

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 23RD, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

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

Preludes

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John Torrance

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

***Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

The Rev. John Torrance

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 124**

The Rev. John Torrance

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—

People: **if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,**

Leader: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

People: **then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;**

Leader: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

***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.

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Holy Scripture

Milton Fletcher

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Solo – The Lord is my Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Pastoral Prayer

Margaret Terry, mezzo-soprano

The Rev. John Torrance

Offering

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Duet – Thy will be done

Felix Mendelssohn

Margaret Terry, mezzo-soprano; **Joseph Ernst**, bass

*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 721** – Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)

Sermon – “Transforming Power”

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

***Hymn 384** – O Christ the Word incarnate (Ellacombe)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Postlude

Carillon – Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

Naoko Tsujita, carillonneur

SOME IMPORTANT FALL DATES AT YP

- **Thursday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.** First Choir Practice
- **Sunday, September 13, 11 a.m.** Welcome Back Sunday Ministry Fair – displays highlighting our ministries, boards, committees, and volunteer opportunities. A pizza lunch will be served.
- **Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m.** All Boards Meeting
- **Sunday, September 27, 11 a.m.** YP Anniversary Sunday – a celebration of the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling will be our guest preacher.
- **Sunday, October 4, 7 p.m.** Iona Service
- **Sunday, October 25 – Tuesday, October 27** The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
www.lesterrandall.com

NOTICE FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The two Women’s washrooms on the lower level beside the choir rooms will be closed for renovations starting Monday August 17. Alternate facilities are under the Narthex and adjacent to the Heritage Room. We thank you for your patience as we complete these upgrades.

FINANCIAL UPDATE
January 1st to July 31, 2026

	2026 YTD Actual	2025 YTD Actual	2026 Budget
Donations from Congregation	\$ 513,472	\$ 502,324	\$ 1,127,128
Use of Facilities, Sundry Income	\$ 176,053	\$ 211,024	\$ 335,206
Total Revenue	\$ 689,525	\$ 713,347	\$ 1,462,334
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$ 1,151,594	\$ 1,137,683	\$ 1,963,011
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ (462,068)	\$ (424,336)	\$ (500,676)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$ 103,891	\$ 98,735	\$ 138,675
Operating deficit	\$ (358,178)	\$ (325,601)	\$ (362,001)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 64,092	\$ 62,626	\$ 175,000

Members and friends of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church,

The July 2026 Financial results are shown above. The ministries and operations of the church are ongoing even as we undergo a time of change in our church. We continue to share God’s generosity and love. None of this can happen without your continued support.

John Speller *Co-Chair, Board of Finance and Administration*

2026 SUMMER CARILLON RECITAL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 | 1:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION
OUTDOORS – RAIN OR SHINE



**DON'T MISS OUR FINAL RECITAL
OF THE SEASON!**
Come enjoy beautiful music in
the open air — all are welcome.

Naoko Tsujita





PROCEEDS FROM SALE:

\$2,900 RAISED

Thanks to the wonderful response to our current Gallery sale, \$2,900 has already been raised in support of Yorkminster Park. And it's not over yet! The show continues until August 27, with treasures still waiting to be discovered.

Stop by for one last look – and stay tuned for a new exhibition by Margaret Glew, opening September 12th.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY MINISTRY FAIR SEPT. 13

After Worship Service
in the Heritage Room

Information Tables
highlighting Ministries,
Church Programs and
Volunteer Opportunities

- Pizza Lunch
- Children's Activities
- Loot Bags and Treats

Everyone Welcome



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 - August 23rd 2026



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, August 23

- 11:00 am** Morning Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Grounds

Monday, August 24

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, August 25

- 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, led by Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only

Wednesday, August 26

- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
1:00 pm 2026 Summer Carillon Recital Series, featuring Naoko Tsujita, Church Grounds

Thursday, August 27

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
11:00 am Open Doors, Sanctuary
2:00 pm Funeral Service, Matthew Pepler and Erica Jewett, Sanctuary

Friday, August 28

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Life Together Life Group, Off-site Meeting

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

- 11:00 am** Morning Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Grounds

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 > Give

OR Submit your offering by **Interac e-Transfer** to 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 – August 23rd 2026

***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 721 – Love divine, all loves excelling**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
- 2 Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
- 4 Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 5 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
- 6 Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Hymn 384 – O Christ the Word incarnate**

- 1 O Christ the Word incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from her dear Master
received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth
o'er all the earth to shine ;
it is the precious treasury
where gems of truth are stored ;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.
- 3 O make thy Church, dear Saviour,
a lamp of burnished gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light, as of old ;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.