

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost • October 11, 2026



Today’s Collect:

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 (page 605 in pew Bible)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13 (page 1013)
(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

Gospel:
Matthew 22:1-14 (page 848)
(Responses after Gospel: Glory to You, Lord Christ; Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

Sermon: "In Christ, In Spite of Outward Circumstances."· Aaron Bennett

Eucharist and Prayer following Sermon

Reader: Jim Bohannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne and Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Wally, Liz Osgood and Marcia Curtis

Children’s Team: Ken Shomo, Karen Phillips, Cheryl Shomo, Jenny Jenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! We’d love to get to know you! Please fill out the attached Welcome Visitors form and drop it in the offering box at the rear of the sanctuary, or submit a Connection Card online at: www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact.

JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER each Monday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.lyMonday-Prayer.

BISHOP CHRIS WARNER will visit Messiah the last weekend of October. On Sunday, October 25, Bishop Chris will confirm and receive new members. Following the service, we will have a reception to celebrate and welcome Bishop Chris and our new members. Sign-up sheets for needed food items are available in the front hallway. Please plan to join us to welcome Bishop Chris, as well as our new members.

THIS WEEK at MESSIAH

TODAY
12:00 p.m. Connections Class (Room 1)

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

TUESDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Leadership Class
6:30 pm Joyful Noise Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Worship Service Pop UP
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

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

SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. Woman’s Ministry (Room 1)

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:

- ☐ 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: _____

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:

10.11.2026



Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

October 13: Liz Osgood

October 14: Cheryl Shomo

October 16: Crystal Doubler-Cooke

October 18: Keith Menzel

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, 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

Shepherd's Heart Anglican Church · Fairfax, 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.



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



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