

GUEST PREACHER: BISHOP CHARLIE MASTERS

**First Reading**  
Acts 8: 26-40

**The Gospel**  
John 16: 5-15

\*Free Bibles available on  
stage near Besserer door.



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

**May 3, 2015**  
**Easter IV**

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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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<b>Rev. Canon George Sinclair</b> Rector	<b>Jeremy Giles</b> Ministry Intern	<b>Wardens</b> Dick Butler Gary Graber
<b>Shirley Allan</b> Administrative Manager	<b>Daniel Gilman</b> Ministry Intern	John Rayson Shannon Ripley
<b>Jeremiah Smith</b> 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.

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**Financial Update** at April 30:  
Target Offering: \$97,319  
Actual Offering: \$90,736

## ON ABORTION

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Dear friends,  
How we talk about controversial issues is greatly influenced by who we think we are talking to AND who we want to hear us. Please note there can be a tension here! Are we talking to activists on "the other side" who hate us? Are we talking to "true believers" on "our side"? Are we talking to victims? To those on the fence? To the curious? To those leaning toward our position? To those leaning away from our position?

Note that the tension comes when we want to talk to one audience, let's say victims, but we also want the "true believers" and "activists" on "our side" to cheer on what we say. All of this is to say that talking about abortion in Canada can be very difficult. This is even more so in 2015 where we can effortlessly send "whatever we said" to hundreds of people with the click of the mouse.

Mindful of all of this, let me say several things. First of all, with a congregation our size, there are undoubtedly people in the congregation who have either had an abortion or helped/encouraged someone to have an abortion. You are welcome here!

Secondly, Christians accept the biological fact that a human being is a seamless continuity which begins with a fertilized egg in a woman's womb and ends with death. This is a scientific truth which Christians accept. Since what is within the womb is another human being, then that human being deserves to be protected by law and by social custom.

Thirdly, Christians should lend their voices and support to others who want to protect the weakest and most vulnerable in our society - namely, those still within their mother's womb.

Fourthly, until Jesus comes again, Christians will often experience a tension between love and truth, mercy and justice, grace and holiness. We can worry that extending grace will undermine holiness. If you have had an abortion, or encouraged someone to have an abortion - Jesus loves you. He died for you. Jesus wants you to come to Him. Please give your life to Him and know His forgiveness and love. If you are considering having an abortion, please talk to us first. We will do what we can to help you and encourage you as you have the baby.

We want to be sinners now gripped by the Gospel and living for God's glory. We want to choose life for the good of people and the glory of God.  
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) All life comes from God as a gift.
- 2) Out of all created things, human beings alone are made in the image of God.
- 3) Every human being has dignity and worth because God has given us life and made us in His image.

**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 Jesus, You are the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through You. Thank You for the gift of human life when I was conceived in my mother's womb. Thank You for the gift of eternal life to me when I put my faith and trust in You. Thank You for what You did for me on the cross. Please be Lord of my life. Please help me to live for You and for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live," Deuteronomy 30:19

**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.**

Where were you born; what city?

**Getting into the Bible.**

Ask the Father to pour out the Holy Spirit upon you as you read the words of Jesus.

- 1) Read John 10: 1-18 Note verse 10.

**Getting real.**

Has God convicted you in some way as you read His word? Can you share something of this so others can pray for you?

**MON / MAY 4 Jericho Road Coffeehouse**  
7pm @ First Baptist / Elgin & Laurier

**TUE / MAY 5 Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.  
**The House (Home Group)**  
7pm @ 148 Augusta St.  
**Lowertown Home Group**  
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

**WED / MAY 6 Church on Wednesday**  
7pm @ uOttawa, Agora  
**The Wurttemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

**THU / MAY 7 Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

**MON / MAY 11 Jeremy and Kendra Giles Information evening**  
7 - 9pm @ 205 Bolton St. - Apt 308 (The Allan's)  
Come out to hear about the Giles' upcoming mission work with Operation Mobilization in Zambia and how you might be able to support them in their ministry.

**WED / MAY 20 Jeremy and Kendra Giles Information evening**  
7 - 9pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave. (The Ripley's)  
Come out to hear about the Giles' upcoming mission work with Operation Mobilization in Zambia and how you might be able to support them in their ministry.

**SUN / MAY 24 The regular 10 am worship service will be held at 9 am**

We welcome Bishop Charlie Masters and his wife, Judy, as they worship with us this morning. Please stay for a potluck lunch after the service.