

# WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 4TH, 2026  
MORNING WORSHIP



**Sunday, January 4th, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**

**Epiphany - Morning Worship**

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

**Preludes** – Prélude sur l'introit de l'Épiphanie  
Hostis Herodis impie

*Maurice Duruflé*  
*Flor Peeters*

**\*Processional Hymn 96** – Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (Epiphany)

**\*Call to Worship**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Introit** – A sound of angels

*Christopher Tye*

*A sound of angels from afar fills all the quiet air, and Ah! how full of gladness are the tidings that they bear. The shepherds run to Bethl'em town to see a wondrous sight. The Lord of Lords to earth come down is born for men tonight, Yea, Christ is born, our heav'nly king, salvation now is nigh, so all mankind with angels sing 'Glory to God on high'.*

**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.*

**\*Hymn** – Child in the manger (Bunessan)

*Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions,  
all our demerits on Him fall.*

*Once the most holy, Child of salvation  
gently and lowly lived below;  
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
see Him victorious o'er each foe.*

*Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;  
angels behold Him on His throne;  
worthy our Saviour of all our praises;  
happy forever are His own.*

**Prayer with the Children**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**Commissioning of the Ministerial Replacement Committee**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

*Today we commission a Ministerial Replacement Committee to search for and recommend a Minister of the Congregation. This committee is co-chaired by Joan Ferguson and John Speller. Today we also commission a Ministerial Replacement Committee to recommend a Minister or Director of Family Ministries. This committee is chaired by Trevor Sinker. The members of both of these committees were nominated and appointed at the most recent congregational*

*meeting of this church. These two committees will require taking time to prayerfully seek and listen for God's direction, remembering always that "the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." (I Samuel 16:7b). We now invite the members of these two committees to come forward and ask the Minister of the Congregation search committee to gather on the pulpit side and the Family Ministries search committee to gather on the lectern side. The names of the members of these two committees are listed in the calendar.*

### **Address to the Members of the Committees**

**Randall Speller**  
Chair of the Congregation

*You stand among us to render this important service in the life of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Thank you for your willingness to devote yourself to this sacred responsibility.*

**Question:** Do you accept this task to serve on a Ministerial Replacement Committee as a responsibility before God?

**Response: We do.**

**Question:** Will you be diligent in your study of Scripture, careful and fair in your assessment of potential candidates, constant in prayer, and faithful in protecting confidentiality and providing transparency.

**Response: We will, God being our helper.**

**Question:** Will you trust in God's care, strive not just for good results, but also for a good process, upholding the unity and peace of the church?

**Response: We will, God being our helper.**

### **Address to the Congregation**

**Question:** I ask the people of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, will you receive these people as servants of the Lord? Will you encourage them, pray for them, and support them in this task? Please rise as you are able, or raise your hand as a sign of your support.

### **Charge to the Committees**

*Go and work with diligence, integrity and in a spirit of unity.  
Go for the sake of the gospel and the Church of Jesus Christ.*

*Go with the prayers and support of this congregation.*

*Listen well to the church and wider community.*

*Listen well to those you interview and listen well to each other.*

*Above all, listen to God.*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov 3:5-6)*

### **Charge to the Congregation and Committees**

*Do not worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7) Do all of this to the glory of God and in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

## Prayer of Commissioning

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

## Holy Scripture

**Joan Ferguson**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2: 1-12

## Pastoral Prayer

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

## Choral Response – Rest in the Lord

*G. Thalben Ball*

## Offering

*“As they offered gifts most rare at Thy cradle rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.”*

## Anthem – What is this lovely fragrance

*Healey Willan*

*What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow’rs in spring? Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty hear you not heav’ly caroling? What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow’rs in spring? What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond’ring eyes? Never the Morning Star so radiant followed his course o’er eastern skies. What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond’ring eyes? Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour, born today. Low at His feet we lay our treasure, heart’s adoration, love for aye.*

## \*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 116 – When Christ’s appearing was made known (St. Thomas Becket)

*When Christ’s appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heavenly birth  
sought not the kingdoms of this earth*

*The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.*

*And O what miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spake the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne’er bestowed.*

*All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad epiphany:  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.*

**Sermon** – “Arise! Shine!”

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**\*Recessional Hymn 595** – Be Thou my vision (Slane)

**\*Benediction**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**\*Amen** – Udell in A

**Postlude** – Lucis Creator Optime

*Flor Peeters*

**Carillon** – Nieuwjaarslied [New Year’s Day], Lodewijk Mortelmans (1868-1952) arr. Koen Cosaert

**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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#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Have you misplaced something at church this year?

All lost and found articles will be on the desk in the Narthex.

After Sunday, January 4th, all articles will be given to charity.

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#### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Weekly and monthly church envelopes are available in the Narthex to be picked up.

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#### **YPBC MINISTERIAL REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ministerial Replacement Committee members (Minister/Director of Family Ministries)

**Director of Family Ministries**

**Minister of the Congregation**

Trevor Sinker (Chair)

John Speller (Co-Chair)

Gwendolyn Ramsay

Joan Ferguson (Co-Chair)

David Dorapalli

Jonanne Fenton

Ren Nguyen-Poon

Ruth Farrow

Helen Shaw

Jake Aikenhead

Michelle Holmes

Winnie Brown

Elaine Mason

Janice Ivory -Smith

Ange Rocca

Janet Kim

Myriam Touré

Robert Inman

Shannon Wareham-Browne

Milton Fletcher

Veronica Bergs

Carol Voaden

Bruce Mullock

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 **Leticia Limgenco** at [llimgenco@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:llimgenco@yorkminsterpark.com)

### Doxa Youth Night - Friday, January 16, 2026

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

### Family Ministry Collage - January 4th 2026



# IONA PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 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](mailto:jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com) prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

## YOU'RE INVITED! **DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
2:00 – 3:00 PM | FRIENDSHIP ROOM**

Join The Rev. Paula Willis for a relaxed time of community and fellowship. Whether you're new, reconnecting, or just craving a friendly space – we'd love to see you!

