

JESUS ON ANGELS AND PARTYING  
LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS

**First Reading**  
Romans 15:4-13

**The Gospel**  
Luke 15

\*Free Bibles available on  
stage near Besserer door.



Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

**December 7, 2014**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email [george@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:george@messiahchurch.ca).

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## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

### **Are you new? Get connected!**

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca).

### **Nursery & Sunday School**

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jeremy Giles**  
Ministry Intern

### **Wardens**

Dick Butler

**Amy van Hemmen**  
Administrative Manager

**Daniel Gilman**  
Ministry Intern

Gary Graber

John Rayson

Shannon Ripley

**Jeremiah Smith**  
Worship Leader

Karl Ruban

Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### **Giving**

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.  
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit [messiahchurch.ca/give](http://messiahchurch.ca/give) to donate online via CanadaHelps.

### **Financial Update**

\$43,000 needed to balance books in 2014 (4 Sundays left!)  
\$43,600 given in December 2013 (over 5 Sundays)

## WE ARE ODD!

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Dear friends,

We are an odd congregation. I am not going to list all of the ways we are odd, I will leave that to the wags in our midst. One way we are odd is that our Christmas Eve services are not bigger than our Sunday morning services. In fact, Christmas Eve is a bit smaller!

I do not think our smaller services at Christmas is because we do a "poor" job. It is largely because a large percentage of our congregation goes "home" for Christmas - and "home" is not Ottawa. As well, we have a very small percentage of people like me. I am at the age where my kids come home to Ottawa for Christmas.

Why am I telling you this? To ask for your prayers and to ask for your help.

First of all, please pray for our Christmas season services - especially our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please pray for me and the hosts and the sound people and the musician(s?) and the readers and the prayers. Please pray that God will anoint us with His Holy Spirit. Please pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon all who are in the services. Please pray that people will not want to know more about us, but more about Jesus.

Second, please pray that we have enough people to serve the congregation and serve guests and serve our Lord to the glory of God! We can have a situation where we have a lower than average attendance and almost half the people present are guests. This means that we have fewer people to sing and greet and read and help with communion. So please pray for us.

Third, if you are going to be around, please consider offering to help! Maybe you never host or help with communion or sing or play an instrument during our "regular" services. But if you are around over Christmas, please consider letting us know your willingness to help. You can call Amy at 613.235.0596 or email [amy@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:amy@messiahchurch.ca).

Finally, please pray for me! I think most pastors find it hard to preach at Christmas. The basic story and Bible texts are among the best known stories and texts. It is hard to know what to say so that people will listen and think about Jesus. I need your prayers every week. Thank you to those who pray for me! Please continue to pray for me. Please especially pray for me over Christmas.

George +

**I need to develop godly attitudes.**

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

**Attitudes.**

- 1) Self-righteousness always blinds.
- 2) The Jesus way begins with mercy, continues with mercy, and ends with mercy.
- 3) I would rather serve the living God than lord over pigs.

**I need to grow in prayer.**

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

Dear God, Your word teaches me that before Jesus became my Saviour I was lost and dead. Thank You that He sought me. Thank You that He found me and brought me home to You. Thank You that He gave me new life. Thank You that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.**

"So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20 ESV)

**I need to do something or start to do something.**

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to \_\_\_\_\_."

GOING DEEPER

**Getting to know me.**

What is your favorite farm animal?

**Getting into the Bible.**

Please pray first. Ask God to lead you and guide you into all truth.

- 1) Read Luke 15.
- 2) Read Luke 15:7. Then read Luke 5:32, 16:15; Matthew 9:13; Mark 2:17; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8
- 3) Read Luke 15:1-7. Then read John 10:11-18; 1 John 4:10.
- 4) Read Luke 15:28-30. Then read Luke 18:9-14.

**Getting real.**

Has the Holy Spirit brought some truth or insight home to you today? Can this be shared with others so they will pray for you?

- SUN / DEC 7 Christmas Pageant**  
During 10:00am Service
- MON / DEC 8 Women's Home Group**  
7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.
- TUE / DEC 9 Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.  
**The House (Home Group)**  
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.  
**Lowertown Home Group**  
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.
- WED / DEC 10 Church on Wednesday**  
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora  
**The Wurtemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.
- FRI / DEC 12 WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA!**  
4:00 - 7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.  
**Revive Youth Group**  
7:00pm @ Ecole Sainte-Anne, 340 York St.

- SUN / DEC 14 Arise Youth Ballet Christmas Performance**  
During 10:00am Service
- WED / DEC 24 Christmas Eve Services**  
2:00pm - Quiet & Contemplative  
7:30pm - Contemporary & Lively
- THU / DEC 25 Christmas Day Service**  
10:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre

**PRAYER AT MESSIAH**

Can we pray for you? Email [prayer@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:prayer@messiahchurch.ca).

**ST. JOE'S CHRISTMAS BIN**

We invite you to bring clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. The bin is located by Besserer door entrance.

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up on the stage, they are arranged in alphabetical order. Can't find yours? Contact the office.

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

If you would like to add names of loved ones who have passed away to our Christmas Remembrance list, contact the office by December 14.