WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 15th, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship

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

Preludes – Basse et dessus de trompette — *Louis-Nicolas Clérambeault*
Prelude on Capetown — *Healey Willan*

***Processional Hymn 283 –** Fill your hearts with joy and gladness (Regent Square)

***Call to Worship** — **The Rev. Paula Willis**

Introit – The eyes of all wait upon Thee — *Jean Berger*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15-16)

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (Sung Amen) — **The Rev. Paula Willis**

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 90:1-6, 16-17

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

People: **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.**

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

People: **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

People: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

***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.

Presentation of Children and the Dedication of Parents

Adam Jonathan Sajjad
Born August 10, 2026
Son of Sajjad Masih and Farzana Anwer

Hymn – Holiness **Family Ministries Band**

Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want for me

Take my heart and form it
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours Oh Lord

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want for me

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want for me

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

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

Holy Scripture **Angel**

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon – "Compound Interest" **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Paula Willis**

Choral Response – O keep my soul and deliver me *W. Maddox*

Offering

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Anthem – O for a closer walk with God *Charles Villiers Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb. Return, O Holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

***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 567 –** Sing the gospel of salvation (Pleading Saviour)

The Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Introduction **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

Prayer

Choral Preparation – Come Holy Ghost (Veni Creator Spiritus)

Following the Baptism of **Judith Alexander** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451** – Just as I am (vs. 1) (Woodworth)

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Following the Baptism of **Pooya Farajy** the congregation will remain seated and sing...

***Hymn 451 –** Just as I am (vs. 2) (Woodworth)

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Following the singing of the hymn, the congregation will rise and sing:

***Blessing, honour, glory and power be unto Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen**

***Words of Invitation** **The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

***Recessional Hymn 475 –** Forth in the peace of Christ we go (Dukestreet)

***Benediction** **The Rev. Paula Willis**

Amen – Smith of Durham

Postlude – Fuga *Joaquin Oxinagas*

Carillon – Be Thou My Vision (Slane) *Irish Melody, arr. John R. Knox*

Dr. Stefani Bedin, Director of Music & Organist at Christ Church Deer Park

Stefani recently completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance at the University of Toronto. She currently studies carillon with the YPBC's carillonneur Naoko Tsujita.

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



Yorkminster Park Baptist Church is delighted to announce the calling of the **Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson** as Minister of the Congregation, following a congregational vote on November 1, 2026.

Remember to pray for our incoming Minister as he and his family make their arrangements to move to Toronto.

YPBC Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing the book "Ship of Dreams" by Donna Jones Alward.

Financial Update

January 1st to October 31st, 2026

	2026 YTD Actual	2025 YTD Actual	2026 Budget
Donations from Congregation	$ 732,146	$ 948,857	$ 1,127,128
Use of Facilities, Sundry Income	$ 278,068	$ 289,681	$ 335,206
Total Revenue	$ 1,010,214	$ 1,238,538	$ 1,462,334
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	$ 1,545,506	$ 1,613,917	$ 1,963,011
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	$ (535,292)	$ (375,379)	$ (500,676)
Recoveries from trust funds	$ 103,891	$ 98,735	$ 138,675
Operating deficit	$ (431,402)	$ (276,644)	$ (362,001)
Mission Income and disbursements	$ 95,594	$ 89,600	$ 175,000

Members and friends of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church,

The October 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*

Volunteers Needed - Sunday Morning Coffee Talk

"Coffee Talk" would welcome new volunteers to assist with serving refreshments and meeting other congregants in the narthex after the morning service.
Please contact the office at 416 922 1167.

Gladstone Library

From the Gladstone Library: N.T. Wright has had a distinguished career in the Anglican Church in the UK. He has written many Bible Study books and books on Christian life. A selection is on display for borrowing on the book truck in the Narthex. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow on the sheet provided, so we do not lose track of it.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, AND 23 | ZOOM

Journey through Advent in this four-week study exploring the beautiful and powerful names of the Messiah, discovering who Jesus is and the hope, peace, joy, and love He brings to the world.

To register please **click here**, or contact **pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com**
This study will be led by Rev. Paula Willis.






Bethlehem on Yonge

Volunteers are needed! Join the team and help bring the wonder of Bethlehem on Yonge to life!

We're looking for guides, angels and shepherds, a few wise men, a couple of camels and a donkey. We also need volunteers to welcome and serve our many visitors in Cameron Hall.

Taking part is a wonderful way to get to know people at Yorkminster Park – and we always have lots of fun. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, all are welcome!

