



## 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 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

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

## 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](mailto: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 "Give" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT APRIL 30, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 99,150

Actual Offering: \$ 91,728

## REFORMATION RESOURCES FOR PENTECOST

Dear friends,

The English Reformation was a movement from God where the Bible reformed the life and teaching of both individual Christians and churches. In this reformation, the reformers recognized and preserved biblical practices and resources from the ages after the Apostolic age. The reformers also developed new resources which were in keeping with the Bible's teaching. The 39 Articles stated key doctrinal truths relevant to Christians at that time. Here is its statement on the Holy Spirit.

Article 5: The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

The Nicene Creed on the Holy Spirit.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets.

One main feature of the English Reformation is that doctrine is prayed. Here is the Collect (prayer) for Pentecost.

GOD, who as at this time did teach the hearts of Your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Another place where doctrine is prayed is in the communion service. A little bit before the Prayer of Institution a "seasonal preface" is added to the prayers. Here is the preface, the doctrinal prayer, for Pentecost.

"Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of many different languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel into all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of You, and Your Son Jesus Christ..."

One big surprise to many is how biblical these old prayers and statements are. We tend to associate the Holy Spirit with emotion and with tongues. The Reformation resources remind us of the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism and in thinking - without by-passing the miraculous. The resources also point us back to the Holy Spirit's role in creating zeal in Christ's people. Please pray that Messiah will be daily reformed by God's Word written and know Holy Spirit revival! George +

## GROWING IN GRACE

### 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) The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father to me, His child by adoption and grace.
- 2) Jesus wants me to live a “go to faith” not a “come to religion”.
- 3) I need to be humbly filled with, and surrendered to, the Holy Spirit.

### 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 Lord, please forgive me for not believing You when You said, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.” Lord, You have kept Your promise in Your death, resurrection and ascension. You have kept Your promise by giving the Holy Spirit to Your disciples. Lord, please help me and all Your children to live filled with your Holy Spirit, dependent on Your Holy Spirit, submitted to Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

### I need to get God’s Word in my mind and heart.

*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. John 16: 7*

### 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.

Have you ever liked to go dancing?

### Getting into the Bible.

Please take a moment to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth.

- 1) Read Acts 2: 1-13
- 2) Read Luke 3: 15-17; 10:2
- 3) Read John 14: 15-28; 16: 4-15
- 4) Read Romans 8: 1-39

### Getting real.

Has the Holy Spirit convicted you in some way or ways? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / MAY 16	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St
TUE / MAY 17	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / MAY 18	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / MAY 19	Old Ottawa South Home Group 7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.  King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI / MAY 20	Men’s Gathering 8pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

**Refugee Response.** We want to assess your interest in helping Messiah-organized refugee support activities. Please complete the yellow survey card (at the coffee station) and place it in the basket there.

**Will you serve?** Are you interested in serving Church of the Messiah on Sunday morning? There are opportunities to serve in a technical capacity (sound board / slides etc) or as an offering counter. Training is provided. Interested? [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

**Please note:** Our regular 10am worship service on May 22 will be held at 9am. The 8am service will begin at 7:45am that day.

**Messiah Women.** Please join us for an afternoon tea party on Saturday, May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30pm at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Sign up at the coffee bar or [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

**Early service attendees: Today is the last Learner’s Exchange for this session!** Stay today to hear Jonathan Camiré speak @ 9:15 about *The flaws and failure of moral relativism* followed by Q&A. Light refreshments will be available.

ARDFC (Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada) is appealing for prayer and financial donations to help those affected by the **wildfires in Fort McMurray**. Many have lost everything. You can donate at: [ardfc.ca/donate.htm](http://ardfc.ca/donate.htm) (Be sure to note that it is for Fort McMurray Fire Relief).