

Ministry Team

The Centre for Spiritual Growth is a new venture of St John's Dixie Anglican Church. Our hope is that many who seek a deeper spiritual life will be helped through its presence in Mississauga. Whether a church goer or one who seeks a spiritual path, all are welcome to participate in the programs offered. We are just starting this Fall and we have lots of ideas to explore in the coming months and years. Let us know if you have thoughts and we look forward to serving you.

The Ministry Team



Wendy Passmore

Wendy's education includes a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Toronto and an MA in Ministry and Spirituality from Regis College, Toronto School of Theology with training in spiritual direction. Wendy's work includes: Coordination of Square One's drop in centre, oversight of various community projects, Director of a Franciscan Retreat Centre which included spiritual direction and retreats for individuals and groups. Wendy's passion for and engagement in retreat and spiritual direction has continued throughout the years.

The Rev. Daniel Brereton

The Reverend Daniel Brereton has been a priest in the Anglican Church for over 20 years. He has served parishes in the Dioceses of Niagara and Toronto, and is currently incumbent of the culturally diverse parish of St. John the Baptist (Dixie) in Mississauga. Daniel received his MDiv from Huron University College and training in Spiritual Direction from Regis College, U of T. Daniel has a passion for creating inclusive safe space wherein all can explore their relationship with the divine.

The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues

After a successful career in management for various government organizations, the Rev Margaret Rodrigues received an MDiv from Trinity College in 2011 and a ThM in 2015.. As well as having a keen interest and passion for spiritual care, Margaret currently serves as Honorary Assistant at St. John's West Toronto with a ministry focus on behalf of the Diocese in transgender ministry to individuals, families and diocesan communities.

Centre for Spiritual Growth Mississauga

A hospitable place to explore and experience spiritual growth through spiritual direction, experiential workshops, day retreats on various themes and space for quiet



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FALL PROGRAMS 2019 Retreat Days



PRAYER WORKSHOP Saturday September 28: 9.30 am to 3 pm

A day to learn about and experience different ways of praying from the Christian tradition; includes Lectio Divina, the Awareness Examen and Gospel Contemplation. All are welcome. Suggested offering is \$15.00 or what you can afford. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and muffins provided.

Facilitator: Wendy Passmore

A DAY WITH FRANCIS

Saturday October 26: 9.30 am to 3 pm

Come and learn about Francis of Assisi and the wonderful message he brought to the world and how he continues to inspire with his timely message. Themes such as: creation is good, how to be a loyal dissident, and peace and reconciliation will be explored.

Suggested offering is \$15.00 or what you can afford. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and muffins provided.

facilitators: The Rev. Daniel Brereton and Wendy Passmore



ADVENT RETREAT CREATING SACRED SPACE IN THE MIDST OF BUSYNESS

Saturday November 23: 9.30 am to 3 pm

How can we become a more peaceful and quiet presence in the midst of activity and chaos? This day will offer us opportunities to explore ways to be grounded in the divine as we dwell in the midst of the world.

All welcome. Suggested offering is 15.00 or what you can afford. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and muffins provided.

Facilitators: the Rev. Daniel Brereton, Wendy Passmore and Faye Oei

**To register for these programs
please contact the church office..**

MEDITATION BY CANDLELIGHT

**Tuesday December 3:
7 -8pm**

Perhaps you are seeking a way to explore your spiritual life in a different way. This gathering offers an opportunity to gather to pray, meditate and seek communion with the divine. Included will be guided meditation, music and contemplative reflection.

All are welcome!



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an invitation to meet one on one with a trained spiritual director to discern the Spirit's activity and presence in your daily life. Often someone sees their director on a monthly basis or at a time when special discernment is needed. The role of the director is not to give advice but to deeply listen for the Spirit's movement and invitations in the life of the person seeking.

This ministry is available through the Centre for Spiritual Growth so if it something that interests you, please get in touch. A sliding fee is suggested according to your means.



The Spiritual Exercises of both St Ignatius and St Francis of Assisi are also available. This retreat in daily life offers one the opportunity to have a disciplined daily prayer with themes and scriptures offered for meditation. A regular meeting with a spiritual director is recommended.

We will offer a retreat in daily life in the new year which would be a six week commitment of daily prayer, journaling and a weekly meeting with a spiritual director.