WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1st, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship

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

Preludes – In paradisum (Réquiem) *Gabriel Fauré, arr. Marcel Dupré*
Prelude on Flight of the Earls *William Maddox*

***Processional Hymn 312 –** Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns Erfreuen)

***Call to Worship** **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Introit – A Clare Benediction *John Rutter*

May the Lord show His mercy upon you; may the light of His presence be your guide: may He guard you and uphold you; may His spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may His angels watch over you; when you wake, may He fill you with His grace. May you love Him and serve Him all your days, then in heaven may you see His face.

Choristers and Minster Singers

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (Sung Amen) **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

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 553i –** Touch the earth lightly (Tenderness)

Prayer with the Children **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Welcome and Announcements **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Window on the World **Out of the Cold**

Dedication of our Out of The Cold Team

Minister: Today we recognize those who have committed themselves to the ministry of Out of The Cold. I therefore invite the volunteer staff of our Out of the Cold program to rise and come forward.

(Volunteers come forward)

My friends, you have responded to the call of God to offer a ministry of hospitality to those in our city living with the experience of being unhoused. Do you dedicate yourselves to this high and holy task of identifying with our guests with a humble mind, a compassionate spirit, and a warm heart?

Response: Yes, we do, the Lord being our helper.

Minister: As a sign of our appreciation of the commitment of these volunteers and of our collective support of this ministry, let us rise and stand with these volunteers as a sign of our love and concern for all God's children.

***Prayer** Gracious God, we come with gratitude for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who identified with those knowing what it is to be unhoused as one born in a stable, who fled as a refugee and lived in this world as one who had no place to lay his head. In the assurance that Christ is among us as we welcome our guests, we pray that you would bless our volunteers and all of us, with true empathy and love. Through the example of these volunteers may we all be encouraged in the doing of good and kind deeds in this world. Lighten, we pray, the burdens of those who come, and enlighten the path before all those who are lost and lead them and all of us on to the dawn of that day when food insecurity and the experience of homelessness will be no more, and you shall wipe all our tears and fears away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Scripture **Darren Campbell**

Revelation 7:9-17

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Choral Response – Grant us wisdom, grant us courage *C. M. Palmer*

Offering

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he be came poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Anthem – And I saw a new Heaven *Edgar Bainton*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Text: Revelation 21:1-4)

***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.

Sermon – "The Lamb at the Centre of the Throne" **The Rev. Paula Willis**

***Sign of the Peace**

Greet those around you with the words, ***"The peace of Christ be with you,"***
to which we respond with the words, ***'And also with you.'***

*__Hymn 448 –__ I come with joy as a child of God (St Botolph)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Act of Remembrance

Norm Hubley

***Church Covenant**

As an organized group of Christian people, we enter into covenant with one another to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, grace and godly living; to promote its Christian spirit by sustaining its worship, sacraments, discipline, doctrine and maintenance of the biblical norms and standards of conduct; to contribute to the support of the ministry, to the expenses of the church, and to serve, as our respective talents and circumstances permit, the mission of the church, which covenant is made in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reception of New Member

Talbot Boggs

Choral Preparation – Now my tongue, the mystery telling *Grafton*

Invitation to the Table **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving **The Rev. Paula Willis**

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(During the distribution we will remain seated and sing the following hymn)

*__Hymn 455 –__ My God, and is thy table spread (Rockingham)

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***Recessional Hymn 308 –** Rejoice in God's saints (Hannover)

***Benediction** **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Amen – Stanford in B♭

Postlude – Placare Christe Servulis *Dom Paul Benoit*

Carillon – For All the Saints (Sine Nomine) *R. Vaughan Williams*

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 Sanctuary are in remembrance of **Ruth Reimer** of Steinbach, Manitoba, beloved niece of John and Dina Gilbert. Ruth was a wonderful and talented musician and much-loved performing arts teacher who left us too soon. Her devotion to all she did was rooted in her steadfast love for Jesus. Ruth was fearless and faced her pain and struggles with grace - she brought joy to all those she met and will be missed. "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy" (Psalm 30:11 NIV).*

Notice of Fall Business Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fall Business Meeting of members of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, November 1st, 2026, in the Heritage Room at 12:30 p.m.

Members will be asked to vote on the following MOTIONS:

i) Motions from the Board of Deacons as Follows:

1. **A MOTION** to move that the engagement of the Interim Minister of The Congregation be extended for up to 3 months.

2. **A MOTION** to authorize the costs of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church website rebuild be paid from the Endowment Fund; such costs, which are not to exceed the cumulative amount of $60,000, are to be disbursed by the Trustees at such times and in such amounts as requested in writing by the Chair(s) of the Board of Deacons or their designates.

ii) Motions from the Church Council as Follows:

1. **A MOTION** from the Ministerial Replacement Committee for the Minister of the Congregation [MRC-MC] and passed by the Board of Deacons and Church Council, a meeting is called of the Membership of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church to recommend the Rev. Dr. Mark Andrew Jefferson for the position of Minister of the Congregation.

2. **A MOTION** to authorize the costs included in the 2026 Special Roofing Repairs Budget to be paid from the Building Contingency Fund; such costs not to exceed the cumulative amount of $185,000, are to be distributed by the Trustees at such times and in such amounts as requested in writing by the Chair of the Board of Finance or the Chair of the Property Committee or their designates.

You will also find a copy of the motion on the information tables in the Narthex and the Centre Hall. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. A copy of this Notice will be sent to members by mail and/or electronic mail as required by the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Constitution.

Please contact the Church office at 416 922-1167 or office@yorkminsterpark.com with any questions.

Randall Speller, *Chair of the Congregation and Church Council*
John Lutz, *Church Clerk*

Strategic Plan Update

With gratitiude to God and the people of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, we are pleased to advise that we completed the spirit of 86 % of the activites in the Strategic Plan.

