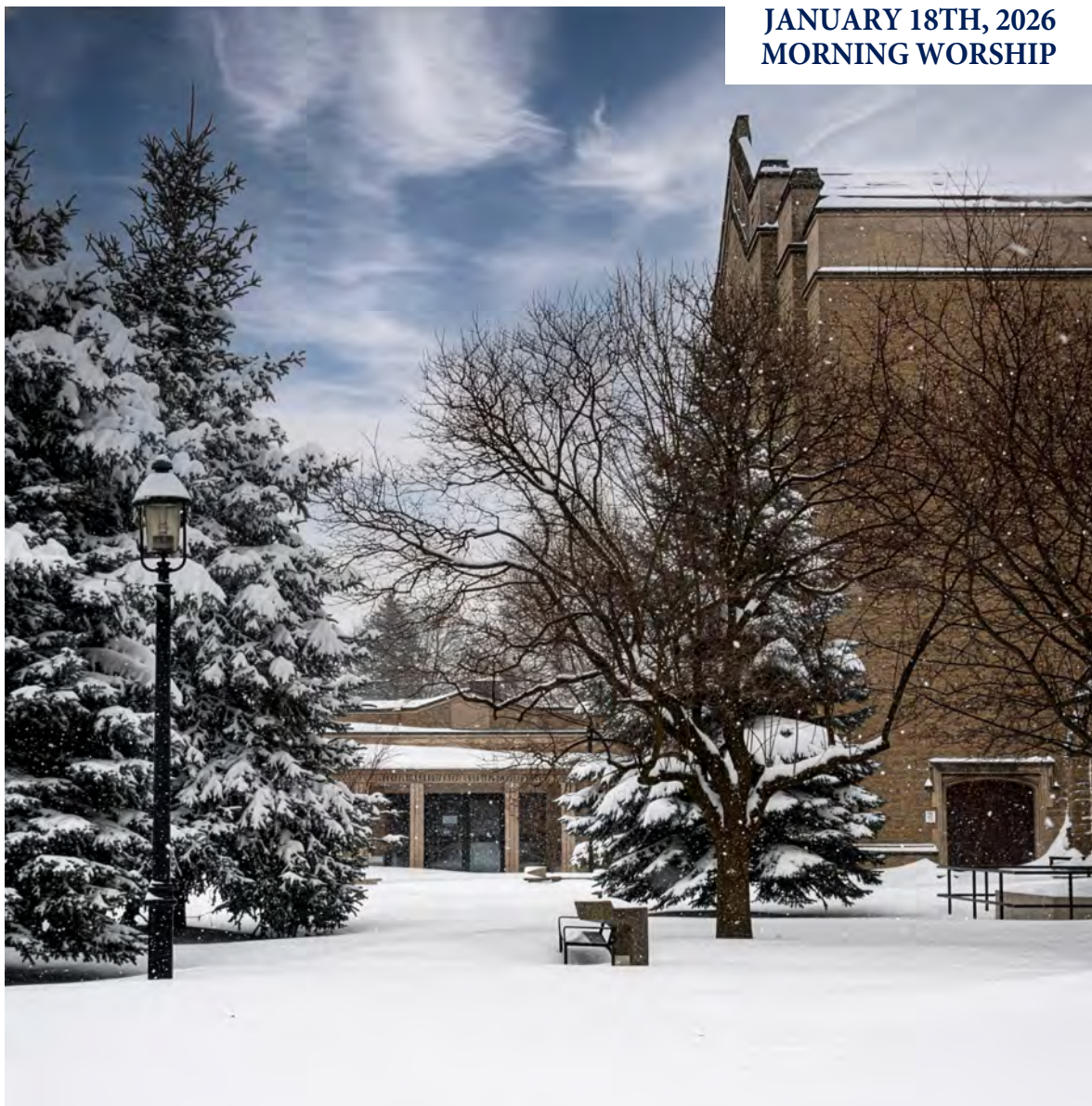


# WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**JANUARY 18TH, 2026  
MORNING WORSHIP**



**Sunday, January 18th, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**

**Morning Worship - Epiphany II**

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

**Preludes** – Adagio (Sonata #3)  
Aria

*Alexandre Guilmant  
Charles Callahan*

**\*Processional Hymn 650** – Great is Thy faithfulness (Faithfulness)

**\*Call to Worship**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Introit** – Behold, He appeareth

*H. Walford Davies*

*Behold, He appeareth, the Lord and Ruler, and in His hand the kingdom and power and dominion.  
Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Gloria.*

**Invocation**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)**

***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 40: 1-11**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Leader:** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People:** **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**Leader:** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**People:** **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

**Leader:** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**People:** **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

**Leader:** Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**People:** **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

**Leader:** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**People:** **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**Leader:** Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**\*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 604** – Brother, sister, let me serve you (Servant Song)

