



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:

07.17.2022

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

July 17: Cameron Horvat

Happy Anniversary

July 23: Adrienne & Christopher Shields



Please Pray

Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week (Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)

Healing for our nation and an end to racism | The People of Ukraine
Protection from Covid-19

Our healthcare workers: Dr. Erin Dooley, Nadeen Frazier, Dr. Christian Markham, Ben Stern, Kaylee Stern, Mary Stern, Dr. Kelly Stern, Jessica Taylor, Dr. Anthony Wanyoro

Ruth Thomas, Deacon Tom Sweeney, Josh Corona, Adrian Knight, Ray Ross, Ersel Ross, Misty Taylor, Cat Endicott, Joanne Falk, Kelli Hernández (daughter of Joanne Falk), Alicia Greeley, 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
Carmen Linder, His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Please pray for the following churches this week:

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church • Dillsburg, VA
Christ the Redeemer Church • Fairfax, VA



If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your 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.



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost • July 17, 2022

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RECTOR: The Rev. Dr. Martin K. O'Rourke

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Nile Gomez

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)

Teachers this week: Pastor Ken Shomo, Julie Hall, Mary Stern

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-9 **Page 552**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 **Page 858**

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

Gospel: Luke 13:1-5 **Page 776**

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

Sermon: **How Could a Loving God Allow So Much Suffering?** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Debbie White

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Julie Hall, Colleen Lucas

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday 7:00 p.m. *Is God Anti-Gay?* online discussion (via Zoom)

IS GOD ANTI-GAY? The topic of God's attitude toward gay people is very personal for many of us because it involves people that we love and care about. This Thursday, we will hold the last of three Zoom meetings to discuss the book *Is God Anti-Gay?* by Sam Allberry. Books are available in the foyer. Please join us this Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/92823721136>.



JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER each Monday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

JOYFUL NOISE CLUB MEETS NEXT WEEK! Join the fun on Tuesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Joyful Noise meets on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays during the summer. This fall, we will meet in-person once a month and on Zoom once a month.

NURSERY CARE JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Ladies' Community Bible Study class is looking for a nursery care provider for infants and toddlers on Thursday mornings during the school year. If you are interested, please contact Rose Marie Bohs at cbsprayer757@gmail.com or 757-576-3865.

CONNECT WITH US! If you would like information about us or the Christian faith, fill out the attached visitor form and place it in the collection box. You can also fill out a Digital Connection Card at www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact. We'd love the opportunity to get to know you!

HAVE YOU EXPLORED THE CHURCH WEBSITE LATELY? Messiah's website, www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org, is a great collection of church and Christian resources. Some things you can do include:

- [Join the Sunday livestream and access recorded sermons and testimonies.](#)
- [Learn about the beliefs, people, and opportunities at Messiah.](#)
- [View the church calendar and upcoming events.](#)
- [Request prayer.](#)
- [Explore current and past sermon series & classes.](#)
- [Discover scripture, church, and community resources.](#)
- and much more! The website is updated frequently, so check back often!



MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of June 30, 2022:

Year to Date Required:	\$194,243.13
Year to Date Received:	<u>\$175,862.55</u>
Shortage of:	\$18,380.58



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH RUTH THOMAS on the unexpected passing of her son, Converse Thomas, who went to be with Jesus on July 6. Service arrangements are pending. Condolence cards may be sent to Ruth at 1708 Orchard Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320.



Why did Jesus so often respond to a question with a question? I read, "Jesus is almost 40 times more likely to respond to a misstatement, a comment, a question, or a threat from someone by drawing them further into conversation rather than just pouncing with a proclamation." As our culture continues to move away from Christian values, and the attack on our faith grows more intense, we need to be able to give a reasonable answer for the hope that we have in Christ.

— Pastor Marty

Please join us beginning for our summer sermon series, "Tough Questions." Two goals for this series:

- To help us personally answer tough faith questions;
- To equip us to respond to others, believers and unbelievers, who are asking tough faith questions.

Topics will include:

- Always Be Prepared to Be Reasonable
- Can I really trust the Bible?
- Is God anti-gay?
- Is Christianity misogynistic?
- How and why should Christians engage with politics?
- What do Christians believe about sex and human sexuality?
- How could a loving God allow so much suffering?
- Are science and faith incompatible?
- How can a loving God allow people to go to hell?

Sermons will be posted online each week at www.ChurchoftheMessiah/tough-questions.