



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:

_____ 09.24.2023



Happy Birthday

- September 25: Ann Lucier
- September 28: John Murdock
- September 30: Crystal Otter

Happy Anniversary

- September 30: Rita & Tony Blackburn

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:

- 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:

Phillip Mansell (brother of Misty Taylor), Ginny Farris, Jill Marcoux & Family, Paul Greggs (son of Myra Greggs), Ruth Thomas, Tony Blackburn, 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

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (Reformed Episcopal Church)

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

St. Thomas Anglican Church · Gainesville, VA
The Falls Church Anglican · Falls Church, 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.



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost • September 24, 2023

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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: *Madelyn Tubbs, Colleen Lucas, Mary Stern*

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Proverbs 2:1-11 **Page 473**

Second Reading: James 1:19-27 **Page 897**

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

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27 **Page 722**

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

Sermon: **Overcoming Deceit** Pastor Ken Shomo

Reader: Jim Bohannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Bohannon, Chris Woodland

Prayer Team: Julie Hall, Ellen Belfi

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class

CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS STARTS TODAY!

If you've recently started attending Messiah or haven't attended a Connections Class, this 5-week course covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. Lunch is included! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after today's service.



MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS: Join us on Zoom each Monday at 7:00 pm to pray for our congregation, community, country, and world. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK. Join us on Zoom this Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm. Joyful Noise meets in-person on 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! Zoom meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month. See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and join the fun!



THE MEN OF MESSIAH will next meet on Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 am. Plan to come join time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer! The Men's Ministry meets the first Saturday of each month.

DATE CHANGE FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY: The October ladies' gathering has been changed to October 14. Please mark your calendar and plan to join this time fellowship, discussion, sharing, and prayer. This is a wonderful way to develop relationships with our sisters in Christ. We look forward to this special time with you!



CYBER-SECURITY CLASS: The Norfolk Field Office of the FBI will hold a presentation on computer security and online safety, and awareness of common cyber crimes and frauds that target communities in the Hampton Roads area. The event will be held at Messiah on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. Please sign up in the foyer.



BISHOP CHRIS AND CATHERINE WARNER will visit Messiah the last weekend of October. On Sunday, October 29, Bishop Chris will confirm and receive new members. Details to come about other activities during their visit. Please plan to join us to welcome Bishop Chris and Catherine, as well as our new members.

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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