



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:

_____ 08.24.2025



Celebrations

Happy Birthday

August 25: Frances Knight

August 27: Dawn Smith

August 31: Jon Paul

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 Bohannon family, the Balch family, Chris Woodland, Adrian Knight, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and her son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, 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:

All Saints' Church • Woodbridge, VA

All Souls Anglican Church • Richmond, 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.



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 24, 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: Kelly & Craig Stern, Carole Menzel,
Dottie Cleveland

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: Psalm 19:7-14 **Page 471**
Second Reading: Acts 17:10-17 **Page 953**

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:3-9 & 18-23 **Page 838**

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

Sermon: The Word and the Spirit / Pastor Ken Shomo

Reader: Jim Bohannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry & Ron Jenson, Jim Bohannon

Prayer Team: Marica Curtis & Marie Markham

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES, PLEASE JOIN US NEXT Sunday, August 31, after church for bounce house fun as we wrap up the summer and “slide” into a new school year! Please bring a side dish or snack to share, and don’t forget socks for the kids. For more information, email laurencoleman711@gmail.com.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE! Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 5. Sign up sheets for donors and volunteers are in the foyer. You can also sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org; enter “COTM” in the “Find a Blood Drive” box. There is an 8-week waiting period between donations, so regular donors may want adjust their schedules in order to participate in our drive. Please direct questions to drive coordinator Marcia Curtis.

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.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK. We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 pm. In-person meetings are the second Tuesday of each month — we always need helpers 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 come join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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CAUTION: PHISHING TEXTS AND SCAM EMAILS. Please be cautious when responding to emails, texts, or phone calls that may be scams. If something seems suspicious or too good to be true, it’s always best to verify before clicking links or sharing any personal information. Stay safe and alert!

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: _____
