



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:

_____ 1.18.2026



Celebrations

There are no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week!

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

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. 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 of Epiphany January 18, 2026

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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
Children’s Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Today’s Teachers: Jenny Jenson, Mandy Dixon,
Wendy O’Rourke , Dottie Cleveland

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

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PRAYER: Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 **Page 542**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 **Page 980**

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

Gospel: Matthew 7:24-27 **Page 833**

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

Sermon: **Wisdom: A Possession and a Person**
Pastor Ken Shomo

Reader: Cherry Jenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Menzel, Jim Bohannan

Prayer Team: Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday		MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Online via Zoom)
Tuesday	9:15 am	CBS Day Class
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Friday	6:15 pm	Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS will be held Sunday, February 1. 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.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE NEXT WEEK. We will meet on Zoom next Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 pm.

JOYFUL NOISE DATE CHANGE: We will meet in person Tues., Feb. 3, to allow set-up for CAST the following week. Helpers are always needed and visitors are warmly welcomed!

JOIN THE C.A.S.T.! Help Messiah and the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team provide food, shelter, and compassionate care to those in need during the week of **February 11–18**. Please consider joining us or co-leading one of our teams. There are several ways to support our efforts—even if you are unable to be present while we are hosting guests. If you're able to help connect with Nakita at (804) 252-1865.



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.

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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.

Youth Meetings will be held this Friday, February 6, and February 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We also will be offering **Diocese Safety Training** on January 21 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to laurencoleman711@gmail.com

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2025 will be available 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!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs: _____

- ☐ Include in bulletin
- ☐ Prayer team only