



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:

_____ 03.09.2025

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

- March 10 : Matt Bulloch
- March 11: Mark Seavy
- March 13: Peggy Evans & Kathy Hopkins
- March 15: Christopher Moore



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:

Susan Bohannan, Debi Balch, Chris Woodland, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Burt Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, 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:

Christ the King• Alexandria, Va
Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church • Dillsburg, 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.



First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025

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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: Wendy O'Rourke, Jo Ann

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 5-11 **Page 148**

Second Reading: Roman's 10:4-13 **Page 843**

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

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 **Page 764**

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

Sermon: The Speed of Love / Pastor Jim Brown

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Bohannon, Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Chris & Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 am	Women's Ministry Gathering (Fellowship Hall)



Officer Cameron Girvin & Officer Christopher Reese: Va Beach Police Department 4th Precinct were killed in the line of duty. If you would like to show your love and concern by mailing a card for the families of our fallen heroes the 4th Precinct mailing address is: 5152 Lobaugh Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON THIS WEEK! Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, March 11, 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.

WOMEN'S GATHERING THIS SATURDAY: All ladies of Messiah are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, March 15, 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.



Walk for Life Ambassador Needed! Would you like to serve the Crisis Pregnancy Center through being our church's ambassador for this year's Walk for Life? The Walk for Life that takes place in April this year so an ambassador is needed soon to help keep our church connected. Please contact Ken Shomo (757) 309-3739.

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.

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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

Becoming Like Christ



What is God's purpose for His people? He wants us to become like Christ.

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29 NLT)

Why does God want us to become more like Christ? The more we do, the greater will be our joy, our sense of purpose, our fulfillment, and our capacity to love as He loves us. This Lenten study is designed to encourage us in spiritual habits that will enable us to become more like Jesus. Join us **Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

March 9 - Sunday - The Speed of Love - Pastor Jim Brown

March 12 - Wednesday - Praying Like Jesus - Chaplain Bob Fox

March 16 - Sunday - What Must Go So I Can Become Like Jesus - Pastor Marty

March 19 - Wednesday - Walking Like Jesus - Pastor Jimmy Brockway

March 23 - Sunday - The "Why" of Giving - Tim Maurer

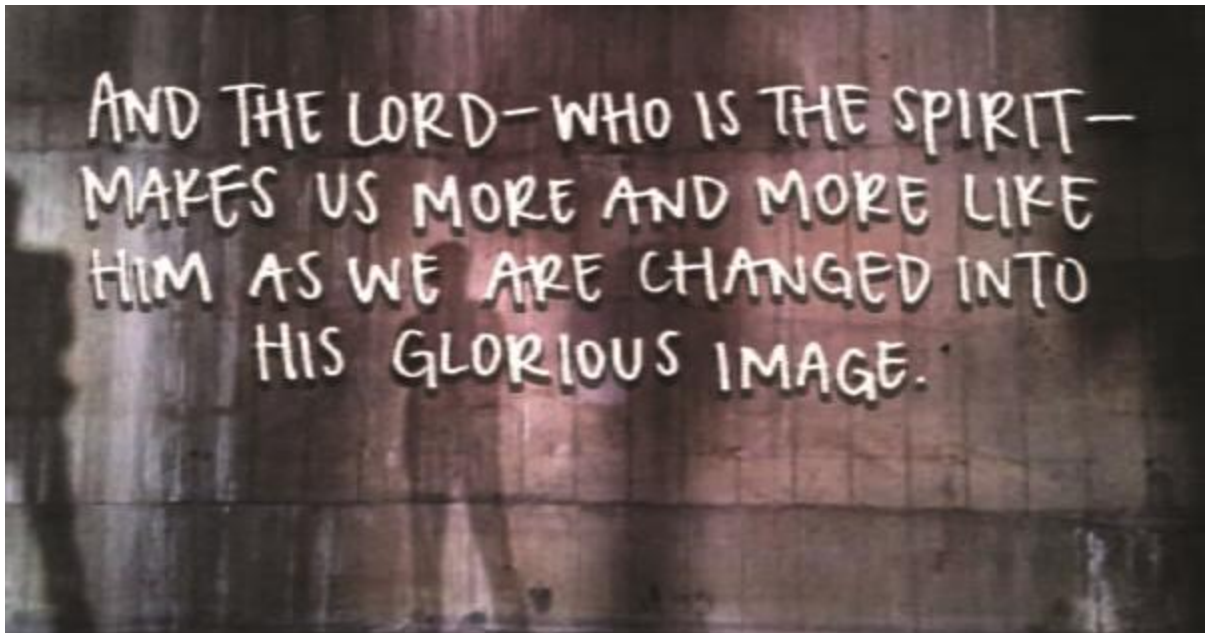
March 26 - Wednesday - Giving Like Jesus - Pastor Durant Kreider

March 30 - Sunday - Spending Time Alone Like Jesus - Pastor Ken Shomo

April 2 - Wednesday - Listening Like Jesus - Pastor Ron Jones

April 6 - Sunday - How Scripture Forms Us to Be Like Christ - Chaplain David Martin

April 9 - Wednesday - The "Why" Behind Scripture - Aaron Bennett



FOLLOW-THROUGH STRATEGIES

- Write down what you sense the Lord wants you to focus on this Lent. (Be specific.)
- Ask the Lord to enable you to fulfill your Lenten goal of becoming more like Christ.
- Walk through Lent with the Body of Christ by attending Sundays and Wednesdays.
- On a card, write a scripture relevant to your goal and read it daily.
- Find a prayer partner to pray with you and for you to fulfill your goal.
- Do a thematic Bible study on your goal.
- Ask a pastor or leader to recommend a book or study related to your goal.
- Find a coach to interview and encourage you in the implementation of your goal.