



Church Guide  
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## PASTOR'S WELCOME:

Welcome to Westminster Chapel at High Park. We're glad that you've joined us!

We are a church committed to Gospel-centered community and life. We seek to lead people towards a deeper commitment to the biblical faith and to promote God's beauty, truth, and righteousness in our world.

If you're visiting, we'd love to meet you. Please introduce yourself to any of the elders, deacons or pastoral staff, and read on to learn about the various ministries of Westminster Chapel at High Park. If you'd like to get more involved in the life of the church, please contact the church office and we'll connect you with our ministry team.

For the increase of His government,

Joe Boot,  
Senior Pastor



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## WHO WE ARE :

We are a covenant community for the city. Our mission is transformation from the inside out, beginning with the individual and family, reconciling all things to Jesus Christ (Col. 1:20). We seek to glorify God in the city by helping to equip and build up God's covenant people in His holy Word

## OUR FOCUS:

Our focus is the triune God manifest in Christ, who is the Saviour of the world, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Our motivation is Christ's person. Our foundation is Christ's work. Our power is Christ's Spirit. Our pattern is Christ's humanity. Our protection is Christ's Father. Our governing authority is Christ's deity. Our strategy is Christ's Word. Our hope is Christ's victory. Our mandate is Christ's law. Our scope is Christ's Kingdom. Our food is Christ's sacraments. Our chief end is Christ's glory.



## OUR MAKE-UP:

Our people come from a variety of ethnicities and backgrounds, from one economic, intellectual, or social spectrum to the other. We are a multiplicity of peoples, languages, and races, woven by the Holy Spirit into one united body in Christ. We work and pray diligently "to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

## THE CHALLENGE :

Toronto was once known internationally as the "City of Churches" and regionally as "Toronto the Good." Today we see many of Toronto's churches closing, confronted with anti-Christian ideologies of all kinds, and the attendant cultural breakdown. Rather than retreating from the challenge, however, God's Word gives us hope that Canadian cities offer the Church an opportunity for the redemption and healing found only in the Lord Jesus Christ, mankind's Prophet, Priest, and King.



## OUR CALLING:

We believe that God in His Covenant has promised His Church a glorious future in Jesus Christ (Is. 2). We look to the future, knowing that God has made us more than conquerors, and the people He has called to Himself are the heirs of all things (1 Cor. 3:21-22). We are, therefore, future-oriented in our present responsibilities. Toronto's international diversity and exposure represent an opportunity for the whole world to see the manifold wisdom of God through the Church (Eph. 3:10-11), the power of His Spirit, and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in this, our "city set on a hill" as a light to all the nations: "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:13-16).

## SUNDAY SERVICE:

As a covenant community of God's people, we affirm the necessity of gathering together to worship God, to be shaped by His Word, and empowered by His Spirit.

We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 for a time of worship, teaching and ministry. We celebrate communion monthly, and throughout the year we have special seasonal celebrations.

## COVENANT GROUPS:

In Acts 2:42, we read this summary account of the early church: And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Our covenant groups are an expression of this same devotion. These small groups meet weekly or bi-weekly in homes throughout the city, and provide an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, reflection and discussion of Scripture, and mutual encouragement and support.

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## BIBLE STUDIES:

The apostle Peter exhorts the church: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation. (1 Pt. 2:2) God's people are nourished and sustained by His Word. Our Bible studies provide an opportunity to gather with God's people and feed on his Word. There are two weekly Bible studies: (1) Pastor David leads an expositional study on Wednesday evenings and (2) Jenny Boot leads a Ladies' Bible study on Thursday evenings.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY :

Our children's ministry is based on the scriptural view of the inherent value of children and the responsibility of parents to teach them the precepts of God. Our model is to have parents and teachers work together to provide a strong Christian foundation.

### Sunday School

The Nursery/Toddler ministry provides nurturing childcare and biblical instruction. Our toddlers enjoy a stimulating environment where the word of God is taught and followed with crafts and seatwork.



