148**

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People:** **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

**Leader:** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**People:** **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

**Leader:** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**People:** **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

**Leader:** Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**People:** **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

**Leader:** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People:** **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

**Leader:** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People:** **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

**Leader:** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

**\*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.***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Holy Scripture**

**Katherine Laundry**

Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Choral Response – O keep my soul**

*W. Maddox*

**Offering**

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*  
(Colossians 3:12-14)

**Anthem – A Babe is born in Bethlehem**

*Gustav Holst*

A babe is born all of a May, in the salvation of us. to Him we sing both night and day: *Veni Creator Spiritus*. At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss was born; Him to serve, God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas*. There came three Kings out of the East, to worship the King so high, with gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine*. The shepherds heard an angel’s cry, a merry song sang he. ‘Why are ye so sore aghast?’ *Jam ortus solis cardine*. The angel came down with a cry, A fair song then sung he, in the worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine*.

**\*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 SHB 51 – Joseph dearest, Joseph mine (Resonet in Laudibus)**

*1. Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,  
Help me cradle the Child divine:  
God’s reward thee and all that’s thine  
In Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.*

*2. Gladly, dear one, lady mine,  
Help me cradle this Child of thine;  
God’s own light on us both shall shine  
In Paradise, as prays the mother Mary.*

3. *Peace to all that have goodwill!  
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,  
Comes to turn us away from ill,  
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.*

4. *All shall come and bow the knee;  
Wise and happy their souls shall be,  
Loving such a divinity,  
As all may see in Jesus, Son of Mary.*

**Sermon** – “The Heart of Joseph”

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**\*Recessional Hymn 65** – Good Christians all, rejoice (In dulci jubilo)

**\*Benediction**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**\*Amen** – Palmer in E

**Postlude** – The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks Music) G. F. Handel

*arr. E. P. Biggs*

**Carillon** – Noël Nouvelet, French carol

*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**

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### **New Year's Eve, December 31**

11:15 p.m. Watchnight service with the Rev. Paula Willis preaching  
The poinsettias will be given out following the Watchnight Service.

### **Next Sunday, January 4**

11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes will be preaching.  
7 p.m. Iona service with the musicians of Iona Passage. Rev. Dr. Holmes will be preaching.  
RH Thomson will be our reader.

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### **MRC - Family Ministry**

The Ministerial Replacement Committee for the Director of Family Ministry is accepting applications. The job advertisement is available on the church's website: Employment Opportunity: Director/Minister of Family Ministry. If you are interested in the position, please send your application to [Employment@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:Employment@yorkminsterpark.com) by the end of day on January 16, 2026.



**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

**Leticia Limenco** at [llimenco@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:llimenco@yorkminsterpark.com)

**No Family Ministries Sunday, December 28.**

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### Family Ministry Collage - December 28th, 2025





HONOURING THE  
RETIREMENT OF  
THE REV. DR.  
J. PETER HOLMES

**YOU MUST RSVP BY DECEMBER 30!**

**AN EVENING  
WITH PETER HOLMES**

Entertainment and light  
refreshments

**Friday, January 9, 2026  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**CELEBRATING PETER  
AND JANET HOLMES**

Lunch and Tribute

**Sunday, January 11, 2026  
Lunch 12:30 pm  
Tribute 2:00 pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**RSVP required for  
both events.**

Visit [EventBrite](https://www.EventBrite.com), call the  
church, **416-922-1167**, or email  
[office@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com)

# WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 11:15 p.m.**

The Watchnight Service provides the opportunity to review the year that has passed, make confession and then prepare for the year ahead by making new commitments.

The service ends shortly after midnight.

# Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

## Sunday, December 28

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)  
**11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary

## Monday, December 29

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels

## Tuesday, December 30

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

## Wednesday, December 31

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels  
**11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary  
**5:30 pm** Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium

## Thursday, January 1

- All Day** Church Office Closed  
**9:00 am** Meals on Wheels

## Friday, January 2

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels

## Saturday, January 3

## Sunday, January 4

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)  
**11:00 am** Worship Service, Epiphany, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Iona Evening Worship, led by The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, 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](http://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](mailto: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 – December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

**\*ProceSSIONal Hymn 59** – Angels from the realms of glory  
(Regent Square 231)

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth ;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth :

*Come and worship*

*Christ the new-born King,*

*come and worship,*

*worship Christ the new-born King.*

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing ;  
yonder shines the infant Light :
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations ;  
brighter visions beam afar ;  
seek the great Desire of Nations ;  
ye have seen his natal star :
- 4 Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him ;  
every knee shall then bow down :

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God's reward thee and all that's thine  
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*3. Peace to all that have goodwill!  
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,  
Comes to turn us away from ill,  
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.*

*4. All shall come and bow the knee;  
Wise and happy their souls shall be,  
Loving such a divinity,  
As all may see in Jesus, Son of Mary.*

**\*Recessional Hymn 65 – Good Christians all, rejoice (In dulci jubilo)**

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice !  
Listen now to what we say,  
Jesus Christ is born today ;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now !  
Christ is born today ;  
Christ is born today !
- 2 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice !  
Hear the news of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this :  
he has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blessed for evermore !  
Christ was born for this ;  
Christ was born for this !
- 3 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice !  
Now you need not fear the grave ;  
Jesus Christ was born to save :  
come at his most gracious call  
to find salvation, one and all !  
Christ was born to save ;  
Christ was born to save !