

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

February 14, 2021
Black History Month



Morning Worship Service—February 14, 2021—11:00 am

(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)

*Congregation Stands

Prelude

Hudson Taylor, piano

*Welcome

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

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

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit—At the river

Spiritual, arr. Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels' feet have trod, with its crystal tide
forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
gather with the Saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the
shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the
melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the Saints
by the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

Invocation

The Rev. Paula Willis

The Lord's Prayer (*seated*)

***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 50:1-6**

The Rev. John Torrance

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

People: *He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:*

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: *The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.*

***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. Dale Rose

Announcements

The Rev. Dale Rose

Window on the Church

Ettie Dawkins

Holy Scripture—2 Kings 2:1-12

Ettie Dawkins

Mark 9: 2-9

The Rev. John Torrance

Solo—He counteth all your sorrows (Hymn of Praise)

Felix Mendelssohn

Sing ye praise, all ye redeemed of the Lord, redeemed from the hand of the foe, from your distresses, from deep affliction, who sat in the shadow of death and darkness. All ye that cry in trouble unto the Lord, sing ye praise! Give ye thanks; proclaim aloud his goodness. He counteth all your sorrows in the time of need. He comforts the bereaved with His regard. Sing ye praise! Give ye thanks! Proclaim aloud His goodness!

Tyler Cervini, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Offering

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Anthem—Thou, in Thy mercy (Israel in Egypt)

George Frederick Handel

Thou, in Thy mercy hast led forth Thy people which Thou hast redeemed. Thou hast guided them in Thy strength, unto Thy holy habitation.

Ariana Maubach, alto; Tyler Cervini, tenor

***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 587—Amazing Grace (New Britain)**

*Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.*

Sermon—The View From Up Top

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Hymn 281—Tis good Lord to be here (Carlisle)**

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.*

*Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.*

*Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.*

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Postlude—Fugue (Sonata #1)

Alexandre Guilmant

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

We are honoured to welcome Hudson Taylor to our service today as he offers he pre-udes. Hudson Taylor has attended Yorkminster Park along with his wife, Donna, for a number of years. He is highly regarded as one of Toronto's leading portrait photographers. As the son of a pastor the music of the church has always been a part of his life and remains close to his heart. When the remarkable Jackie Richardson sang at the church she made a special request to have Hudson as her accompanist. Similarly, when Michael Hanna sang at the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship it was Hudson who accompanied him as well. As such Hudson will be featured again in next Sunday's service accompanying Michael.

Youth Ministry Assistant—Job Posting

YPBC is looking for a part-time Youth Ministry Assistant to support the Director of Family Ministries to minister to Junior High (Grades 6-8) and Senior High (Grade 9-12) youth. This position is temporarily remote during COVID-19 and will be re-evaluated as circumstances change in the future regarding hours and responsibilities. The main elements of the youth ministry include building trusting relationships with the youth and helping to nurture their relationship with Jesus, Sunday morning worship and Bible study, youth nights, service projects, and annual winter retreats. For more information, check out our [website](#) and [job posting](#).

Calendar Cover

Yorkminster Park's Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces visits the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum. Photo: Rob Mee

Financial Update

General Fund Revenue and Expenses January 1st to December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual
Offerings excluding amounts for Missions*	\$ 1,191,255	\$ 1,178,930
Other Revenues (excluding Recoveries from Trust Funds)	<u>\$ 405,883</u>	<u>\$ 335,282</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,597,138	\$ 1,514,212
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	<u>\$ 1,572,565</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,097</u>
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ 24,573	\$ (131,885)
Recoveries from trust funds	<u>\$ 81,667</u>	<u>\$ 79,789</u>
Operating deficit	<u>\$ 106,240</u>	<u>\$ (52,096)</u>
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 152,843	\$ 155,968

Thank you for your generous support of Yorkminster Park and its ministries in 2020. Included in Other Revenues is \$241,313 received as COVID Salary Support (CEWS) from the Government of Canada. Offsetting this is the loss in Use of Facilities Revenues totaling \$173,567 due to church closings.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH...



Black History Month at YP

Yorkminster Park is pleased to be marking and celebrating the important contributions of people of African descent to both the life of our country and to the Kingdom of God.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 19, 7:00pm

Panel Discussion

Paving the Way for Change: Anti-Black Systemic Racism and the Church

In partnership with YP Speakers Series

Panelists:



The Rev. Michael Blair
General Secretary
The United Church
of Canada



The Rev. Denise Gillard
CBOQ Pastor,
Founder, Executive
Artistic Director of TC3
and The HopeWorks
Connection



Ms. Dionne Peart
Barrister,
Legal Aid Lawyer



Dr. Claudette Knight
Vice President,
CIBC Talent
Development

Moderator:

Sunday, February 28, 11:00am

Measha Brueggergosman

International award-winning Canadian soprano

Window on the World and Musical Offering



Learn more about our Black History Month Celebrations ►

LENTEN LIFE GROUPS | 2021

JOIN A GROUP TODAY!

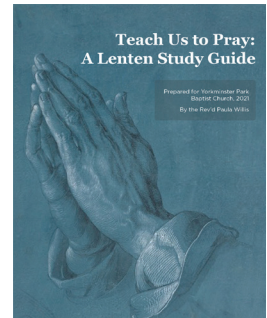
Our theme this year in Lent is **PRAYER** and all of our Lenten small groups will be following a study guide prepared by our own **Paula Willis**.

