



## 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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\_\_\_\_\_ 1.25.2026



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

January 28: Aubree Shields

January 29: Mary Lafferty

January 31: Leilani Cleveland

## 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:

Family of Carole Glaize, the Phillips family, the Browns, the Hopkins, the Balches, the Bohannans, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, our members of the military, and our companion church 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)**

### 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](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.*



## The Third Sunday of Epiphany January 25, 2026

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**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: Cheryl Shomo, Lauren Coleman,  
Aaron Bennett , Denise Call

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

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**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:** Proverbs 3:1-10 **Page 543**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:12-17 **Page 972**

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

**Gospel:** John 10:7-11 **Page 922**

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

**Sermon:** **Wisdom: The Door to Abundant Life**  
Pastor Jim Brown

**Reader:** Debbie White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Conway Telfeyan, John Curtis

**Prayer Team:** Marie Markham, Marcia Curtis

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Online via Zoom)
Tuesday	9:15 am	CBS Day Class
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS** will be held Sunday, February 1. New Vestry members will be elected this year, so please begin to prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. Please see the enclosed insert for guidelines for Vestry nominees.

**JOYFUL NOISE DATE CHANGE:** We will meet in person Tues., **Feb. 3** instead of Feb. 10, to allow set-up for CAST. Our regular Zoom meeting is Tues., Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.

**JOIN THE C.A.S.T.! HELP FEED THE LORD’S SHEEP:** Please consider pledging to donate food and related items to homeless people during CAST by signing up in the foyer. There are sign-up sheets for breakfast, lunch, and dinner food; serve-ware; personal items; and cleaning supplies. Please note requested quantities, delivery dates and delivery locations. Also please consider volunteering to support CAST by signing up on the volunteer sheets still on the table in the foyer. **THANK YOU!**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be here Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

**Baby Bottles** for Crisis Pregnancy Center’s LifeChange campaign are available in the foyer. Bottles can be filled with spare change, currency, or checks (made out to Crisis Pregnancy Center). Bottles are due back by February 8.



**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](http://www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer).

**NEXT YOUTH MEETING** is Fri., Feb. 27, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**WOMEN’S GROUP DATES:** Plan to join us the third Sat. of each month: Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, and May 16 for our Spring Tea.

**PRAY FOR TACIE PHILLIPS** and family, as her son David Smith (Steven’s brother) went to be with the Lord. A Celebration of Life Service was held here yesterday. Cards may be sent to 711 Indian Creek Rd., Ches., VA 23322

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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☐ Include in bulletin

☐ Prayer team only