

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 15TH, 2026

LENT IV - MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, March 15th, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - Lent IV

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

Preludes – A Sea Idyll

Water Nymphs

Rosemary

Frank Bridge

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Don Deathe, piano

***Processional Hymn 753** – O praise ye the Lord! (Laudate Dominum)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Introit – If Thou, O Lord

Healey Willan

If Thou, O Lord wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it? For unto Thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel. Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord hear my cry. Gloria.

Invocation

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

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 23**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters**

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

***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 2** – Christ whose glory fills the skies (Heathlands 649)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Holy Scripture

James Amanchi

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Choral Response – Draw nigh to God

G. Thalben Ball

Offering

*And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)*

Anthem – Daughters of Zion (Christus)

Felix Mendelssohn

Daughters of Zion, weep for yourselves and your children. For surely the days are coming when they shall exclaim to the mountains: Fall down on us! and to the hills: Hide us! Daughters of Zion, weep for yourselves and your children.

***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 665** – I am the light (omit vs. 4 & 5) (Richmond)

Sermon – “To See or Not to See”

The Rev. Paula Willis

***Recessional Hymn 595** – Be thou my vision (Slane)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

***Amen** – Stanford in B \flat

Postlude – Toccata

Georgi Mushel

Carillon – St. Patrick’s Breastplate

arr. Beverly Buchanan

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 dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Patricia Semkow by James Thompson, a beloved family friend. Patricia is lovingly remembered by her cherished husband of 52 years, Sam; her son, Will; and his partner, Lionel "Joe."

YPBC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

We will be discussing the book "*What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover: What It Means and Why It Matters*" by Rabbi Evan Moffic.

For more information please contact the church office at office@yorkminsterpark.com.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT YORKMINSTER PARK

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M. Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

CHORAL PASSIONTIDE DEVOTION | 4:30 P.M.

A choral expression of faith for Holy Week.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

HOLY WEEK LENTEN STUDY TALK | 7:00 P.M. ZOOM

Join Wendy VanderWal Martin of the Henri Nouwen Society for the closing talk of our Lenten study. [Click here to register online](#), or contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1240

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

EVENING SERVICE | 7:00 P.M.

Readings, prayers, music, footwashing and Communion.
Homily: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous | Music: Iona Passage

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.

Reflecting on Christ's words from the cross. Homily: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

GOOD FRIDAY WALK | 12:30 P.M.

Together with our neighbouring churches we walk through the community stopping at each church for a brief service.

THE GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT | 4:00 P.M.

Readings, poetry and choral music with the Hedgerow Singers. FREE Admission.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.

A Service of Prayer, Meditation and Music.
Homily: The Rev. Paula Willis | Music: Charlene Wallace, harpist

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

EARLY MORNING SERVICE | 8:30 A.M.

A celebration of the Resurrection with readings, prayers and Communion in Cameron Hall.

EASTER BREAKFAST | 9:00 A.M. In the Heritage Room - All are Welcome.

EASTER WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

Worship featuring the choir and brass accompaniment to the great hymns of Easter.
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

PASSIONTIDE DEVOTION

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 4:30 PM

Presented by
the Yorkminster Park Choir

William Maddox, Organist and
Director of Music

Sharon L. Beckstead,
Associate Musician



NINE SPARROWS
ARTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS

THE GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

*Music and Readings
for a Most Holy Day*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
4:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST

John Johnson, saxophone



HOLY WEEK LENTEN STUDY TALK: DISCERNMENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 7 PM | ZOOM



Wendy VanderWal Martin of the **Henri Nouwen Society** presents the closing talk of our Lenten study, *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life*.

Don't miss this chance to reflect, learn, and deepen your spiritual journey.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND: [Click here](#) to sign-up online, or contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1240.

YOU'RE INVITED!

DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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!

A FLORAL CELEBRATION OF **EASTER**

HONOUR LOVED ONES BY DONATING
TO THE LILY MEMORIAL FUND

Please complete a **donation form**, found in the narthex and centre hall and return to the church office along with a cheque or cash.

