



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. Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, ChurchoftheMessiah.org. God bless you!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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:

03.19.2023

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday

March 19: Ellen Belfi
 March 22: Mairi Fredericks
 March 24: Jenny Jenson

Happy Anniversary

March 24: David & Susie Martin

Please Pray

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week
 (Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)*

The people of Turkey and Syria | The People of Ukraine
 Healing for our nation and an end to racism | Protection from Covid-19

Our healthcare workers: Dr. Erin Dooley, Nadeen Frazier, Dr. Christian Markham,
 Ben Stern, Kaylee Stern, Mary Stern, Dr. Kelly Stern, Jessica Taylor,
 Dr. Anthony Wanyoro

Nakita Albritton & Family, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi),
 Josh Corona, Jim Waldman, Misty Taylor, Cat Endicott,
 all of our members of the military,
 and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
David & Betsy, Turkey
His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras

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Please pray for the following churches this week:

New Creation Church • Hagerstown, MD
Philadelphia Mission (Church Plant) • Philadelphia, PA



If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, please submit a confidential Prayer Request online at 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 in Lent • March 19, 2023

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Nile Gomez

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

Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Today's Teachers: *Madelyn Tubbs, Kelly Stern, Jo Ann Woodland*

Monday Prayer Meeting · Online at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3 **Page 558**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:19-25 **Page 866**

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:5-8 **Page 724**

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

Sermon: **Freedom From Depravity** Tim Maurer

Reader: Jim Bohannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Bohannon, Conway Telfeyan

Prayer Team: Colleen Lucas, Susan Nizankiewicz

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	4:00 p.m.	Urgency of the Gospel Evangelism Event (Sanctuary)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Revival Bootcamp (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class

"HUMBLE HEART—HEALED HEART—WHOLE HEART": Our 2023 Lenten sermon series explores how repentance leads to and prepares us for revival. Each Sunday sermon is followed by a Wednesday evening "Revival Bootcamp" expanding on the week's sermon topic. For more information about the sermon series, see the insert or go to www.churchofthemessiah.org/lent-2023.



WE ARE BLESSED TO WELCOME FR. NIGEL MUMFORD to this week's "Revival Bootcamp" session focusing on freedom. Fr. Mumford is an author and international speaker, and founder of "By His Wounds" healing ministry. He served in the UK's Royal Marine Commandos and ministers with the Welcome Home Initiative for veterans suffering from PTSD or moral injury. Please join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



JOIN US FOR SEDER! Our Seder with Holy Eucharist and potluck dinner will be held at Messiah on Saturday, April 1, at 5:00 pm. Helpers and donations are needed: please see [both](#) attendance and volunteer sign-ups in the foyer. Please see the sign up sheet for instructions on what to bring. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 26.

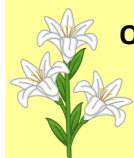
"URGENCY OF THE GOSPEL" EVANGELISTIC EVENT is today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. This Gospel impartation will deliver a salvation message from a team of evangelists, intercessors and worshipers. For details, see www.bit.ly/GospelMessiah.

EASTER LILIES: Help decorate the altar for Easter and honor loved ones by ordering lilies. Your \$14 donation (non-deductible) includes a dedication in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, and you may take your plant home after service. Please use the attached form and place it in the collection box. You may also place your order online at www.churchofthemessiah.org/lilies.

JOYFUL NOISE: We will meet next Tuesday, March 28, on Zoom. In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — we always need helpers to set up, distribute pizza and drinks, clean up, and share God's love with our members! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun!

PURE DESIRE MINISTRIES ONLINE GROUPS offer a safe and confidential space for men and women to address unwanted sexual behaviors or betrayal trauma. The groups are led by trained and vetted leaders who have personally walked through the recovery and healing journey. To learn more or to join a group, visit www.puredesire.org.

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.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH NAKITA ALBRITTON on the passing of her father, Milton, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 9. Please pray for Nakita and her family. Cards may be sent to Nakita at 104 Jeremy Way, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase and dedicate lilies to decorate the altar on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form, detach it, and place it in the offering box along with your payment. If you cannot pay today, please indicate this below and bring your payment by Easter Sunday. The cost is \$14 per plant (non-deductible) and you may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service.

Given by:

Dedication: To the Glory of God and

☐ In honor of: _____

☐ In memory of: _____

☐ In thanksgiving for: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

☐ Check* ☐ Cash

*Please write "Lilies" in check memo line.

☐ Please order and I will pay later.

Holy Week at Messiah

SEDER — April 1

Seder with Holy Eucharist and Dinner | 5 pm | Fellowship Hall

Craig Stern will lead us through the Passover Seder, celebrating God's setting Israel free from bondage, and our redemption by Jesus, the Passover Lamb.

The Seder will include a potluck dinner and Holy Eucharist. This is a meaningful, educational and fun event for family and friends.

PALM SUNDAY — April 2

Processional & Worship Service | 10 am | Sanctuary

Together we will commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem with a palm branch procession, then turn our focus to the events leading up to the Crucifixion with a special reading.

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 6

Maundy Thursday Service | 7 pm | Sanctuary

This modified instructional Eucharist commemorates the institution of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. The service includes the "stripping of the altar," Eucharist and foot washing.

GOOD FRIDAY — April 7

Meditation Service | 12pm - 3 pm | Sanctuary

Come for all or part of this solemn service, which features brief meditations every 30 minutes.

Good Friday Service | 7 pm | Sanctuary

We will be joined by Bishop Chris Warner at this service, which features readings, music and the nailing of the cross to help us appreciate Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Children will have their own Good Friday experience.

. EASTER SUNDAY — April 9

Resurrection Sunday Worship Service | 10 am | Sanctuary

Don't miss this joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection, which includes a special procession by our children and "Flowering of the Cross." The children will have a special celebration with an Easter message, activities and egg hunt.

2023 Lent Sermon Series



God is moving!

We see this at Asbury College and other campuses, and also inside our own church. Both Pastor Nile and I sense that God is pouring out His Spirit. So how do we enter into a move of God? Every revival is characterized by **repentance**. In the 2019 Book of Common Prayer, the invitation to Lent is to the observance of a holy Lent: by **self-examination and repentance**; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. These godly practices will help prepare us for a move of God. So, Lent is an ideal time to prepare and equip ourselves for an outpouring of God's Spirit.

In our Lenten program, we will lay out a biblical foundation for revival each Sunday, followed by how to experience it each Wednesday. For example, we will teach about healing one Sunday; then at that Wednesday's "Boot Camp for Revival," we will learn to pray for people to be healed and experience healing ourselves. Please make every effort to join us for this Lenten program, as we believe it will impact your life and the outreach of our church.

— Pastor Marty

Sunday Sermons

February 26
Self-Examination
& Confession

March 5
Repentance

March 12
Healing

March 19
Freedom

March 26
Revival & Fullness

Revival Bootcamp Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

March 1
Experience Self-Examination
& Confession

March 8
Experience Repentance & Cleansing

March 15
Experience Healing

March 22
Experience Freedom

March 29
Experience Revival & Fullness

KEY SCRIPTURES

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Chronicles 7:14

... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Humble repentance is a necessary stage in God's ultimate aim to forgive and heal. Another essential element in the process is God's promise to hear prayer.

Psalms 51:10-17

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.
Save me from bloodguilt, O God,
the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.