



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:

_____ 11.26.2023

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

November 28: Marshall Crow
November 30: Rose Marie Bohs
December 2: Pastor Marty O'Rourke

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:

Carole Menzel & Family, The Family of Tony Blackburn, The Kamiru Family, Mary Lafferty, Viola McKinlay, Ruth Thomas, 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 Provincial Office

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Church of the Apostles Anglican • Fairfax, VA
Church of the Ascension • Kearneysville, WV

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 Last Sunday After Pentecost • November 26, 2023

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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, Wendy O’Rourke

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

The Last Sunday After Pentecost (Christ the King) · November 26, 2023

PRAYER: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Psalm 32:1-7 **Page 413**

Second Reading: James 5:13-20 **Page 899**

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 **Page 739**

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

Sermon: **Overcoming through Prayer, Confession and Restoration** Pastor Marty O’Rourke

Reader: Jim Bohannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Bohannon, Chris Woodland

Prayer Team: Colleen Lucas, Marie Markham

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	CAST Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Mara Crabtree Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class
Saturday	12:00 pm	Tony Blackburn Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)



CAST UPDATE MEETING TODAY AFTER CHURCH! Please come to the Fellowship Hall after today’s service for a brief update on CAST, our homeless outreach taking place the week of January 3-10. Volunteer signups are in the foyer; you can also learn more about this compassionate outreach at www.churchofthemessiah.org/cast2023.

COAT DRIVE: Sanctuary of Hope is holding a coat and blanket drive. If you have new or gently-used coats or blankets, place your donations in the box in the foyer.



ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! Sign up in the foyer for children to light Advent wreath candles and read special scriptures. Parents will need to accompany and help their children light the candles. Advent booklets are available so readers can practice beforehand.

STAFF & CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFT: Please seek the Lord about contributing towards a gift to our superlative staff and clergy. If led, place your contribution in the offering box or mail it to the church. It should be received by December 10. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Messiah with “Staff & Clergy Gift” on the memo line.

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Messiah ladies, join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 9, for a potluck brunch, Christmas carols, and a special message highlighting our theme, “Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All.” If you can, please bring a dish to share and a present in a gift bag for needy children at Sanctuary of Hope. Guests are welcome!



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SONG: Messiah kids will present a song to the church on Sunday, December 17. Please have your children wear a costume related to the nativity scene (angels, shepherds, wise men, etc.) and arrive 45 minutes early at 9:15 am to practice before the service. See Ken Shomo or Wendy O’Rourke for questions.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK. Join us on Zoom at 7:00 pm this Tuesday, November 28. Joyful Noise meets in-person 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.

MEN’S MINISTRY NEXT MEETS DECEMBER 30. The December Men’s Ministry meeting has been moved down to Saturday, December 30, at 10:00 am. Please adjust your calendar so you don’t miss this time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer.



CHANUKAH BEGINS DECEMBER 7! Cards are available in the foyer to send Chanukah greetings to your Jewish friends or family members.

OUR SYMPATHIES ARE WITH KEITH AND CAROLE MENZEL on the passing of Carole’s brother, Chuck Blue, who went to be with Jesus on November 14 after a courageous battle with cancer. Please keep the family in prayer. Cards may be sent to the Menzels at 552 River Gate Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23322.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF TONY BLACKBURN will be held at Messiah on December 2 at 12:00 pm. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service.

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