



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:

_____ 7.26.2026

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

July 28: Jim Bohannon
July 29: Nayeli Valdez
August 1: Brad Balch

Happy Anniversary

July 30: Bob & Alicia Greeley
August 1: Pastor Marty &
Wendy O'Rourke
Jon & Patricia Paul

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 Ukraine, and peace 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:

Tacie Phillips and family, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, our members of the military and Sanctuary of Hope .

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)
Edith and Felix Prakash

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of San Joaquin

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Church of the Good Shepherd • Charlottesville, VA
Church of the Good Shepherd • Lynchburg, 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.*



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 26, 2026

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RECTOR: The Rev. Dr. Martin K. O'Rourke

Priest: The Rev. Dr. Jim Brown

Discipleship Pastor : 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
Children’s Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)
Today’s Teachers: Jenny Jenson, Kelly Stern,
Craig & Karen Stern

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PRAYER: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 2 **Page 463**

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

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 **Page 904**

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

Sermon: God, the Gospel and the World Powers/
Pastor Ken Shomo

Readers: Marcia Curtis

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Woodland & John Curtis

Prayer Team: Marie Markham & Marcia Curtis

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MARTY’S LAST SERVICE AS RECTOR will be Sunday morning, August 30. Messiah members are cordially invited to attend a celebration to honor Marty and Wendy that evening at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. If possible, please bring a dessert or cookies. Helpers are needed; please see Marcia Curtis.



SAVE THE DATE: Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 4. Since there is an 8-week waiting period between donations, regular donors may want adjust their schedules in order to participate in our drive. More details about the drive are to come; in the meantime, please direct questions to drive coordinator Marcia Curtis.

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. We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00 pm. In-person meetings are 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! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



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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