



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:

03.12.2023

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday

- March 13: Peggy Evans
Kathy Hopkins
- March 15: Christopher Moore

Happy Anniversary

- March 12: Carmen & Charles Baldwin
- March 15: Karen & Gary Phillips
- March 16: Crystal & Ray Cooke
- March 18: Anne & Marshall Crow

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

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Please pray for the following churches this week:

Korean Anglican Church in Maryland • Baltimore, MD
Light of Christ Anglican Church • Heathsville, VA



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.



Third Sunday in Lent • March 12, 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: *Pastor Ken Shomo, Jill Marcoux*

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 **Page 138**

Second Reading: Psalm 86 **Page 442**

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

Gospel: John 4:5-26, 39-42 **Page 791**

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

Sermon: **With All Your Heart** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Chris Woodland, Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Revival Bootcamp (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Urgency of the Gospel Evangelism Training (Sanctuary)



TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF LOLA GAIL NIXON, daughter of Mandy Nixon, granddaughter of Jim & Janet Nixon, and great-niece of Chris and Jo Ann Woodland. If you have a scripture or word of encouragement for Lola in her Christian walk, please write it on the enclosed form and give it to her family.

"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. Wednesday "Bootcamp" sessions will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. For more information about the sermon series, see the insert or go to www.churchofthemessiah.org/lent-2023.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETINGS start this Saturday, March 18, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. These monthly meetings will include bible studies, discussions, and prayer, focusing on developing relationships with our sisters in Christ. Meetings will be the third Saturday of each month at 10 am.

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 signups in the foyer. Please see the sign up sheet for instructions on what to bring. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 26.



COME TO "THE WELL" THIS FRIDAY! The Well Coffeehouse is a live Christian music venue in Portsmouth, where Tim & Seiko Maurer perform and host an open mic every third Friday of the month from 6-9 pm. The Well is located at 4351 Portsmouth Blvd. in Portsmouth.

WEAR GREEN TO JOYFUL NOISE ON TUESDAY! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm for pizza, fun activities and a special talk! In-person meetings are 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. We meet online via Zoom the fourth Tuesday of the month.

"URGENCY OF THE GOSPEL" EVANGELISTIC EVENT will take place at Messiah next Sunday, March 19, starting at 4:00 pm. This city-wide Gospel impartation will deliver a salvation message from a team of evangelists, intercessors and worshipers. There will also be free evangelistic training on Saturday, March 18, from 10 am to 12 pm (registration required) To learn more, visit www.bit.ly/GospelMessiah.



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.

Holy Week at Messiah

Mark your calendars for these special events as we approach Easter.

SEDER — April 1

Seder with Holy Eucharist and Dinner
5 pm | Fellowship Hall

PALM SUNDAY — April 2

Processional & Worship Service
10 am | Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 6

Maundy Thursday Service
7 pm | Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY — April 7

Stripping of the Altar
& Meditation Service
3 pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service
7 pm | Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY — April 9

Resurrection Sunday Worship Service
10 am | Sanctuary



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.

Psalm 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.