YORKMINSTER PARK

# SPEAKERS SERIES

Continuing education lectures  
by outstanding speakers on  
topics of general interest  
[www.ypspeakersseries.com](http://www.ypspeakersseries.com)

## Upcoming Speakers



### **Dr. Jane Philpott**

Physician, author, former federal Minister of Health, and Chair of Ontario's Primary Care Action Team

**“Building a Primary Care System for Ontario”**

**16**  
**January**  
**2026**



### **Michael Henry**

Writer, photographer, forest ecologist and author of *Ontario's Old Growth Forests*

**“Witness Trees: Surprising stories of trees that predate Shakespeare, and tips on where to find them”**

**6**  
**February**  
**2026**



### **Jim and Sue Waddington**

Retired Physics Professor and Nurse, respectively, and Amateur art historians

**“In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven”**

**27**  
**February**  
**2026**



### **Nic Masters**

Veterinarian; Director of Wildlife Health at Toronto Zoo

**“Vets, Zoos and Conservation Science: how Wildlife Health professionals can help counter the biodiversity crisis”**

**20**  
**March**  
**2026**

## **Feeling crafty? Curious to learn a new skill?**

Join Kim Aikenhead in and try your hand at making colourful paper flowers. This is a fun, relaxed volunteer activity – no experience needed!

**DROP-IN! – January 9, 10:30 a.m. | Friendship Room**

*Come create, learn, and enjoy time together!*



# SEARCHING FOR HOME -

Homelanding, Homesteading  
and Homecoming

## YPBC WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Facilitator:

**Dr. Anna Robbins**

**Fee: \$55**

Continental breakfast, refreshments and hot lunch provided.

**Registration forms** are available on tables in the Centre Hall and the Narthex.

You can also register online by visiting [\*\*Eventbrite\*\*](#).

**Cut off date for registration – February 11, 2026**

For more information, contact the office at  
[\*\*office@yorkminsterpark.com\*\*](mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com)

*Women of all ages are warmly invited for a day of friendship  
and spiritual nourishment!*

# BLACK HERITAGE MONTH YP | 2026

Join us this February at Yorkminster Park for a vibrant celebration of Black Heritage Month. Experience an inspiring lineup of special guests and presentations that honor the enduring legacy, achievements, and contributions of the Black community.

For event details visit ► [bit.ly/3Lb7aIO](https://bit.ly/3Lb7aIO)



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.



► February 1st

**THE REV. DR.  
CYNTHIA HALE**

Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope  
Christian Church, Decatur, GA.



► February 1st

**LEE-ANNE  
LYON-BARTLEY**

Musical Guest

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ZOOM PRESENTATIONS | 7:00 P.M.

REGISTER TO ATTEND ►



► February 4th

**KAMALA-JEAN GOPIE**

Former Ontario Human  
Rights Commissioner



► February 11th

**THE REV. DR.  
MARK JEFFERSON**

Dean, Acadia Divinity  
College Wolfville, NS.

## YORKMINSTER PARK ART GALLERY



► January 10 to February 26

**JAY KERR**

Northern Ontario Landscape Photography

Born in Toronto, Jay currently divides his time between the city and northern Ontario. When he's not capturing landscape photos he manages JAK Media, his web design company. Creative arts have always played an important role in Jay's life. His photography combines his love of nature and creating art.



# Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

## Sunday, January 4

**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

## Monday, January 5

**9:00 am**      Meals on Wheels

## Tuesday, January 6

**9:00 am**      Meals on Wheels  
**10:00 am**      Dorcas Knitting Group, Youth Zone (508)  
**11:00 am**      Open Doors, Sanctuary  
**6:30 pm**      FM Zoom Meeting with Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only

## Wednesday, January 7

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

## Thursday, January 8

**9:00 am**      Meals on Wheels  
**10:00 am**      YP Women's Executive Meeting, Zoom Only  
**7:00 pm**      YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

## Friday, January 9

**9:00 am**      Meals on Wheels  
**7:00 pm**      An Evening with The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Retirement Celebration, Cameron Hall

## Saturday, January 10

## Sunday, January 11

**10:00 am**      Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)  
**10:00 am**      Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (101)  
**11:00 am**      Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary  
**12:30 pm**      Peter Holmes Retirement Celebration and Lunch, Heritage Room

# 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.



### Online and Interact E-Transfer

Visit our website [yorkminsterpark.com](http://yorkminsterpark.com) > Give

OR Submit your offering by **Interac e-Transfer** to [transactions@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:transactions@yorkminsterpark.com)



### Scan the QR Code

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



### Tap to Give

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

## 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 – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**\*Processional Hymn 96 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (Epiphany)**

- 1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid ;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining ;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall ;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**
- 3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine ?**
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure :  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
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- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art ;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord ;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son ;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight ;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might ;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower :  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise :  
be thou mine inheritance now and always ;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart ;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won ;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.