Our JK through Grade 6 program is called Big Tree Kids. We want our children to receive God's Word so that they are rooted in it for life, like the tree in Psalm 1. The program involves children in worship, prayer, drama, group activities, Bible study, and an opportunity to participate in the worship services on special occasions.

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### Junior High

Junior High students provide a unique challenge. Studies show that this is the age when children from Christian families often begin a process of separation from the church and faith. Our Junior High group aims to teach young people to participate in the worship service, while also providing them with specific, age-appropriate biblical instruction.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY:

The purpose of our youth ministry is to lead young people into mature Christian adulthood. Discipleship happens in both the nuclear family and the extended church family. Parents have a central role in our youth ministry, because God has called parents to disciple their children (Deut. 6.4-7; Eph. 6.4). We are committed to supporting parents as they lead their children into mature Christian adulthood; fostering our young people's participation in the communal life of the church; age-specific teaching and the development of peer-relationships.

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## COLLEGE & CAREER MINISTRY:

The College & Career ministry at Westminster Chapel aims to encourage and equip young adults, whether they are in higher education or in the workplace. We communicate the historic Christian gospel so that it is plausible to the skeptical student as well as life-changing for the believing student.

We also seek to live out the radical call of discipleship in Toronto, to provide a sense of Christian community, to give guidance and mentoring, and to engage with a culture that not only advocates living a life that assumes 'the death of God,' but has progressively been overshadowing the indirect light the Gospel sheds on what it means to be human in all areas of life.

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## PRAYER & INTERCESSION :

We recognize prayer as a major facet of Christian faith, and seek to equip people to make prayer central to workplaces, families, marriages, schools and neighbourhoods.

Join us to rejoice in and thank God, and pray for the life of the church, its Sunday ministry and daily programs; this prayer meeting gathers weekly on Sunday mornings before the service. If you would like to receive prayer for any reason, we offer prayer ministry following the service every Sunday.

In addition to Sundays, we also host weekly prayer meetings on Friday evenings, monthly men's prayer breakfast events, and regular prayer concerts.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY:

We take seriously the apostle Paul's instruction to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

We equally love hymns and contemporary music - the sounds of past and present. We place a high value on lyrics that bring us to a deeper knowledge of God, leading us into worship with heart, mind and soul. Our two principal offerings are our contemporary music team and our choir, which we are always looking to develop with the participation of enthusiastic and skilled musicians and singers.

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### PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING:

Our pastoral team is available for informal counseling and pastoral care. As well, our Coordinator of Pastoral Care office provides Biblical counseling for individuals, couples and families. It is our prayer that we may build up faithful and mature Christians, and extend the comfort of God's Word to hurting people.

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### JUSTICE & COMPASSION:

Justice and compassion are indispensable to church ministry. We seek to be faithful to God's command to use our gifts to care for those in need. This includes benevolence fund ministry and community service. We are also partnered with the Pregnancy Care Centre to provide compassionate, confidential support and counsel to women facing an unplanned pregnancy, or who have previously had an abortion.

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### FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK:

The Food and Clothing Bank is an expression of compassion and outreach to our community. We seek to be faithful to the call of our Lord, not only practicing justice and compassion in helping to feed and clothe our brothers and sisters (James 2:14), but also to reach them with the life-giving message of Christ.

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### FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER GROUPS:

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head." (Ps. 133:1)

Godly fellowship is indispensable to the people of the Triune God. We regularly gather to share in God's blessings through discussion, prayer, and the study of Scripture.

### Men's Ministry

Pastor Mike leads our men's ministry, exhorting men to fulfill their God-given responsibilities at regular prayer meetings, table fellowship and study.

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### Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study meets on Thursday evenings throughout the year for fellowship, prayer, and to explore themes found in God's Word. Jenny Boot leads this study, encouraging women in faithfulness and godliness.

