



## 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 better, or if you have questions, please fill in this form, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor. You can also submit a Digital Connection Card at [www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

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Would you like to be contacted?

Yes  No  By phone  By email

Please 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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4.26.2026



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

April 27: Tim Maurer

May 03: Jason Mignogna



## Please Pray

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week  
(Prayer requests will 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.
- A movement of revival at home and abroad.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Family of Myra Greggs, Family of Carole Glaize, the Phillips family, the Browns, the Hopkins, the Balches, the Bohannans, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, our members of the military and Sanctuary of Hope.

### 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**

**Miriam Brinckley**, YWAM-Harpenden, England

**CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)**

**Edith and Felix Prakash**, Iceland, Finland, Greece

### WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

**Diocese of San Joaquin**

### AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

**Resurrection Anglican Church**, · Midlothian, VA

**Resurrection Church** · Emporia, 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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact). Please indicate if you would like your prayer request included in the bulletin, sent only to the prayer team, or both.*



*Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.*



**Fourth Sunday Of Easter April 26, 2026**

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**RECTOR:** The Rev. Dr. Martin K. O'Rourke

**Priest:** The Rev. Dr. Jim Brown

**Discipleship Pastor :** The Rev. Dr. Ken Shomo

**DEACON:** The Rev. Tom Sweeney

## WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION

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

In-Person or Livestream at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)  
Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)  
Today's Teachers: Cheryl Shomo, Jenny Jenson, Ken Shomo,  
Denise Call

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**PRAYER:** O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:21-3:13 **Page 527**

**Second Reading:** 1 John 1:5 - 2:6 **Page 1054**

(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

**Gospel:** Luke 15:11-24 **Page 898**

(Responses: Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

**Sermon:** Pursued by LOVE / Pastor Jim Brown

**Reader:** Marcia Curtis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John & Marcia Curtis

**Prayer Team:** Colleen Lucas & Marie Markham

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	CBS Evening Class

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM** will be held today Sunday, April 26, 2026. If you desire to have a baptism, please contact the church office at 436-2545.

**THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS ON THE MESSIAH MEDIA TEAM:** If you are Interested in supporting various ministries using audio or visual resources, this is the Team for you! Contact Debbie DeBose to discuss the many available possibilities.

**PENTECOST PICNIC RETURNS!** Messiah's annual Pentecost picnic returns this year on Sunday, May 24. Volunteers and food will be needed; mark your calendar now and watch for details.



**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK:** We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 pm. See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun!

**THE ULTIMATE TEA**—Ladies of Messiah, save the date and invite your friends to our annual **Women's Spring Tea** on Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the foyer to bring a finger food if possible.



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:** Are you or a family member graduating this year from high school or college? We want to celebrate with you! To include an announcement in the bulletin, email [Messiah@ChurchoftheMessiah.org](mailto: Messiah@ChurchoftheMessiah.org) or call the office at 757-436-2545.

**JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER** each Monday at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to [www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer](http://www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer).

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*We believe God answers prayer! If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, write your request below, tear off the tab, and place it in the offering plate. God bless you!*

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- Prayer team only
- Prayer team and bulletin