

WALKING THE JESUS WAY: A CHRISTMAS SERMON FOR 2016

First Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-21

Series of horizontal lines for handwritten notes.



Drawing by Amanda Moore Ede

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Join us for a New Year's Day Service on Friday, January 1 at 10am at 315 Lisgar Street. (ground floor)

ST. JOE'S CHRISTMAS BIN

You can still donate warm clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table TODAY. The bin is located by the Besserer door entrance.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office is closed until January 1, reopening on Monday, January 4. Voicemail will be checked daily.

OFFERINGS

Today is the last day to make offerings which will be included in a 2015 tax receipt.

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca

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

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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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at 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 last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

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) **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

Financial Update

Funds needed to balance the books at December 31, 2015: \$20,000

PASTOR'S BLOG: PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear friends,

The Lord has blessed us by raising up people from our midst who have "left us" to serve as missionaries. Please pray Luke 10:2 for us, "Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Our Lord tells us to pray earnestly, so please pray!

One area where we need to be reminded to pray is for our missionaries. Please pray for the missionaries from our midst:

- Please pray for "B" and Messiah as we work out the details to send him back to *s**.
- Please pray for Paul as he seeks to sort out the finishing touches on his financial and prayer support for him to go to Turkey with Youth With a Mission.
- Please pray for Jeremy and Kendra as they put the finishing touches on their financial and prayer support to go to Zambia with Operation Mobilization. Please pray for their son, Malachi, and the baby on the way.
- Please pray for "P & J and their children", our missionaries in C*ntn*I *s**. They serve with Interserve and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Churches.
- Please pray for Steve and Stella in Guatemala.
- Finally, in terms of those from our congregation serving as missionaries, please pray for Richard Long in Ottawa with Love Ottawa and for him, Canada-wide, with Together Canada.

Please pray, as well, for those missionaries who have close ties to our congregation, and whom we support financially and/or by prayer and encouragement.

- Please pray for Robbie and Malia Palmer with Kwagala Ministries in Uganda.
- Please pray for Norm and Audrey Henderson in Angola. They serve with Serving in Mission (SIM).
- Please pray for Aaron and family in Israel. They serve with Christian Mission to the Jewish people (CMJ).
- Finally, please pray for Diana and her work in London with Pioneer Canada.

We are called to have a heart for our city. We are also called to have a heart for the world. I believe we are to seek His will for Messiah trusting that He will guide and provide for our needs as we seek to do His will, His way to His glory. Thank you for praying.

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