



**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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

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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:

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11.19.2023

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Happy Birthday**

- November 19: Zechariah Shields
- November 22: Susie Martin
- November 26: Penni Pike

**Happy Anniversary**

- November 25: Julie & Therian Hall

*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:**

The Family of Tony Blackburn, The Kamiru Family, 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:**

- Christ the Savior Church · Glen Burnie, MD**
- Christ the Saviour Anglican Church · Mt. Vernon, 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](http://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.*



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost • November 19, 2023**

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** The Rev. Nile Gomez

**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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)

Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Today's Teachers: Pastor Ken & Cheryl Shomo, Denise & Michael Crews

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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**PRAYER:** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Psalm 39:4-5 **Page 418**

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-12 **Page 899**

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

**Gospel:** John 9:1-6 **Page 798**

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

**Sermon:** **Overcoming Suffering** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

**Reader:** Vivian Hayes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vivian Hayes, Cherry Jenson

**Prayer Team:** Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
Friday		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

### MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of October 31:	Year to Date Required:	\$317,226.66
	Year to Date Received:	<u>346,499.44</u>
	Overage of:	\$29,272.78

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Thank you to all who donated gifts and money to Operation Christmas Child! Today, Messiah's children will pack up shoeboxes to send to needy children around the world, sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way.

**CAST NEEDS YOU!** Messiah will host 40-50 homeless people the week of January 3-10. Volunteer descriptions and signups are in the foyer; you can also visit [www.churchofthemessiah.org/cast2023](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/cast2023) to learn more about this compassionate outreach.



**COAT DRIVE:** Our sister church, Sanctuary of Hope, is holding a coat and blanket drive. If you have new or gently-used coats or blankets, donations may be placed in the box in the foyer.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** The office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 23-24. The clergy and staff wish you a happy holiday and give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings He provides throughout the year.

**ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 3!** If you would like your child(ren) to light Advent wreath candles and/or read special scriptures, please sign up in the foyer. Parents of candle lighters will need to accompany their children and help them light the candles. Readers can take home an Advent booklet to practice before their scheduled service.



**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!



**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 time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF TONY BLACKBURN,** who went to be with Jesus on November 4. A memorial service will be held at Messiah on December 2 at 12:00 pm. Cards may be sent to 1097 Meadow Grove Trail, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

**PLEASE KEEP THE KAMIRU FAMILY IN PRAYER** on the passing of John's mother, Florence Wambui Kamiru, who went to be with Jesus on November 2. Cards may be sent to the Kamirus at P.O. Box 531, Norfolk, VA 23501.

## 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!*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Include in bulletin

Prayer team only

Prayer team and bulletin