

# YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Return to In-Person Worship Guidelines

Our reopening committee continues to work hard to ensure that in-person worship at Yorkminster Park follows the regulations established by the various levels of government and that we are doing everything we can to maximize the health and safety of one and all. For this reason, there will be a number of protocols that we all need to follow.

Please read the document carefully. Working together, we can make worship in the sanctuary safe and meaningful for our all who enter our doors.

No one knows when this pandemic will end. It may be that a sudden spike in cases will cause the government to advise or require us to close or make other changes. As a result, our reopening committee continues to review and update the various protocols. Please visit our website at [yorkminsterpark.com](http://yorkminsterpark.com) for updates.

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### What to do before coming to Yorkminster Park

You should register to attend in-person worship.

You can register online at [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca), or by calling the church office at **416-922-1167 ext. 221**.

You will be required to provide the name and contact information and answer basic health screening questions for each person you are registering to attend.

If you registered by Eventbrite, please remember to bring your phone, or a printout of your ticket.

### What happens when you arrive at the church?

In accordance with the City of Toronto By-Law 541-2020, you must wear a face mask or face covering at all times unless you have an underlying medical condition.

When attending our Sunday morning service, the **ONLY entry** to the church will be through the main doors on Yonge Street. The doors will open at 10:30am. Please arrive a few minutes early to ensure that you've left enough time to check-in before entering the sanctuary. If necessary, line up on Yonge Street while maintaining physical distancing.

There will be an usher at the door managing the entry process. If you require any accessibility accommodations, they will assist you.

### What is the procedure for entering the church?

When you enter the lobby, please sanitize your hands. You will be greeted by an usher who will confirm that you are properly registered, and who will ask you basic health screening questions relevant to COVID-19.

Once you have checked-in, you will be directed into the sanctuary.

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### What happens during the service?

An usher standing at the front of the sanctuary will direct you to your seat. The pews have been marked with green tape to indicate physical distance. Please sit where directed. You will find an order of service and donation envelope at your seat.

Once seated, please remain in your seat.

Congregational singing, reciting the Lord's Prayer and responsive reading is now allowed however, you may not remove your mask.

All of the bibles and hymn books have been removed from the pews. You are invited to bring your own bible and/or electronic tablet to follow the order of service. To receive the order of service by email, [subscribe here](#).

Communion will not be served.

If you need to leave your seat for any reason or begin to feel sick or unwell at any time during the service, please inform an usher and they will give you instructions.

Only the accessible washroom at the lobby and the washrooms downstairs at the front of the church will be available at this time. If you need to visit the washroom, please inform an usher.

### Will there be on-site children and youth ministries?

Unfortunately, it will be sometime before we are able to offer our children and youth ministries on site, but thanks to Heather Mackey and her team their [online activities](#) will continue to equip and encourage our families.

Keep children under 10 with you at your seat. They will be required to use masks, except for those 2 and under. Bring your own quiet toys or pick up an activity package upon arrival. Do not share items or leave anything behind.

### Will there be an opportunity to give offerings?

Offering envelopes will be already be in place in the pews. If you have your own, you are welcome to bring them from home. The offering will not be collected by the ushers. They can be deposited in offering boxes located at the entry and exits. You may consider mailing in your offering or making a donation [online](#).

### What is the procedure for exiting the church?

Please remain seated until the service is over and the postlude is complete. The ushers will indicate when you should stand and will then direct you to leave the church one at a time using the door closest to you.

At the exits you will find a donation box to leave your offering envelopes. You will also be able to dispose of your order-of-service. Remember to bring all of your belongings when you leave.

Please do not socialize in the sanctuary. Wait to socialize outside the church, and if you do, remember to maintain physical distancing at all times.