



## 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](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, you are welcome to bring 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.

### 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](http://www.canadahelps.org), then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

## TODAY'S SERVICE

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>The Gospel</b>	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 17	John 6:5-14	at the Besserer door.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>Rector</b> Rev. Canon George Sinclair	<b>Worship Leader &amp; Young Adults Leader</b> Jeremiah Smith
<b>Administrative &amp; Communications Manager</b> Amy van Hemmen	<b>Ministry Interns</b> Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman
<b>Wardens:</b> Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace	

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TUE/ APR 1** **Lowertown Home Group**  
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
- Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ APR 2** **Men's Bible Study**  
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
- The Wurttemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
- THU/ APR 3** **How Porn Fuels Rape Culture**  
5:30pm - 6:50pm @ University of Ottawa
- Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:15pm @ Ann Wilson's
- FRI/ APR 4** **Youth Group**  
7:00pm @ Sainte Anne's (340 York St.)
- WED/ APR 9** **Passover Seder**  
Stay tuned for details.
- SUN/ APR 13** **Palm Sunday & Arise Ballet Performance**  
8:00am & 10:00am @ OLT
- FRI/ APR 18** **Good Friday**  
9:30am @ OLT - Family Friendly Service  
10:30am @ OLT - Good Friday Service
- SUN/ APR 20** **Easter Sunday**  
8:00am & 10:00am @ OLT

For more info, visit [messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca), call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at [amy@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:amy@messiahchurch.ca).

### Join the Audiovisual Team!

Church of the Messiah is looking for volunteers to support the Audiovisual Team on Sunday mornings. We need individuals to help with sound, projection, video / audio recording and packing up equipment. If you're interested email [amy@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:amy@messiahchurch.ca).

### Final 2013 Financial Statements

	Total as of Dec. 31, 2013	Total as of Dec. 31, 2012
Operating Fund	\$94,781	\$109,360
Secure Home Fund	\$358,803	\$285,869
Altar Guild Fund	\$2,513	\$3,180

## 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) Every word in the Bible will be proved true.
- Attitude B) Unity is only good if we are united around something good and true.
- Attitude C) God does not want us to have faith in general - He desires we have faith in Jesus.

## 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 help me to not be conformed to this world. Please conform me to Your word. Please transform me by Your word. Please renew my mind by Your word. Please help me to walk in Your good and perfect will to Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12 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,

I usually write my blogs on Friday morning. Sometimes all or part of my blog is "out-of-date" by the time Sunday morning comes around. This happened to me last week. In the blog, I mentioned that we might have to leave our office space by the end of June, but we were hopeful that our time in the offices would be extended. On Sunday morning, before the 8:00am service, I learned what would happen.

Our offices are in the basement of St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church at the corner of Gloucester and Metcalfe. St. Peter & St. Paul's have asked us to be out by June 30, 2014.

So please pray and keep your eyes and ears open, and please share your best wisdom with the Council and me.

First, please pray that God will use us to make disciples gripped by the gospel living for God's glory. Pray that God will build and grow us into a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. Mission and vision comes first! Pray that we, as a church community, will regularly seek to bring glory to God and seek His will for us and seek to walk in step with His will.

Second, please pray that God will provide office and ministry space which serves our mission and vision. We do not want to have space for the sake of having space. Is God calling us to have a small office space while we rent ministry space when it helps a ministry? Is God calling us to have a larger office space which can also be used for some ministry? Is God calling us to have office space and substantial ministry space? Is God calling us to rent space which can be used for office / ministry and Sunday mornings? Is God calling us to enter into a creative partnership with another church or ministry? Does God want us to "think outside the box" and learn to fulfill our mission and vision with no rented ministry / office space? Please pray that God will provide for us. Please pray that we will recognize His leading and His provision. Please share with us any leads you may have.

Third, please pray for the Council and the staff as they take leadership in thinking and praying and talking through these matters. Please pray that Messiah will be daily reformed by God's Word written and revived by a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

To God alone the glory!

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