



**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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01.07.2024

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Happy Birthday**

- January 7: Sanai Moore
- January 9: Ben Stern
- January 11: Joan Waldman

*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:**

CAST Guests & Volunteers,  
the Family of John Dooley, Sandi Greeley (mother of Bob Greeley),  
Mary Lafferty, Viola McKinlay, Ruth Thomas, 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:**

**College of Bishops Meeting**

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

**Corpus Christi Anglican Church** • Springfield, VA  
**Frederick Anglican Fellowship Church Plant** • Frederick, MD

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 First Sunday of Epiphany • January 7, 2024**  
**(The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)**

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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: Wendy O'Rourke, Jo Ann Woodland

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

No Online Prayer Meetings 1/1 or 1/8. Meetings will resume 1/15.

### The First Sunday of Epiphany · January 7, 2024 (The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

**PRAYER:** Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-9 **Page 557**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-13 **Page 870**

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 **Page 717**

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

**Sermon:** **When Grace Is No Longer Amazing!** 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) CAST CONTINUES
Monday		CAST CONTINUES
Tuesday		CAST CONTINUES
Wednesday		CAST CONCLUDES
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class

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**CAST CONTINUES THROUGH WEDNESDAY!** Messiah is hosting 50+ individuals, including families and children, for one week beginning last Wednesday. A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers, who have generously contributed their time, talents and treasure to this vital outreach. **There are still volunteer needs for the following teams: Registration, Hall Monitors, Overnights, Dinner, and Breakfast.** If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Nakita Albritton at 804-252-1865.

**THERE WILL BE NO ONLINE PRAYER MEETING** tomorrow, January 8, due to CAST. Meetings will resume on Monday, January 15.

**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON JANUARY 16:** Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm! Our January meetings are taking place on the third and last Tuesdays; we will return to our regular schedule in February. Helpers are always needed at our in-person meetings to set up, distribute pizza and drinks, clean up, and share God's love with our members! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and join the fun!

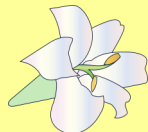


**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS** will be held Sunday, February 4. Up to two new Vestry members may be elected this year, so please begin to prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. Please see the enclosed insert for guidelines for Vestry nominees. The list of eligible voters is posted outside the office; please contact the church office with any questions or changes.

**THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ARE NOT MEETING IN JANUARY.** The next Men's Ministry meeting will be February 3 at 10:00 am and the next Women's gathering will take place on February 17 at 10:00 am. Please mark your calendar for these times of fellowship, prayer, and worship.

**CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2023** will be available soon.

**OUR SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE FAMILY OF DR. JOHN DOOLEY**, who went to be with Jesus on December 23. Dr. Dooley and his wife, Cathy, have been beloved friends to Messiah for many years. A Celebration of Life service was held on December 30 at Messiah. Cards may be sent to Cathy at 22501 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



## 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
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