



**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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**Happy Birthday**

August 27: Arlo Picardi

**Happy Anniversary**

September 1: Nadeen & Louis Frazier

*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:**

- 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, Tony Blackburn, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), the family of Michael Kelton, 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**

**WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

**Anglican Province of Nigeria**

**AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:**

**New Creation Church** · Hagerstown, MD  
**Philadelphia Mission Church Plant** · Philadelphia, PA

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.*



**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost • August 27, 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: *Doris Gomez, Mary Stern*

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

### Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost · August 27, 2023

**PRAYER:** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 43:4-11 **Page 542**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23 **Page 869**

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20 **Page 730**

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

**Sermon:** **Why Am I A Christian?** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

**Reader:** Vivian Hayes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Bohannon, Vivian Hayes

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

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Church Picnic (Fellowship Hall/Outside)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Saturday	10:00 am	Men's Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**THE FIRST SONG IN COMMUNION**, played by Ellen Belfi with David Borst on the bassoon, is "Adoration" by Florence Price (1887-1953). She was the first female African American symphonic composer and a devout Christian. Although she wrote over 300 works, many were only discovered in 2009.



**CHURCH PICNIC TODAY!** Join us for food, fun and fellowship right after today's service. A big thank you to Pastor Nile and our Men's Ministry for coordinating the picnic, and to all who helped with setting up, cooking, cleaning up, and bringing food.

**KIDS' END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION** will take place during Sunday School today. Every child is invited to the party to celebrate "God's Great Gifts"!

**MEN'S MINISTRY MEETS THIS SATURDAY!** Join the men of Messiah this Saturday, September 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer.

**NEW SMALL GROUPS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!** "Art and Faith: A Theology of Making" begins September 6; "Defined: Who God Says You Are" begins September 8; and "The Anglican Way" begins September 15. Please see the sign up sheets in the foyer for details and locations; contact Pastor Nile with questions.



**CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS:** If you've recently started attending Messiah or haven't attended a Connections Class, a new member class will start Sunday, September 24, after the service. This 5-week course covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. Lunch is included! Sign up in the foyer or contact the office at 757-436-2545 or [messiah@churchofthemessiah.org](mailto:messiah@churchofthemessiah.org).

**BLOOD DRIVE SEPTEMBER 8!** Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive next Friday, September 8, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Sign up sheets to donate or volunteer are in the foyer. You may also sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter COTM in the "Find A Blood Drive" box. Please contact Marcia Curtis with questions.



**THE CHURCH DIRECTORY** will be updated soon! Please check your listing in the foyer, or fill out a Newcomer Information Form if you are not yet listed.

**CYBER-SECURITY CLASS:** The Norfolk Field Office of the FBI will hold a presentation on computer security and online safety, and awareness of common cyber crimes and frauds that target communities in the Hampton Roads area. The event will be held at Messiah on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. Please sign up in the foyer.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPTEMBER 7!** Messiah hosts two CBS classes on Thursdays during the school year: A 9:30-11:30 am day class (includes children's programming) and a 7:00-8:30 pm evening class. Both classes are now co-ed! For details or to register, visit [www.chesapeake.cbsclass.org](http://www.chesapeake.cbsclass.org).

## 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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- Include in bulletin
- Prayer team only
- Prayer team and bulletin