

CHURCH AT THE MISSION

Overview

Church at the Mission is a vibrant Christian community of welcome. It's a place where people come to worship God, find strength for the daily journey and learn together to live as a spiritual family, and as followers of Jesus in the city.

It's a community where people who are questioning the meaning and purpose of life find compassion, understanding and friendship, guidance and gentle pastoral care.

It's a place where the gospel of Jesus Christ is believed, lived and celebrated, and where we grow together as a community on a mission, Christ's mission to love the world, to seek and save those who are lost, and to enfold humanity into the love of God in Christ.

When you visit Church at the Mission you'll find vibrant worship and an opportunity for spiritual renewal. You'll find supportive pastoral care and a casual, accepting and loving environment. Most of all, you'll encounter Jesus Christ at Church at the Mission!

Meetings & Hours

Church at the Mission meets for worship on Sundays at 3 p.m. at 306 Gerrard Street East.

During the week (Mon-Fri) Church Staff can be found at The Davis Centre, 270 Gerrard Street East. There they serve with the Bridges Community, where we meet on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays for personal growth and development groups and classes, including Bible Studies and many other subjects. More information about Bridges is available at ysm.ca/programs/#Bridges

Church at the Mission is open most other days for pastoral care and personal support and since we are the church of the Yonge Street Mission, we can connect you quickly to all kinds of other supports: counselling, our food bank, our Cornerstone Family Ministry (for CAS-involved families), computer classes, job skills training and placement, care management, educational supports, housing services, daycare, life skills workshops, after-school homework club for children and many other opportunities for personal growth.



Pastoral Team

Matthew Parker, Lead Pastor

Rev. Matthew Parker is the Lead Pastor/Director of Church at the Mission and has served with Yonge Street Mission since 1985. Matthew is a graduate of the Humber College Jazz Program and York University's Music Program and has a Master's degree from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. He is ordained with the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada.

Matthew is passionate about worship (he began ministry as a worship leader) and about equipping the church to be the loving, transforming presence of Jesus Christ in the world. Matthew also serves as a director at the Yonge Street Mission. Matthew is very happily married to Barbara, a teacher and talented actor and singer. Together they have two beloved children - Jared, a Toronto-based singer songwriter and their daughter Elia.

Pastor Arleen Gomez, Assistant Pastor

Pastor Arleen Gomez, our Assistant Pastor, is the Bridges Coordinator/Pastoral Care and Care Manager at Yonge Street Mission. Arleen has dedicated her life to serving the marginalized. With an intense love for God and others, she has served God in some of the darkest places.

She has ministered to women leaving the sex trade in India and worked with those living in chronic poverty in downtown Toronto. Knowing she was called to full-time ministry, Arleen completed both a Bachelor of Religious Education and a Master of Divinity in Clinical Counseling.

She now shares her passion for God's Word as she counsels those in need. She is happily married to Paulo, and together they share a love for Jesus, laughing, and tacos.

Rev. Jan Rothenburger, Community Care Manager at YSM's Bridges Program.

Rev. Jan Rothenburger is Community Care Manager for YSM's Bridges Program. Pastor Jan also works with those who are street and prison-involved and has a long history of chaplaincy-ministry in Toronto-area Women's Prisons, and outreach to those in the sex trade.

As well Jan, who is a native Torontonionian, is out in the community ministering to those struggling with addictions, homelessness and others in crisis.

Jan graduated from Tyndale Bible College in 1996 and is ordained with Evangelical Christian Churches in Canada. Her mission statement is "To be Christ to others beyond the church walls". Jan also loves the outdoors and is highly creative. She currently has several books awaiting publishing.

Anytime you would like to talk to a pastor, you can call 416-929-9614 and ask for Pastor Arleen, Pastor Jan or Pastor Matthew.