Or, you can **donate online** at
www.yorkminsterpark.com > [GIVE](#) >
[Make a donation.](#)

Select **Lily Memorial Fund** from the dropdown menu and enter your dedication details ("*In memory of*" and "*My name to appear as*") in the message box.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
COST: \$20 PER MEMORIAL

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO ASSIST WITH PREPARATIONS

- 4** **Volunteers | Fri. April 3, noon**
Set up the tables/approximately 2hrs
- 5** **Volunteers | Sat. April 4, 9:00 am**
Food prep/approximately 2.5 hrs
- 2** **Volunteers | Sun. April 5, 7:45 am**
Set-up/approximately 45 minutes
- +6** **Volunteers | Sun. April 5, 9:00 am**
Serving and clean-up

Please contact Rev. Paula Willis at
pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com or
416-922-1240 if you are able to assist.



YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

**EBB AND FLOW
ILA KELLERMANN**

**FEBRUARY 28
TO APRIL 30, 2026**

GALLERY HOURS:
Saturday: Noon - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
and 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm



CALL FOR SUBMISSION

YP Gallery invites submissions of paintings, drawings, original prints, and fine art photography.

Approximately 24 works will be curated for exhibition in the Gallery.

HOW IT WORKS:

The purchaser pays the seller directly. The seller may then donate the proceeds to YPBC and receive a charitable tax receipt.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Sunday, March 29, 2026

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

For more information contact: ypgallery@yorkminsterpark.com



IONA PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AT 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.

YORKMINSTER PARK SPEAKERS SERIES

Continuing education lectures
by outstanding speakers on
topics of general interest
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Upcoming Speakers



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**



Marianne McKenna

Founding Partner, KPMB Architects, Toronto

**“Building Culture: Restoration & Additions to Massey
Hall and Koerner Hall”**

**17
April
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
 - 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

Doxa Youth Night - Friday, March 20, 2026 7-9pm

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

Family Ministry Collage - March 15th 2026

THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:1-12

"He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed. Then I could see."

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, March 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, Lent IV, Sunday, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Communion, led by The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Sanctuary

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
1:00 pm Women of the Word Bible Study led by Esther Barnes, Zoom Only
7:00 pm Lenten Life Group led by Dr. Rob Inman, Zoom Only

Tuesday, March 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, featuring Adrian Tsui, piano
6:30 pm FM Zoom Meeting, led by Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only
7:00 pm Lenten Life Group, John Torrance and Rick Doust, Zoom Only
7:30 pm YPBC Book Club Meeting, Zoom Only

Wednesday, March 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 Lenten Life Group, led by The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Teal Board Room (502)
12:30 pm Noonday Organ Recital, featuring Chris Dawes, Director of Music, Rosedale Presbyterian Church
2:00 pm Drop In Coffee Time, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
5:30 pm Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium
7:00 pm Wednesday Lenten Study Group, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Zoom Only

Thursday, March 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
7:30 pm YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, March 20

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)
6:00 pm Doxa Youth Night, Youth Zone and Gymnasium
7:00 pm YP Speakers Series presents Nic Masters. "Vets, Zoos and Conservation Science: how Wildlife Health professionals can help counter the biodiversity crisis", Cameron Hall

Saturday, March 21

- 10:00 am** CIHE Presents "American Revolutions and the Origins of Canada" a conversation between Professors Alan Taylor and Robert Bothwell, Cameron Hall
12:00 pm YP Art Gallery OPEN, featuring artist Ila Kellermann, "Ebb and Flow"

Sunday, March 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, Lent V, Sunday, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Evening Worship, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary

Cover: Joyce Bellous in discussion with a guest at the Ebb and Flow reception in the Yorkminster Park Gallery.
Photo: Janice Ivory-Smith

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 – March 15th 2026

***Processional Hymn 753 – O praise ye the Lord!**

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
- 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
- 3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
(Amen, amen.)

***Hymn 2 – Christ whose glory fills the skies (Heathlands 649)**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night ;
Dayspring from on high, be near ;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee ;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief ;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief ;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

***Hymn 665 – I am the light (omit vs. 4 & 5) (Richmond)**

1 I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

2 I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

3 I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

6 I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

7 I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

***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.