

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 messiahchurch.office@gmail.com 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, you are welcome to bring your children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song. (There will be a notice on the projection screen).

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading
Revelation 7

The Gospel
John 2:1-11

*Free Bibles are available at the Besserer door.

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON
JAN 20

Women's Prayer Group
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's

TUES
JAN 21

Lowertown Home Group
6:30pm @ Ian Murray's

Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office

WED
JAN 22

Men's Bible Study
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's

THUR
JAN 23

The House (Young Adults)
6:30pm @ The Giles'

FRI
JAN 24

Youth Group
7:00pm @ St. Anne's School

SAT
MAR 1

Messiah's Annual Vestry
Save the date. Stay tuned for details

FRI - SUN
MAR 28-30

Messiah Women's Retreat!
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For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at messiahchurch.office@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector
Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Ministry Interns
Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader
Jeremiah Smith

Wardens
Dick Butler
Gary Graber
John Rayson
Shannon Ripley
Karl Ruban
Natasha Wallace

Administrative & Communications Manager
Amy van Hemmen

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

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

Attitude A)	God desires that I have healed ambitions.
Attitude B)	God wants me to yearn to stand before Him face-to-face.
Attitude C)	God wants me to have a humble, persistent, confidence in His power to save me.

② 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, please teach me and help me to worship You alone. You alone are worthy to receive my praise and the praise of every person. You alone deserve all the glory, You alone are truly wise. You alone deserve thankfulness from me and every person. You alone are honourable and worthy to be honoured. You alone are all-powerful. You alone are sovereign with authoritative might. You alone are eternal and worthy of eternal praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
(Rev. 7:10 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

Every church has a "force field" that keeps guests and seekers out. Some churches want to keep people out. More churches do not. Some churches only want certain people to become "regulars" - the right age or social class. Most churches would be horrified if God revealed to them that they wanted to exclude based on income or race or education. Most people who are "regulars" or "insiders" at a church are not aware of the force field in their church, which pushes people away. We insiders are also not usually aware of the specific behaviours and attitudes that we have which contribute to pushing people away. I remember one long-time member of the church (who has since left) who said out loud, "When will all these new people leave so we can have our church back." Even this person was probably not aware that they wanted an even more powerful force field to exclude.

So what can we do? Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) Please pray that our church will become great at helping "outsiders" become "insiders." Pray that God will work in our church so that our force field will become weaker and weaker.
- 2) Please pray for yourself! Ask God to show you aspects of your behaviour or actions which are unwelcoming or insular or "pushing-away." Ask God to help you develop actions and behaviours that are welcoming and hospitable.
- 3) Commit to following the "5 minute rule." Before the service ends, notice someone you have not greeted before and commit to approach guests and "strangers" for the first 5 minutes. Please note, most of us unconsciously seek out our friends in the first 5 minutes. So we need to commit to seeking out "new" people first.
- 4) Don't wait for others to do these things before you do them. Don't say, "I'm going to wait till the leaders or the old-timers or the extroverts do this before I do." Instead say, "Father, help me to start doing what I can even if no one else steps up."
- 5) Consider whether God is calling you to "step-up" and take leadership in this area. I know we need help in turning "outsiders into insiders." I know we need help in being hospitable to people who are guests for only a week or two. I know we need help in connecting people to other people in life affirming ways. Maybe God is calling you to step-up and help by providing leadership in developing and implementing concrete steps to help us be welcoming. Pray about this and give me a call!

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