CHURCH of the MESSIAH

Sunday Service with Eucharist · 10:00 a.m.

Messiah Kids Class and Nursery/Pre-K time
held after Opening Worship until Communion

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost · November 15, 2026

Today's Collect:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (page 809 in Church Bible)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 (page 1020 in Church Bible)
(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30 (page 852)
(Responses after Gospel: Glory to You, Lord Christ; Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

Sermon: "The Danger of Disregard." Pastor Ken Shomo

Eucharist and Prayer following Sermon

Reader: *Debbie White*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jim Bohannan, Conway Telfeyan*

Prayer Team: *Marcia Curtis & Julie Hall*

Children's Team: *Janet Nixon, Mary Stern, Wendy O'Rourke, Dottie Cleveland*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S ADVENT WREATH SIGN-UPS: We are still looking for children to serve as candle lighters on December 6, 13, and 20. If your child would like to participate, please sign up at the table near the front entrance. Thank you!

STAFF & CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFT: Help us continue a special Messiah tradition for the 43rd Christmas! The Vestry invites you to join in blessing our clergy and staff with a holiday gift. Any amount is appreciated. Please write "Christmas Gift" in the memo line of your check and send it to the church by December 10. Thank you for your generosity!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Filled boxes can be donated until Nov. 22. For more information, please contact Denise Crews.

FREE CANTABILE CONCERTS: of a capella choral music:

- Friday, November 20 – 7:00 p.m.
  Trinity Lutheran Church, 6001 Granby St., Norfolk
- Saturday, November 21 – 6:30 p.m.
  First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave., Hampton
- Sunday, November 22 – 3:00 p.m.
  Pinecrest Baptist Church, 209 Felton Rd., Portsmouth
- Monday, November 23 – 7:00 p.m.
  New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1552 Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach

Messiah Budget News :
As of October 31, 2026:
Budgeted giving to date: $346,839.70
Actual giving to date: $283,702.21
Under budget by $63,137.49

THIS WEEK at MESSIAH

TODAY
CAST Planning Meeting after services (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)

TUESDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Leadership Class

THURSDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Day Class
7:00 p.m. CBS Evening Class

PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe God answers prayer!
If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a specific need, please complete this tear-off form and place it in the offering box.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs:

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◯ Include in bulletin

◯ Prayer Team only

◯ Prayer Team and bulletin

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you came today! Looking for a church home? We warmly invite you to be part of our church family! To help us get to know you, please complete this tear-off form and drop it in the offering box, or give to a pastor. You may also submit a Connection Card online at: www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact. Questions? Please call us at 757-436-2545. God bless you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted?

◯ Yes, by phone ◯ Yes, by email ◯ No

Check all that apply:

◯ I would like a pastor to contact me.

◯ First-time visitor ◯ Returning visitor

◯ I would like to know more about Church of the Messiah.

◯ I would like to know more about the Christian faith.

◯ I have decided to renew my commitment to Christ.

◯ I would like prayer (see reverse).

My response to today's message:

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11.15.2026

Celebrations!

No Celebrations this week.

Please Pray

Join us in praying for these requests throughout the week.
Requests appear for one month unless requested otherwise.

OUR NATION AND WORLD

- An end to hostilities in Israel and Ukraine, and peace for all people.
- Protection and healing for our nation, and an end to racism and violence.
- Guidance for our leaders in government.
- Help for all affected by war and violence, disease, and natural disasters.
- Spiritual revival at home and abroad.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jim Flynn and family, Mary Lafferty, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders and our members of the military.

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

- Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
- The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga, Democratic Republic of Congo
- David & Betsy, Turkey
- His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras
- CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)
- Edith and Felix Prakash

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of San Joaquin

DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

All Saints' Church · Woodbridge, VA
All Souls Anglican Church · Richmond, VA

If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a special need,
please submit a confidential prayer request online at:
www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact.
Please indicate if you would like your name included in the bulletin, or your request sent only to the Prayer Team.

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Making tangible the life-transforming power of God's love, so that all may come to know Christ.



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