With the implementation closeout set for the end of 2026, we are winding down this project. A copy of the final report is available through the church office.

Thank you to all who participated in this multi- year initiative.

- Strategic Planning Implementation Committtee



NINE SPARROWS ARTS FOUNDATION

THE CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025, 4:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST

David Hetherington *cello*

ADMISSION FREE | WWW.9SPARROWSARTS.ORG

YOU'RE INVITED

DROP-IN COFFEE TIME

WEDNESDAY, November 4
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!

YORKMINSTER PARK

SPEAKERS SERIES

www.ypspeakersseries.com

Friday, November 6, 7:00 pm
Cameron Hall and Online

The Legacy of the Vimy Centennial & How Canadians Commemorate Significant Anniversaries



A lecture by
Jeremy Diamond
Public Historian



YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

NATURAL ELEMENTS

CAROL WESTCOTT

OCTOBER 31, 2026 to JANUARY 7, 2027

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

GALLERY HOURS:

Saturday: Noon - 3:00 pm

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

Out of the Cold
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Who is my neighbour?
IN **ACTION**

Help us offer a warm welcome at Out of the Cold

Beginning Wednesday, November 4th, we're opening our doors to neighbours in need of safe shelter, a nourishing meal, welcome and friendship. Our Out of the Cold teams need a few more volunteers—and we'd love to have you join us.

Can you help with one of these shifts?

Shoppers: anytime on Monday or Tuesday
Food pickup/delivery: Wednesday, 11:10 am

Food preparation: 4:30–7:00 pm
Foot washing: 6:30–8:30 pm

Dinner cleanup: 6:30–8:30 pm
Morning hall monitors: 6:30–8:00 am

To volunteer, please contact the church office at **office@yorkminsterpark.com** or Janet Wilmot at **ootc@yorkminsterpark.com**

BOARD OF MISSION UPDATE

November 2026



Matthew House Toronto

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW AT MATTHEW HOUSE

Our mission partner Matthew House is looking to help meet the growing refugee needs of today and tomorrow by establishing a Beacon of Welcome Resiliency Fund.

◀ *New Executive Director of Matthew House Rochelle McAlister*

This dedicated fund has several key goals:

- **Capital Care & Upgrades:** Keeping our houses safe, comfortable, and well-maintained through essential repairs, vital updates, and long-term property improvements.
- **Operational Stability:** Serving as a secure financial reserve to protect our core mission – safeguarding staff salaries and daily operations against unexpected challenges or future shifts in funding.
- **Dream Initiative: Building Tomorrow Together:** Alongside stabilization, the fund will allow us to dream about emerging opportunities, program development, strategic expansion, and long-term vision.

The goal is to raise $1million.

Since opening in 1998, more than 2000 refugees from over 100 different nations have been warmly welcomed to Canada by caring volunteers and employees. Matthew House Toronto has also been a catalyst behind the establishment of other refugee shelters across Canada based on their model including: Matthew House Ft. Erie, Matthew House Windsor, Matthew House Ottawa, Micah House Hamilton and Journey Home Community Vancouver. Matthew House has been a ministry partner of YPBC for 25 years.



Our Mission at Matthew House is to inspire hope, uphold dignity, champion independence and build resilient communities for refugees, all fueled by God's love. Our Vision is a welcome home for refugees on the road to a new, prosperous life.

Lighthouse Kids
DOXA Youth

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 follo ing 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)

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**

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Family Ministry Collage - November 1st 2026



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Board Room (502)
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service, The Rev. Paula Willis preaching, Sanctuary
12:30 pm	YPBC Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
7:00 pm	Iona Evening Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Sanctuary

Monday, November 2

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
1:00 pm	Women of the Word, led by Judith Alexander, Geri Montgomery & Ruth Ann Onley Zoom Only

Tuesday, November 3

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
10:00 am	Dorcas, Youth Zone
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
12:10 pm	Lunchtime Chamber Music, Rising Stars Recital, featuring students from the Glenn Gould School, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 4

7:00 am	Morning Brew Bible Study, led by Stuart Campbell, Friendship Room (302)
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Noonday Organ Recital featuring Adrian Ross, Assistant Organist, St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Coffee Time with The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
6:00 pm	Out of the Cold, Heritage Room

Thursday, November 5

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Thursday Night Bible Study led by John Speller, Zoom Only
7:00 pm	Pathfinders, Zoom Only
7:30 pm	YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, November 6

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
2:00 pm	Memorial Service, Norm Hubley, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)
7:00 pm	YP Speakers Series presents "The Legacy of the Vimy Centennial & How Canadians Commemorate Significant Anniversaries" Lecture by Jeremy Diamond, Cameron Hall

Saturday, November 7

12:00 pm	YP Art Gallery OPEN, Centre Hall
4:00 pm	Nine Sparrows Arts Foundation, Concert of Remembrance, Santuary

Sunday, November 8

10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Board Room (502)
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary

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Cover: Blessing the ironwood tree planted in honour of the Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, our recently retired Minister of the Congregation and faithful shepherd for more than 30 years.

Photo: David King

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
Visit our website **yorkminsterpark.com** > Give

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.

Interact E-Transfer
Submit your offering to **transactions@yorkminsterpark.com**

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. 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

The Rev. John Torrance
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

Hymns – November 1st 2026

***Processional Hymn 312 –** Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns Erfreuen)

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, *Alleluia*.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, *Alleluia*.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, *alleluia*.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, *alleluia*.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Hymn 553i** – Touch the earth lightly (Tenderness)

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster —
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

*__Hymn 448__ – I come with joy as a child of God (St Botolph)

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

***Recessional Hymn 308** – Rejoice in God's saints

1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.