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### Senior's Ministry

It is difficult to overstate the value of seniors to the life of the church. Our senior's fellowship meets monthly to worship and share a meal, as well as to learn from a variety of guest speakers. We are also engaged in outreach to those in the neighbourhood who are not able to leave their homes.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS:

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). At Westminster Chapel we are committed to the message and the scope of the total gospel of God for our homes, cities and the world. The Foreign Missions department, communicating with those of other cultures & faiths, exists in order to help administrate & facilitate this work, and to encourage those mission workers already in relationship with us.

We have a mission-focus prayer group that meets on a monthly basis to hear about the work of the Lord around the world and to come together in prayer over a particular country or region.

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## ESL TRAINING:

Over 50% of the population of Toronto is not native to the city. Our ESL conversation classes provide the opportunity to connect with a church community, and to practice speaking English in a small group with expert speakers. Our classes cover a wide variety of topics, and childcare is provided.

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## ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES:

Westminster Chapel has launched and is affiliated with the following organizations for the practice and proclamation of the whole gospel of God:



## SAFE FAMILIES CANADA:

Safe Families Canada allows for God’s people to give meaningful, life-changing support to families in crisis by extending and strengthening the community safety net for at-risk families. Christians open their homes to care for the children of struggling parents, giving parents time to sort out their crisis and stabilize their home. Newborns through parenting teens can be placed in safe homes while the parent(s) maintain custody of their children. Safe Families proactively takes steps to 1) deflect children from the provincial welfare system, 2) prevent child abuse and neglect, and 3) provide a family in crisis with the necessary support while demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. The welfare of the poor, needy and sick is of central concern in scripture and was once in the hands of Christian families with a vision for ministry to every area of life.

For more information visit: [www.safeamilies.ca](http://www.safeamilies.ca)

Safe Families Canada



## EZRA INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY:

The Ezra Institute for Contemporary Christianity is an evangelical Christian organization committed to the training and equipping of Christians in the areas of Christian apologetics, missiology, and the cultural mandate. Our goal is to assist Christians to develop a comprehensive biblical faith that applies to all of life, rebuilding the intellectual framework of a Christian mind and social order.

The Institute also seeks to establish a broad fellowship program of scholars, addressing contemporary issues from a thoroughly biblical perspective, with a desire to also be a credible voice in and to the Canadian socio-cultural sphere.

For more information visit: [www.ezrainstitute.ca](http://www.ezrainstitute.ca)



## WESTMINSTER CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

Education has historically been understood as one of Christianity's central mandates, fulfilling the Great Commission (Deut. 6.4-8; Matt. 28.16-20; Eph. 6.4). Public education has now completely severed itself from that mission. Westminster Classical Christian Academy's vision is to recover the church's biblical mandate for education, to develop a biblical worldview in its students, and to equip a godly people who will glorify God and serve others.

The mode of teaching and much of the content accords with the Classical model of education. There are three stages of instruction, grammar (K-4), logic (5-8) and rhetoric (9-12) which will run in conjunction with students' natural inclinations and abilities. This time-tested teaching method is applied in what we would now call the different subject areas, e.g. Latin, math, English, history, geography, science, etc... A Classical school is not a form of social elitism; rather it is a means of teaching every child to learn to the best of his or her abilities in the light of God's instruction in every area of life. Rather than conforming to the world, they will transform their minds under the power of God's truth (Rom.12.2).

At WCCA, qualified Christian teachers teach students to think critically, to reason clearly, and to communicate and apply God's Word effectively. As an extension of the home and church, WCCA teaches children truly to know and love the Lord.

The K-8 school begins in September 2014, with our hope and expectation that a high school will follow.

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## MAP & DIRECTIONS:

Westminster Chapel is conveniently located on Hewitt Avenue at Roncesvalles Avenue in the High Park neighbourhood, steps from Dundas West subway station, and directly off the 504 streetcar route.



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