



## 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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\_\_\_\_\_ 1.11.2026



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

January 12: Owen Bennett  
January 18: Denise Crews  
Arthur Devine

## 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:

The Brown family, the Hopkins family, the Balch family, the Bohannon family, the Knight family, Chris Woodland, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and her son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, 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:

**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.*



## The First Sunday of Epiphany January 11, 2026

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:** 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: Kelly Stern, Carole Menzel,  
Craig Stern, Karen Phillips

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

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**PRAYER:** Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; 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 60:1-9 **Page 640**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 4:10-11 **Page 1065**

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 **Page 828**

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

**Sermon:** **Epiphany: Laying Our Crowns at the Feet of Jesus**  
Pastor Marty O’Rourke

**Reader:** Chris Woodland

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne & Marshall Crow

**Prayer Team:** Chris & Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Tuesday	9:15 am	CBS Day Class
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Noise (FH)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 am	Women’ Ministry (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN’S GATHERING THIS SATURDAY:** All ladies of Messiah are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 am. This is a precious opportunity for women to come together and dive into God's word, share experiences, engage in heartfelt conversations, and lift each other up in prayer.

**JOYFUL NOISE NEXT MEETS THIS TUESDAY!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 pm for pizza, followed by fun activities and a special talk! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — helpers are always needed! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS** will be held Sunday, February 1. Up to two new Vestry members may be elected this year, so please begin to prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. Please see the enclosed insert for guidelines for Vestry nominees.

**JOIN THE C.A.S.T.!** Help Messiah and the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team provide food, shelter, and compassionate care to those in need during the week of **February 11–18**. Please consider joining us or co-leading one of our teams. There are several ways to support our efforts—even if you are unable to be present while we are hosting guests. If you're able to help connect with Naketa at (804) 252-1865.



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**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).

**CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2025** will be available soon.

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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- ☐ Include in bulletin
- ☐ Prayer team only
- ☐ Prayer team and bulletin