



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:

12.08.2024

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

- December 8: Randy Garrett
- December 9: Sophia Bennett
- December 11: Marie Markham
- December 13: Lauren Coleman, Lane Pierce

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:

Pam Loux, Chris Woodland, Susan Bohannon, Debi Balch, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, 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:

The Provincial Office

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Immanuel Anglican Church · Woodbridge, VA
Incarnation Anglican Church · Arlington, 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.



The Second Sunday in Advent · December 8, 2024

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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: Pastor Ken Shomo, Karen Phillips

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 40:3-5 **Page 539**

Second Reading: Romans 4:18-25 **Page 839**

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

Gospel: Luke 1:26-35 **Page 761**

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

Sermon: **What Can We Learn from Zechariah, Mary and John the Baptist About Preparing for the Coming of Christ?** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow, Conway Telfeyan

Prayer Team: Chris Woodland, Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Discipleship Interest Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Noise Club Christmas Service (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Friday	5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling at Commonwealth Senior Living 651 River Walk Parkway, Chesapeake
Saturday	10:00 am	Ladies' Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

JOYFUL NOISE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be this Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 pm. We will serve pizza in the Fellowship Hall, then move to the Sanctuary for our annual candlelight program. Helpers are needed!

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING this Friday, December 13, at Commonwealth Senior Living Georgian Manor. Put on your festive apparel and meet at 5:00 pm at 651 River Walk Parkway in Chesapeake. Bring instruments if you like! All are welcome. Please contact Lauren Coleman if you're planning to join: laurencoleman711@gmail.com or (703) 217-2243.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH! Messiah women are invited to our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch this Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 am. This time of celebration and fellowship will feature a potluck brunch, Christmas carols, and a special message highlighting our theme, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Guests are welcome!

STAFF & CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFT: A tradition began at Messiah's first Christmas service that has continued for over 40 years. The Vestry and church family gave a gift to the clergy and staff, blessing them with a little something extra that holiday year. Your vestry is asking you to join them in continuing this tradition for the 41st Christmas at Church of the Messiah. Any amount would be appreciated. Just write "Christmas Gift" in the memo line and forward it to the church by December 15.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES will be held at 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. The early service is family friendly and includes a children's sermon. Both services feature traditional music and candle-lighting.

EPIPHANY PRAYER MEETING: Plan now to join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 6, to pray that God will use us in the coming year to bring the Good News of His love to our community and the world. There will be no online prayer meeting that day.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING a deeper, more intentional life with Christ? Come to an interest meeting after today's service to learn about a new group led by Ken & Cheryl Shomo. We'll start in the new year, meeting after church to share lunch, learn together, and support each other. A particular focus will be cultivating a lifestyle of discipleship to Jesus in our media-saturated, technological age. Grab coffee and come see if this group would be a good fit for you!



CHANUKAH BEGINS DECEMBER 25! Cards are available in the foyer to send Chanukah greetings to your Jewish friends or family members.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS will be held the first Sunday in February. Up to three 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.

JOIN THE C.A.S.T.! Help Messiah and the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team provide food, shelter and more to those in need the week of February 19-26. Join or co-lead one or more of the 10 teams by signing up in the foyer. There are ways to support some of the teams even if you cannot be present while we are hosting guests.



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase and dedicate poinsettias to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve, please fill out this form, detach it, and place it in the offering box along with your payment. If you cannot pay today, please indicate this below and bring your payment by December 22. Poinsettias are \$13 each and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

Given by:

Dedication: To the Glory of God and

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

(\$13 per plant, non-deductible)

Check* Cash

**Please write "Poinsettias" on your check.*

Please order and I will pay later.