



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:

12.28.2025



Happy Birthday

December 30: Bob Brennan

December 31: Therian Hall

January 1: Gary Taylor

Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

December 29: Aaron & Winnie Horvat

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 Brown family, the Hopkins family, the Balch family, the Bohannon family, the Knight family, Chris Woodland, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and her son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, 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:

Resurrection Anglican Church, • Midlothian, VA

Resurrection Church • Emporia, 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 of Christmas December 28, 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: Ken & Cheryl Shomo, Dottie Cleveland,
Jenny Jenson

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

The First Sunday of Christmas · December 28, 2025

PRAYER: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 34:10-14, 27-28 **Page 77**
Second Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 **Page 680**

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

Gospel: Luke 22:14-20 **Page 905**

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

Sermon: **The Incarnation Established A New Covenant**
Rev. David Martin

Reader: John Curtis

Eucharistic Ministers: John & Marcia Curtis

Prayer Team: Marie Markham, Susie Martin

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today 10:00 am Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Thursday NEW YEAR’S DAY — OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANKS TO ALL who have helped make this Advent and Christmas season so special! This includes our Worship and Multimedia Teams, Altar Guild, Children’s Ministry, Joyful Noise volunteers, Outreach Ministry, Women’s Ministry, and our dedicated clergy and staff. God bless you!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE: The clergy and staff of Messiah wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the generous financial gifts, as well as cards, goodies, prayers, and other expressions of encouragement and love. May God richly bless you throughout the coming year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1. The clergy and staff of Messiah wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!

EPIPHANY PRAYER MEETING: Plan now to join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 6, to pray that God will use us in the coming year to bring the Good News of His love to our community and the world.

JOIN THE C.A.S.T.! Help Messiah and the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team provide food, shelter, and compassionate care to those in need during the week of **February 11–18**. Please consider joining us or co-leading one of our teams. There are several ways to support our efforts— even if you are unable to be present while we are hosting guests. In addition, we are helping this Thursday, **from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**, so C.A.S.T. guests have a warm, safe place to stay **on New Year’s Day**. If you’re able to help connect with Naketa at (804) 252-1865.



ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. There will be no online prayer meetings on December 29 or January 5. Join us next on Zoom on January 12.

YEAR-END IS APPROACHING along with the deadline to make tax-deductible contributions for 2024. Please remember that gifts must be dropped off or post-marked on or before December 31. Thank you!

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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