**Prayer with the Children**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Introduction of the Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Interim Minister of the Congregation and his wife, Dr. Joyce Bellous**

**Len Jillard &  
Monnette John-Buck**  
*Co-Chairs, YPBC Board of Deacons*

**Prayer of Blessing**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Holy Scripture**

**Dr. Joyce Bellous**

John 1.29-42

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Choral Response** – Draw nigh to God

*G. Thalben Ball*

**Offering**

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Anthem** – Three Kings

*Peter Cornelius*

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar our Jesse tree now bloweth. The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Of Jacob's stem and David's line, for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King. Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

**Stephen King, Baritone**

**\*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 324** – Jesus calls us (St. Andrew)

**Sermon** – “Follow the Leader ”

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**\*Recessional Hymn 510** – Will you come and follow me (Kelvingrove)

**\*Benediction**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**\*Amen** – Stanford in B♭

**Postlude** – Grand Choeur

*Théodore Dubois*

**Carillon** – Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Liebster Jesu)

*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**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

*The flowers in the chancel are placed to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of **David C. Onley** by his wife Ruth Ann and family.  
This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you - John 15:12*

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**RETIREMENT OF RAY TAF AJ | HEAD CUSTODIAN | YORKMINSTER PARK**

Please join us today for a reception to celebrate and honour **Ray Tafaj** in the Friendship Room following the Sunday Service. There will be a few brief speeches to honour Ray and an opportunity for you to personally express your gratitude for his long-standing service and to wish him well in his retirement. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the outstanding service of Ray Tafaj.

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**FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY**

The Book of Psalms is a treasure trove of praise, lament and comfort. The books on the book cart in the Narthex will help you delve further into them. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow on the sheet provided so we do not lose track of it.

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**COLLEGE AND CAREERS GROUP**

The CE Board is exploring a college and careers group, and is seeking to gauge interest. Please e-mail [pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com) if you are interested in learning more.

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**A MESSAGE FROM RANDALL SPELLER, CHAIR OF THE YP CHURCH COUNCIL**

On behalf of Church Council I wish to thank everyone who planned, organized and made possible all of the events surrounding Peter and Janet's retirement celebrations.  
Congratulations to all concerned.

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**YPBC BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, January 20, 2026 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing the book "Small Things Like These" by Clair Keegan. For more information please contact the church office at [office@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto: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

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

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## Family Ministry Collage - January 18th 2026



# YOUR MISSION DOLLARS IN ACTION:

## OASIS DUFFERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE



It began humbly. In 1994 it launched in the basement of Dufferin Street Baptist Church. It was the vision of founder Phyllis Ortiz. Phyllis was a missionary newly returned from South America to the challenging urban issues of Toronto. Her vision: create an “oasis” that would help meet the social, material, physical, and spiritual needs of its neighbours. Since then Oasis Dufferin Community Centre has been doing exactly that, and Yorkminster Park has been supporting this thriving ministry.

We asked **Amy Kohut**, Director of Programs and Community Engagement for Oasis, what lies ahead.

### 1 Amy, what will be the dominant focus in 2026?

In 2026, our focus is on helping community members move from hurt to healing. We're prioritizing programs that meet real-life needs: expanded food bank hours to address food insecurity; seniors' social and wellness programs to reduce isolation; Spanish-language counselling for newcomer women navigating mental health challenges; and volunteer opportunities that build social and some work-related skills.

### 2 Are there changes underway to increase effectiveness in community engagement?

Yes. We are extending programming hours; offering hybrid options where appropriate; and creating meaningful volunteer opportunities. Volunteers (many of whom are service users) and community members help shape programs. Recently, we piloted a women's Bible study for Spanish-speaking women.



### 3 Are there partnerships underway or being considered?

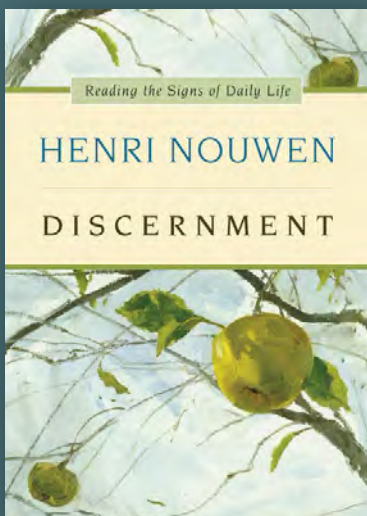
We continue to partner with educational institutions such as the University of Toronto's Community Engagement Experience (CEE) program. Medical students intern and collaborate on community-based projects. There is a focus on the social determinants of health. We work with CEE's Academy of Learning, where Community Service Worker (CSW) students gain practical experience through placements at Oasis. We are also exploring opportunities to partner with faith-based organizations, educational institutes and healthcare providers.

