

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: info@messiahchurch.ca or 613.235.0596. Check out 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 Green Room (in the basement/ask a door host) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

Jonathan Camiré
Artizo Ministry Intern

Daniel Avitan
Full-time Ministry Intern

Deborah Reid
Worship Leader

Wardens:
Earl Maynard Andrew Moore Ede
Shannon Ripley Karl Ruban
Dana Scherf

Shirley Allan
Administrator

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website (messiahchurch.ca)
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

The new Ottawa Little Theatre

Dear friends,

This Sunday (October 1) is our second Sunday in the Ottawa Little Theatre (OLT) after an eight-week absence. During those eight weeks the theatre renovated. Last Sunday was our first look at, and experience of, the new OLT. Personally, I love the changes.

Now we have to tweak what we do. Please pray and please be patient. Please share your best wisdom with us.

This Sunday we will have a service of Holy Communion at the 10am service. We are going to have to figure out the best way to have people receive communion. In an ideal world we would gather 50 volunteers and do a series of walk-throughs on a Saturday afternoon. With a series of walk-throughs and debriefs we would be able to work out the logistics and then have a smooth communion service on a Sunday morning. Alas, when we use rented space in a busy theatre we do not have the luxury. So we will have to figure out the logistics over the next few Sundays.

In the renovation, the OLT raised the floor at the foot of the stage. This is a great change and people coming down the centre aisle will notice a far easier transition at the foot of the stage. The other changes will affect logistics. The rail is gone and the first row of seats are now closer to the stage, meaning there is less room between the seats and the stage.

We would still like people to line up facing the front on either side of the communion table. Each person can stand, waiting for the person to come to them with the bread, followed by two people: one with a tray of individual cups and one with a chalice, some of wine and some of grape juice. As before, you can choose to either partake of one of the small, individual cups or of the chalice. Before the renovation, people could line up along the rail - the rail helped guide people where to stand. This Sunday we will try to have people line up, facing the front, without a rail to guide them.

This might not work. It might turn into a bit of a zoo up front. If so, please do not get upset. Say a prayer, share a smile, have a chuckle. After the service, share best wisdom. We will figure this out over the next few weeks.

One other matter. Every five weeks there is a new set on stage. Some sets are alright as a backdrop for our service; some are not. We have this Sunday and one more with this set, then it will be torn down and a new one built. Pray as we sort this out as well!

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) Hypocrisy is infectious.
- 2) Nothing I can ever do will ever put God in my debt.
- 3) All my goodness will never produce" right-standing " with God.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, God, the Son of God, blessed and only Saviour, thank You for dying on my behalf. I confess that I can not do anything to make myself right with God. I put my trust in You and Your saving sacrifice. Please help me to die to my vain attempts to make myself right with God. Please grow in me an ever deeper trust and confidence in You and Your finished work upon the cross. Please grow in me a life of grateful faith in Your saving power. Amen!!

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

...know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2: 16

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

Excluding family members, what person from history would you love to be able to have a conversation with over a meal?

Getting into the Bible

Ask the Lord to lead and guide you into all truth as you read His word.

- Read Galatians 2: 6-21
- Read Galatians 2: 16. Then read Psalm 143 (note: 143:2b is paraphrased in Galatians 2:16)
- Read Romans 8

Getting Real

What has the Lord brought home to you as you have read His word written? Please pray about this and consider asking someone else to pray as well.

Tuesday, October 3

- 7pm: Messiah Youth @ 315 Lisgar St (ground floor)

Wednesday, October 4

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @ uOttawa
- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson (this week only)
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, October 5

- 7pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside. All are welcome to join for Bible study and prayer followed by coffee and chat! Call Ann at 613 730 1335.

Sunday, October 8

- 9:15pm: Learner's Exchange in the OLT lobby. George Sinclair will speak about Women in Ministry.

Potluck Lunch - A potluck lunch will be held after the 10am service on **October 15**. Please bring sandwiches or finger food to share.

Will you help? We are looking for helpers to count the weekly offering. This involves about 30-45 minutes at the end of the service every six weeks or so. Training will be provided. If you will serve in this way, please contact the office. info@messiahchurch.ca

Are you willing to serve in Messiah's Sunday school?

There is a need for three new teachers to help in either of these groups: age 2-3; JK to gr 2; gr 3-5. Training is provided! Please speak to Lisa Moore Ede for more info. lisa.mooreede@gmail.com

Please contact the office by Wednesday, October 4 to add the name of a loved one to the **In Memory List** to be published in next week's Thanksgiving bulletin. info@messiahchurch.ca

Each year we collect items of non-perishable food and gently used / new clothing as a Thanksgiving gift to **St Joe's Grocery and Clothing Program**. Please bring your donations to church next Sunday.

The OLT would love your feedback about the renovations! Please send your comments to jennifer@ottawalittletheatre.com or amber@ottawalittletheatre.com.