



**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!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 03.23.2025

# Celebrations

## Happy Birthday

- March 24: Jenny Jenson
- March 27: Jane Crews
- March 28: Kelly Stern
- March 29: Gary Phillips



## 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 peace and healing 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:

Susan Bohannon, Debi Balch, Chris Woodland, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Burt Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, all our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

### 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)**

### WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

**Diocese of San Joaquin**

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

**Christ the Saviour Anglican Church** · Mount Vernon, Va  
**Church of the Apostles Anglican** · 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](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.*



## Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

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## 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: Pastor Ken Shomo, Aaron Bennett

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

### Third Sunday in Lent · March 23, 2025

**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 16: 16-17 **Page 142**

Malachi 3: 10 **Page 713**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 15-16 **Page 871**

Galatians 6: 10 **Page 868**

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 25: 14-30 **Page 738**

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

**Sermon:** Overflowing abundance, the heart of Christian giving/ Tim Maurer

**Reader:** Jim Bohannan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Bohannan, Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

### 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	7:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Lecture Series (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	CBS Evening Class



**LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES:** Join us in person or online at **6:30 p.m.** this Wednesday, March 26, to hear Pastor Durant Kreider speak about "Walking Like Jesus" See the insert for details; you can also visit [www.churchofthemessiah.org/transformed](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/transformed).

**EASTER LILIES:** Help decorate the altar for Easter and honor loved ones by ordering lilies. Your \$15 donation (non-deductible) includes a dedication in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, and you may take your lily home after service. Please fill out and place the attached form in the collection box.

**SEDER WITH HOLY EUCHARIST AND POTLUCK DINNER** is Saturday, April 12, at 5:00 pm. Please see both attendance and volunteer signups in the foyer, along with instructions on what to bring. Reservations must be made April 6, 2025.

**FAMILY PLAY AND PIZZA DATE:** Come join the fun after church on Sunday March 30, at 12:15 p.m. at City View Park ( East Playground). RSVP to Lauren (703) 217-2243.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT:** Donations of candy, stickers and plastic eggs are needed.. (No Nuts, please!) Your generosity will make this a special event on easter Sunday/

**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK:** We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm.

**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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### HOLY WEEK 2025

Mark your calendar for the activities and services leading up to Easter Sunday!

Saturday, April 12: **Seder with Holy Eucharist & Potluck** | 5 pm

Sunday, April 13: **Palm Sunday Worship Service** | 10 am

Thursday, April 17: **Maundy Thursday Service** | 7 pm

Friday, April 18: **Good Friday Meditation** | 12 pm - 3 pm

**Good Friday Service** | 7 pm

Sunday, April 20: **Easter Sunday Worship Service** | 10 am

## 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 \$15 per plant (non-deductible) and you may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service.*

**Given by:**

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**Dedication:** To the Glory of God and

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of plants ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check\*     Cash

*\*Please write "Lilies" in check memo line.*

Please order and I will pay later.