

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP**



Sunday, February 15th, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - Black Heritage Month III

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

Preludes – Quinquagésime
Idyll

Dom Paul Benoit
Samuel Coleridge Taylor

***Processional Hymn 706** – Let us, with a gladsome mind (Monkland)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit – Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Text: Alcuin of York)*

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 99**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

People: **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

People: **Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

Leader: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

People: **O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

***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 281** – 'Tis good, Lord, to be here (Carlisle)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Holy Scripture

Bianca Poca

Luke 15:1-7

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Choral Response – Grant us wisdom

C. M. Palmer

Offering

Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; (Proverbs 3:9)

Anthem – O Thou, the central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

***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 394** – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (Woodlands)

Sermon – “By the Numbers”

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

***Recessional Hymn 709** – Light of the minds that know him (Aurelia)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

***Amen** – Maddox in E ♭

Postlude – Praeludium

Hermann Schroeder

Carillon – The King of love my shepherd is (St. Columba)

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 chancel flowers are placed to the glory of God by Eduardo Gonzalez, in loving memory of his mother **Sylvia**, in commemoration of her birthday.*

SPECIAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING (SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026)

Church Council and the **Board of Trustees** have approved that the following recommendation be put before Membership for a vote at a Special Meeting per YPBC's Constitution. The Special Membership Meeting will be held at 12:30pm on **Sunday, February 22nd** in the Heritage Room.

The Recommendation:

"To offer the Manse at 12 Weybourne Crescent for sale as soon as is practical, with the full proceeds of sale to be invested in a cashable GIC until the hiring of a new Minister of the Congregation. Once the personal circumstances of the new Minister are determined, consider the options to provide appropriate 'right-sized' accommodation and re-invest the remaining balance in the Endowment Fund."

YPBC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, February 17, 2026 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing the book "*Same Kind of Different as Me*" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. For more information please contact the church office at office@yorkminsterpark.com.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER AND JANET HOLMES

Thank you for the wonderful celebration of our years together during the recent weekend prior to my retirement. Thank you too for the generous gift you gave us. We are deeply moved and forever grateful. Above all, thank you for the thirty plus years we shared together in a partnership as pastor and people, seeking to grow in the love, faith, hope and grace of Jesus Christ. You are constantly in our hearts and in our prayers as you move into the next chapter in your great history. We know God has great things in store for Yorkminster Park. Thank you!

FOODBANK VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Churches-on-the-Hill Treasurer is looking to recruit a newly retired BOOKKEEPER who is proficient with Quickbooks for 4-5 hours per week (late November and December could be higher, other months lower). The position entails entering Accounts Payable, credit card reconciliations and tracking of restricted donations. Anyone interested should call the Foodbank telephone 416-967-3842 and indicate Bookkeeper position as well as a name and telephone number.

FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY

Have a look at the books on the book cart in the Narthex to do with Black History Month and learn something new. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow on the sheet provided, so we do not lose track of it.

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

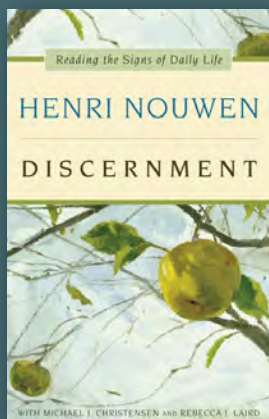
To receive our weekly Family Ministry E-update, Zoom links or any information about our ministries, schedule, events, potlucks and more, please contact

Leticia Limenco at llimenco@yorkminsterpark.com

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Family Ministry Collage - February 15th 2026





LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

Join a Lenten small group for a six-week journey of faith, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Groups meet weekly, in person or online, using Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life by Henri Nouwen.

\$20

The book costs \$20.00, and is available for purchase in the Narthex. You can also place your order for the book with your group leader.

LENTEN LIFE GROUPS WEEKLY MEETINGS

To register to join the groups, you can sign-up using the sign-up sheet available in the Narthex or contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1240. Studies are either In Person or Zoom.

NO hybrid sessions available. **See schedule below for details:**

Date and Time	Group Name	Leader
Sundays 10:00 a.m.	Mustard Seed IN PERSON 5th Floor Boardroom (502)	Brenda Lam & Liz Grossett
Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Life Group ZOOM	Dr. Rob Inman
Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study & Prayer Group IN PERSON Friendship Room	Rev. Paula Willis
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Life Group ZOOM	John Torrance & Rick Doust
Wednesdays 7:00 a.m.	Men's Morning Brew IN PERSON Friendship Room	Stuart Campbell
Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.	Lenten Life Group IN PERSON 5th Floor Boardroom (502)	Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Bible Study Group ZOOM (register here)	Rev. Paula Willis
Thursdays 12 noon	Lenten Life Group IN PERSON Gladstone Library	Dina Gilbert
Thursdays 1:30 p.m.	Lenten Life Group ZOOM	Ahmeda Mansaray Richardson
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.	Thursday Bible Study Group ZOOM	John Speller
Fridays 6:30 p.m.	Life Together IN PERSON Room 508	Janet Kim & Jackeline Riedstra

PASTORS' PANCAKE SUPPER

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

\$10 Adults

**\$5 Children
5 to 12-yrs**

**Children under
5-yrs FREE**



FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE COTH FOOD BANK

You can also bring non-perishable food and hygiene items to donate.

