



## 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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\_\_\_\_\_ 2.1.2026



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

February 5 : Wavy Riggs

## 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 Myra Greggs, 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,



*Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.*



## The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany February 1, 2026

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: The Rev. Dr. 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: Mary Lafferty, Jenny Jenson  
Ken Shomo , Jo Ann Woodland

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

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**PRAYER:** O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Psalm 27:11-14 **Page 475**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18 **Page 1034**

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

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40 **Page 880**

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

**Sermon:** **WAITING ON THE LORD** / Pastor Marty O’Rourke

**Reader:** Conway Telfeyan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cherry & Ron Jenson

**Prayer Team:** Anne & Marshall Crow

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
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Nosie (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE CHANGE :** Messiah’s annual meeting and Vestry elections will be held **next Sunday immediately** following announcements. Special thanks go to our outgoing Vestry members: **Marc Bagwell, Drew Bohs** and **Susie Martin**. Please review the enclosed biographies of our Vestry candidates.

**JOYFUL NOISE DATE CHANGE:** Our Valentine’s Party is this **Tues., Feb. 3** (instead of Feb. 10, to allow set-up for CAST). Helpers and donations are welcome!



**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.

**PLEASE KEEP THE GREGGS FAMILY** in your prayers. Myra went to be with the Lord this week. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Church of the Messiah. Details regarding the date and time will be shared soon.

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

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☐ Prayer team only