### 4 What are the main strengths of your organization going into 2026?

Oasis' strengths include over 30 years of experience, trusted relationships in the community, and a dedicated staff and volunteer team. We take a holistic approach that combines practical support, skill-building, and social connection.

### 5 What brings you personal joy with your role at Oasis Dufferin?

The greatest joy for me is witnessing positive transformation. I see people move from struggle to hope, isolation to connection, and hurt to healing. I am continually inspired by the ways our community shares gifts, supports one another, and grows together. Being part of a community where everyone's gifts are valued and shared is deeply rewarding.



# LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

We invite you to join one of our small groups during the season of Lent to engage in a six-week study designed to deepen and renew our faith and prepare us for the celebration of Easter.

Each group will be basing their discussions on the book, *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* by Henry Nouwen. The groups meet once a week - in person and online.

## **DISCERNMENT:** Reading the Signs of Daily Life

**\$20**

**Sales start in the Narthex January 25th.  
Please contact the Rev. Paula Willis.**

### **For information**

contact Rev. Paula Willis at  
[pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com)  
or 416-922-1240

## **MUSTARD SEED FELLOWSHIP**

### **A new year, a new chapter...**

**10:00 - 10:45 AM SUNDAYS  
CHURCH BOARD ROOM 502**

David Dorapalli will lead a study of the Book of Genesis starting Jan 11, focusing on six or seven key theological and ecological themes.

***All are welcome!***

### **Questions?**

Contact Janet Kim or Brenda Lam care of the Church Office, [office@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com)



## **YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY**

A SENSE OF WONDER:  
NORTHERN ONTARIO

**JAY KERR**

**JANUARY 10 -  
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

**GALLERY HOURS:**

Saturday: Noon - 3:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
and 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

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

**STARTS 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!





# SEARCHING FOR HOME:

HOMELANDING, HOMESTEADING  
AND HOMECOMING

## YPBC WOMEN'S RETREAT

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



**Facilitator:** The Rev. 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/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.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND ► <https://bit.ly/4b2Xe8y>



► 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 18

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, led by Brenda Lam and Janet Kim, Teal Boardroom (502)
- 10:00 am** Berean Bible Study, led by Rick Doust, Red Board Room (101)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm** Retirement Reception for Ray Tafaj, Friendship Room (302)

## Monday, January 19

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 12:30 pm** Women of the Word Bible Study, Zoom Only

## Tuesday, January 20

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 am** Dorcas Knitting Group, 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, Rising Stars Recital - featuring students from the Glenn Gould School
- 6:30 pm** FM Zoom Meeting with Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only
- 7:00 pm** Meals on Wheels Board Meeting, Red Board Room (101)

## Wednesday, January 21

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm** Noonday Organ Recital, Jeremy Tingle, Director of Music, St. Olave's Church
- 2:00 pm** Drop In Coffee Time with The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
- 5:30 pm** Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium
- 7:00 pm** Board of Music Meeting, Red Board Room (101)

## Thursday, January 22

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 7:00 pm** Thursday Night Bible Study, led by John Speller, Zoom Only
- 7:30 pm** YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

## Friday, January 23

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 6:30 pm** Friday Night Life Group, led by Jackie Riedstra, Friendship Room (302)

## Saturday, January 24

- 12:00 pm** YP Art Gallery OPEN, featuring photographic works of Jay Kerr, Centre Hall

## Sunday, January 25

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, led by Brenda Lam and Janet Kim, Teal Boardroom (502)
- 10:00 am** Berean Bible Study, led by Rick Doust, Red Board Room (101)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous 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.



### Scan the QR Code

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



### By Mail

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.



### Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.



### Online and Interac 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)



### 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. Ken Bellous

Interim 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 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

### **\*ProceSSIONal Hymn 650** – Great is Thy faithfulness

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee ;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see ;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide ;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside !

**\*Hymn 604 – Brother, sister, let me serve you (Servant Song)**

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you ;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road ;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear ;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping ;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you ;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you ;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

**\*Hymn 524 – Jesus calls us (St. Andrew)**

- 1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.
- 5 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

**\*Recessional Hymn 510 – Will you come and follow me**

1 Will you come and follow  
me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't  
know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself  
behind if I but call your  
name? Will you care for cruel  
and kind and never be the  
same? Will you risk the  
hostile stare should your life  
attract or scare? Will you let  
me answer prayer in you and  
you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded  
see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,

and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you'  
you hide if I but call your  
name? Will you quell the fear  
inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've  
found to reshape the world  
around, through my sight and  
touch and sound in you and  
you in me?

5 Lord, your summons  
echoes true when you but call  
my name. Let me turn and  
follow you and never be the  
same. In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps  
show. Thus I'll move and live  
and grow in you and you in  
me.