



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:

01.21.2024

CELEBRATIONS

We have no birthday or anniversary celebrations this week!

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:

Fr. Nigel Mumford, the Family of John Dooley, Sandi Greeley (mother of Bob Greeley), Mary Lafferty, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, 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
Miriam Brinckley, Ireland
CMJ (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

The Rev. Canon Andrew Gross, Canon for Communications in the ACNA

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Immanuel Anglican Church · Woodbridge, VA
Incarnation Anglican Church · Arlington, 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. 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 Third Sunday of Epiphany • January 21, 2024

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Pastor 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
Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)
Today's Teachers: Doris Gomez, Jill Marcoux

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Exodus 33:1-6, 12-17 **Page 67**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 **Page 869**

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

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 **Page 743**

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

Sermon: Lord, Teach Us to REALLY Pray! Rev. David Martin

Reader: Debbie White

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

Prayer Team: Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class

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HELP PREPARE A 40-DAY LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS by writing a devotional on one of 40 passages from the Gospel of Mark. After you've read and prayed over your passage, write a brief explanation (360 word maximum) of how it might apply to Lent and our lives at home, at work or at school. These will be gathered together into a booklet to be used throughout the coming Lent season. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer; only one person/family may sign up for each passage. Please submit your devotionals to messiah@churchofthemessiah.org by February 7. While electronic formats are preferred, hard copies will also be accepted.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS will be held Sunday, February 4. 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 insert for guidelines for Vestry nominees. The list of eligible voters is posted outside the office; please contact the church office with any questions or changes.



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.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE NEXT WEEK. Join us on Zoom next Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 pm. This is the FIFTH Tuesday of January; we will return to our regular schedule in February. Helpers are always needed at our in-person meetings 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 join the fun!

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2023 will be available soon.

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.

MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of December 31, 2023:	Year to Date Required:	\$382,113.06
	Year to Date Received:	<u>415,227.00</u>
	Overage of:	\$33,113.94

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!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs: _____

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