



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:

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:

Monica Flynn, Susan Bohannon, Debi Balch, Chris Woodland, Kathy Hopkins, 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:

Anglican Province of Southeast Asia

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Resurrection Anglican Church (church plant) · Midlothian, VA
Shepherd's Heart Anglican Church · Fairfax, 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 Christmas · January 5, 2025

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DEACONS: The Rev. Tom Sweeney, The Rev. Vivian Hayes

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: Craig Stern, Jo Ann Woodland

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

Online prayer meetings will resume January 13.

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PRAYER: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 **Page 557**

Second Reading: Romans 15:7-13 **Page 846**

(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: **Epiphany: Jesus the Light of the Whole World** Pastor Ken Shomo

Reader: Ron Jenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson, Chris Woodland

Prayer Team: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

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| Today | 10:00 am | Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream) |
| | 11:45 am | CAST Intro Meeting / Q&A (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 12:00 pm | CAST Leader Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Monday | 7:00 pm | Epiphany Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary) |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Vestry Meeting |
| Thursday | 9:30 am | CBS Day Class |
| | 7:00 pm | CBS Evening Class |

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EPIPHANY PRAYER MEETING: Join us tomorrow night at 7:00 in the Sanctuary 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 tomorrow.



ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS RESUME NEXT MONDAY. Plan to join us on Zoom at 7:00 pm next Monday, January 13, to pray for our congregation, community, country, and world. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.



CAST MEETINGS TODAY AFTER CHURCH: Team Leaders are requested to attend a leadership planning session after church TODAY at noon in the Fellowship Hall. These leaders will meet and coordinate with their team's volunteers in the weeks ahead. For those interested in learning more about the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team (CAST), an introductory discussion with Q & A will precede the team leader meeting, at 11:45 am.

JOYFUL NOISE NEXT MEETS JANUARY 14! Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 pm for pizza, followed by fun activities and a special talk! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — helpers are always needed! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

WOMEN'S GATHERING JANUARY 18: All ladies of Messiah are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 am. This is a precious opportunity for women to come together and dive into God's word, share experiences, engage in heartfelt conversations, and lift each other up in prayer.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTION will be held February 2. Up to three new Vestry members may be elected this year, so please prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. 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.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT FEBRUARY 5. Please plan to join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5, for a powerful time of worship, prayer, and praise.

JANUARY MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING: The monthly meeting dates of the Men's Ministry are changing; stay tuned for details on 2025 dates.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2024 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

Prayer team and bulletin