



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:

11.05.2023

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

November 8: Ray Ross

November 11: Yuko Mileo

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:

Ruth Thomas, the family of Phillip Mansell (brother of Misty Taylor), 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
CMJ (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:
Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:
Christ Church Vienna · Vienna, VA
Christ the King · Alexandria, 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.



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost • November 5, 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: *Pastor Ken Shomo, Jonathan Bekker*

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 42:5-9 **Page 541**

Second Reading: James 4:1-12 **Page 898**

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

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 **Page 736**

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

Sermon: **Overcoming Worldly Desires** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Cherry Jenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

Prayer Team: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED make Bishop Chris's visit and the reception/reaffirmations of our new members a blessed, Spirit-filled time of worship, celebration, and fellowship. **Special thanks go to Marcia Curtis and Debbie DeBose** for their tireless work in planning, organizing, and running multiple events over the weekend.



JOIN US FOR OUR FALL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH following today's service. We are excited to welcome a visit from our missionaries to a country that is closed to the Gospel. We will also have special videos and updates from CMJ in Israel, Aaron & Winnie Horvat in Croatia; and Miriam Brinckley in Ireland; plus a report from Rob Bruner, who is on the board of His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras.

PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX FOR A CHILD IN NEED! We are participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year! This is a chance to bless children who might not get gifts otherwise with fun and useful age-appropriate gifts.

You can bring loose gifts for us to pack November 19, or fill your own shoebox, or wait until we get red & green shoeboxes in to get one to fill. Helpers will be needed on packing day, November 19. If you have questions, please speak with Denise Crews on Sunday, or contact her at denisemarieqalloway@gmail.com or (616) 212-7250.



"CAST-ING CALL" NOVEMBER 12! Messiah will be hosting up to 50 homeless individuals and families the week of January 3-10, and we need YOU! Please come to a short informational meeting next Sunday, November 12, right after the service in the Sanctuary. This brief meeting will cover an overview of CAST, different volunteer roles, and needed supplies. Volunteer sign-up sheets and donation needs will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

- Our next **MESSIAH WOMEN'S GATHERING** will be Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 am.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:00 am, Church of the Messiah Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch. Invitations and details to follow.

LIVING WATERS is a discipleship and prayer ministry that addresses the roots of sexual and relational issues that ensnare Christians into unhealthy living. Anyone seeking healing can learn more about this 20-week closed group experience at www.DesertStream.org/Living-Waters.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON NOVEMBER 14: Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 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!

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