The following items are needed:



Dry Pasta



Cans of Tuna



Cans of Fruit



Beans in
Tomato Sauce



Peanut Butter



Diapers



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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026
2:00 – 3:00 PM | FRIENDSHIP ROOM**

Join 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!

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: AN INVITATION TO WALK FOR HOPE

It's a nation-wide compassionate pilgrimage for the hungry and homeless. And you're invited.

On **February 28** the annual fundraiser walk Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is being held by **Oasis Dufferin Community Centre**. They are one of our ministry partners, serving people from across the GTA.

This year's theme is

**"ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
CLOSE TO HOME"**

To get started visit
cnoy.org/torontodufferin



**coldest
*night**
OF THE YEAR





HOW IT WORKS:

The Art Committee will curate approximately 24 works.

All submissions must be original: paintings, drawings, original printmaking, fine art photography.

The Purchaser of art pays the Seller directly. The Seller may then donate the proceeds of that sale to YPBC to receive a tax credit.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Sunday, March 29, 2026

Submission forms are available in the Narthex, the Gallery and YP Centre Hall

For more information: ypgallery@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

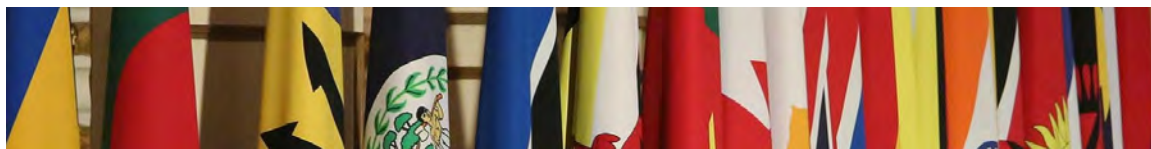
A close-up photograph of a hand lighting a candle. The hand is holding a lit matchstick, and the flame is igniting the wick of a candle. Several other lit candles are visible in the background, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere.

IONA PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 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 kbellous@yorkminsterpark.com prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



The Royal Commonwealth Society of Toronto presents:

COMMONWEALTH DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026, AT 11:00 A.M.



In the presence of **The Honourable Edith Dumont, OOnt**
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Featuring **The King's Commonwealth Day Message**

The church service will be followed by a reception.



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, February 15

- 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, Black Heritage Month III, Transfiguration Sunday,
The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary

Monday, February 16

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

Tuesday, February 17

- 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 studio of
Emily Chiang
6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Heritage Room
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting, Zoom Only
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting, Hybrid, Friendship Room
7:30 pm YPBC Book Club, Zoom Only

Wednesday, February 18

- 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
12:30 pm Noonday Organ Recital featuring Michael Bloss Director of Music, St. Mark's
Anglican Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake
2:00 pm Drop-In Coffee Time with Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
5:30 pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium
7:00 pm Wednesday Lent Bible Study Group, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Zoom Only

Thursday, February 19

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Lenten Life Group, led by Dina Gilbert, John Gladstone Library
1:30 pm Thursday Bible Study Group, led by Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson, Zoom Only
7:00 pm Thursday Night Bible Study, led by John Speller, Zoom Only
7:00 pm Pathfinders, led by The Rev. Suzanne Wilkinson, Zoom Only
7:30 pm YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, February 20

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)

Saturday, February 21

- 9:00 am** YP Women's Retreat, featuring Dr. Anna Robbins, Cameron Hall
12:00 pm YP Art Gallery OPEN, featuring photographic works of Jay Kerr, Centre Hall

Sunday, February 22

- 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, Black Heritage Month IV, Lent I, The Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins
preaching, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Special Church Council Congregational Meeting - Property, 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.



Scan the QR Code

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



By Mail

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.



Online and Interac e-Transfer

Visit our website yorkminsterpark.com > Give

OR Submit your offering by **Interac e-Transfer** to transactions@yorkminsterpark.com



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.



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 – February 15th 2026

***ProceSSIONal Hymn 706** – Let us, with a gladsome mind

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind :

*For his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God :

3 He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light :

4 He the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run :

5 And the hornèd moon at night
'mid her spangled sisters bright :

6 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need :

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind :

***Hymn 281** – 'Tis good, Lord, to be here (Carlisle)

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
 thy glory fills the night ;
 thy face and garments, like the sun,
 shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
 thy beauty to behold,
 where Moses and Elijah stand,
 thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past,
 promise of things to be,
 we hail thy body glorified,
 and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
 we see thy kingdom come ;
 we fain would hold the vision bright,
 and make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
 yet we may not remain ;
 but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
 come with us to the plain.

***Hymn 394 – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

***Recessional Hymn 709 – Light of the minds that know him**

1 Light of the minds that
know him, may Christ be light
to mine! my sun in risen
splendour, my light of truth
divine; my guide in doubt
and darkness, my true and
living way, my clear light ever
shining, my dawn of heaven's
day.

2 Life of the souls that love
him, may Christ be ours
indeed! the living bread from
heaven on whom our spirits
feed; who died for love of
sinners to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief
journey a new Emmaus road.

3 Strength of the wills that
serve him, may Christ be
strength to me, who stilled the
storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

4 May it be ours to know
him that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour
bright, we serve in perfect
freedom our strength, our life,
our light.