

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

Introduction

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." (1 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’nly 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

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.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

YPBC MINISTERIAL REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Director of Family Ministries

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

Minister of the Congregation

John Speller (Co-Chair)
Joan Ferguson (Co-Chair)
Jonanne Fenton
Ruth Farrow
Jake Aikenhead
Winnie Brown
Janice Ivory -Smith
Janet Kim
Robert Inman
Milton Fletcher
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
 - 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

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 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

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by outstanding speakers on
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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
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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

*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/3Lb7a10



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 > Give

OR Submit your offering by **Interac e-Transfer** to 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 4th 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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***Recessional Hymn 595 – Be Thou my vision (Slane)**

- 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.