Each week the groups will look at scripture, poetry, hymns and art as they reflect together on the spiritual discipline of prayer.

All of these weekly studies will be virtual. Find the time that works best for you and email the leader by clicking on their name below, or contact the church office: office@yorkminsterpark.com or **416-922-1167**. They will send you a link to join the group. **All are welcome.**

To purchase a study guide (print or e-book) contact your session leader.

If you're not participating in a Life Group, and would like to purchase a study guide, contact the church office: office@yorkminsterpark.com or **416-922-1167**.



Study Guide Price:

Print:	ebook:
\$10.00	\$7.00

Day Time	Group Name	Leader & contact info
SUNDAYS starting February 21		
1:00 p.m.	Full Life Group	Janet Kim
7:30 p.m.	New Life Group	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly
MONDAYS starting February 22		
11:30 a.m.	Women of the Word	Suzanne Wilkinson
5:30 p.m.	Lent Life 1	Rob Inman
TUESDAYS starting February 23		
10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Carol Belford
6:30 p.m.	Family Ministry	Heather Mackey
WEDNESDAYS starting February 17		
8:45 a.m.	Men's Morning Brew	Stuart Campbell
7:00 p.m.	Lent Life 2	Richard Doust
THURSDAYS starting February 18		
12:00 noon	Lent Life 3	Dina Gilbert
7:00 p.m.	Lent Life 4	Peter Holmes
7:30 p.m.	Lent Life 5	Dale Rose
8:00 p.m.	Bay St. Life 2.0	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly
FRIDAYS starting February 19		
6:30 p.m.	Bay St. Life Group	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR LENTEN LIFE GROUPS ►



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK

Saturday, February 20, 2:00p.m.

Life in the streets of our city is especially hard during this Covid-19 Winter.

Join Team Yorkminster Park and walk virtually or in person as we seek to raise support for the Yonge Street Mission's important work with the homeless through the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Our in-person walk will start in the parking lot of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, where we will be greeted by our inspiring honorary captain, **John Fenton**.

Wear a mask as social distancing and other pandemic protocols will be followed.

Alternatively, walk on your own as a member team at a time and location most convenient for you.



To register for our team ▶ | To support our team ▶

February 5, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Business Meeting will be held in via Zoom and telephone on **Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 7:00pm**.

Copies of the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Special Business Meeting are available in a digital copy on our website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Church office.

Take note that the 2020 Annual Report as well as the 2021 Budget Narrative will be presented. A digital copy of both reports are available on our website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Church office.

The 2019 Financial statements will also be available. Please contact the church office for a copy.

The Board of Finance and Administration and The Board of Deacons will ask the members:

- I. To accept the Audited Consolidated Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2019 as prepared by Grant Thornton, Chartered Professional Accountants.**
- II. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the capital projects that were approved by the Board of Finance and Administration as set out in the 2020 Capital Repairs Budget.**
- III. To approve the 2021 General Fund (including Mission revenues and expenses) Budget with an Operation deficit of \$37,953.**
- IV. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$43,000 for the Social Media, Online Planning, Hardware & Website Rebuild Initiative.**
- V. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$20,000 as provided in the Proposed Budget for 2021 as the Boards Discretionary account; and an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$5,000 as provided in the Proposed Budget for 2021 as the Deacons Discretionary account.**

Information about how to joining the Zoom meeting was sent to members. If you did not receive an email and would like access to the meeting, please contact [Cody](#) in the Church office.

If you experience any issues, please contact the Church office at 416-922-1167 or office@yorkminsterpark.com.

Ron Wakelin
Chair of the Congregation and the Church Council

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Offerings: Please consider sending your offering in the mail to the church. Please send cheques, do not send cash if possible. You can also consider giving your offerings through the PAR program (PreAuthorized Remittance), Monthly Credit Card Offerings, online through CanadaHelps or contact our bookkeeper Estelle for other ways to donate.



[Donate Online](#)

Pastoral Care Prayers: In these unusual days of the COVID-19 concerns, our usual prayer services are suspended in person until further notice. This includes our Prayers for Healing and Blessing after the worship service, as well as our Tuesday Prayers in the Chapel. But please be assured that your pastoral staff are still praying for the needs of our congregation. We are also attempting to stay in touch with those members of our church family who may be more vulnerable and/or socially isolated. Please continue to pray for our people; stay in touch with friends and neighbours by phone or social media; and stay safe. If you have pastoral care needs or prayer requests, please contact our Minister of Pastoral Care, the Rev. Dale Rose or our Parish Nurse Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi.

Accessibility: If you need assistance getting to your seat and/or exiting at the end of the service, please ask at the registration table and you will be accommodated. A limited number of large-print calendars are available for use in worship. If you would like one, please ask at the registration table. Hearing assistance is not available at this time.

Parking: Please note that the Toronto Parking Authority has revised their policy concerning Special Parking Privileges for all of their car parks in Toronto. As a result, there is no free parking available for parishioners on Sunday mornings at the Alvin Street Green P car park. The church parking lot on the north side of the building on Glen Elm is still available for parking.

Stay Connected: The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

Mr. William Maddox BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

Ms. Heather Mackey
Director of Family Ministries

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi, RN
Parish Nurse

The Rev. John Torrance
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Dr. William Sturgess
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

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