To get involved, contact the Rev. Paula Willis at pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
AT YORKMINSTER PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | ADVENT II

11:00 a.m. **Morning Service** Sacrament of Communion
7:00 p.m. **IONA Service** with music by IONA Passage

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | ADVENT III

11:00 a.m. **Morning Service** – White Gift Sunday and Family Christmas Mission
4:30 p.m. **Carols by Candlelight** – A candlelit service of carols and seasonal anthems

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:00 a.m. **Service of Comfort and Hope** – A service of reflection, healing, and prayer, followed by a reception

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 | ADVENT IV

11:00 a.m. **Family Christmas Service** – The children and youth of YP present the Christmas story
4:30 p.m. **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols –** Readings from scripture interspersed with beautiful choral music

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THIRSDAY, DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. **Bethlehem on Yonge** – The Christmas Story re-enacted in the park at YP! Enjoy hot chocolate, homemade cookies & carol singing – fun for the whole family
11:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – A peaceful service featuring timeless carols, the Christmas story, and the sharing of candlelight

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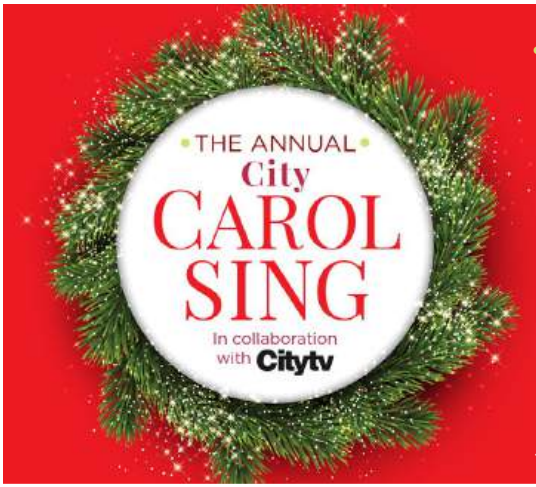
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** – Join us on Christmas Day for worship and Holy Communion as we give thanks for the gift of Christ

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, | NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:15 p.m. **Watchnight Service** – A year-end gathering for reflection, thanksgiving, and spiritual preparation for the new year



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R. H. Thomson


Tim Bolen



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the Viva Chamber Singers

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7:30 P.M.

BOX OFFICE OPENS SOON

Contact the church office:
office@yorkmnisterpark.com or 416-922-1167



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
4:30 P.M. FREE ADMISSION

In the soft glow of candlelight, the Yorkminster Park Choir, offers a program of beautiful carols and seasonal anthems.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
4:30 P.M.

The service consists of nine short Bible readings interspersed with the singing of carols, and hymns.

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 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)

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 15th 2026



Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 15

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
12:30 pm	Young Adults Group 18-35 years of age, lunch proviced, Friendship Room
12:30 pm	YP Gallery Reception, Artist Carol Westcott, Natural Element, YP Centre Hall
12:30 pm	Family Ministry Teacher Training, Cameron Hall
4:30 pm	Service of Hymns and Prayers, Sanctuary

Monday, November 16

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 17

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
10:00 am	Dorcas, Youth Zone
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
12:10 pm	Lunchtime Chamber Music, Rising Stars Recital, featuring performance students from the UofT Faculty of Music

Wednesday, November 18

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 Jean-Paul Feo, Assistant Organist, St. James' Cathedral
2:00 pm	Coffee Time, Friendship Room
6:00 pm	Out of the Cold, Heritage Room

Thursday, November 19

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
7:30 pm	YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, November 20

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
6:00 pm	FM Youth Night, Youth Zone
6:30 pm	Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)

Saturday, November 21

12:00 pm	YP Art Gallery OPEN, Centre Hall

Sunday, November 22

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
4:30 pm	Choral Evensong, Communion, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary

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Cover: Mounted Toronto Police officers enjoy a quiet moment in the park following the Remembrance Day parade.
Photo: Rob Mee

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

***Processional Hymn 283** – Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Hymn – Holiness **Family Ministries Band**

Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want for me

Take my heart and form it
Take my mind, transform it
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To Yours, to Yours Oh Lord

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for
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Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want for me

*__Hymn 567__ – Sing the gospel of salvation

1 Sing the gospel of salvation,
tell it out to all the earth;
to the ones so long excluded,
speak of hope and human worth.
All the darkness of injustice
cannot dim salvation's light,
for the outcast and exploited
count as worthy in God's sight.

2 Christ, the one eternal Shepherd,
calls creation to rejoice,
and the victims of oppression
thrill to hear salvation's voice.
All who recognize the Saviour
take their place within the fold,
there, in perfect truth and freedom,
life's eternal joys to hold.

3 See, the host that none can number
gathers in from every side,
once the victims of injustice,
now redeemed and glorified.
Fear and weeping here are ended,
hunger and oppression cease.
Now the Lamb becomes the Shepherd!
Now begins the reign of peace!

*__Hymn 451__ – Just as I am

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

***Recessional Hymn 475** – Forth in the peace of Christ we go

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

2 King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

5 We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.