



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

February 5: Wavy Riggs

Happy Anniversary

February 9: Mr. & Mrs. Sloth

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:

Mark Zezeck (brother of Marcia Curtis), Fr. Nigel Mumford, Mary Lafferty, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, all of 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, Ireland
CMJ (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Anglican Diocese of the South

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Light of Christ Anglican Church · Heathsville, VA
New Creation Church · Hagerstown, MD

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 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany • February 4, 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: Wendy O'Rourke, Jo Ann Woodland

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through 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: Malachi 3:1-4 **Page 713**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 **Page 889**

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

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 **Page 762**

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

Sermon: **For My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation!** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Ron Jenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

Prayer Team: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service & Annual Meeting (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 p.m.	Children's Baptism Class (1)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, Prayer & Praise Night (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Vestry Advance

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS TODAY! Messiah's annual meeting will be held this morning immediately following announcements. There were no Vestry nominations or outgoing members, so thanks go to our continuing Vestry members: Senior Warden Craig Stern, Junior Warden Marc Bagwell, Register Jim Bohannon, Treasurer John Curtis, Drew Bohs, Susie Martin, and Chris Woodland. Please review the Annual Report for summaries of the activities of our church and ministries over the past year.



40-DAY LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Write a devotional for inclusion in a devotional booklet for use throughout Lent. Sign up in the foyer for one of 40 passages from Mark's Gospel; after you've prayed over it, write a brief explanation (360 word max), applying it to Lent and our lives at home, work or school. Submit devotionals to messiah@churchofthemessiah.org by February 7. Electronic formats are preferred, but print copies are also accepted.

FLAPJACKS ARE BACK! Messiah's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 pm. Come hungry to this fun time of fellowship, where we will be joined by our friends from Joyful Noise Club!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Our friends from Apostles Lutheran Church will join our Ash Wednesday Service here at Messiah on February 14 at 7:00 pm. The service will include Communion and distribution of ashes.

BABY BOTTLES for Crisis Pregnancy Center's LifeChange campaign are in the foyer. Please consider supporting this important ministry by filling a bottle with spare change, currency or checks. Bottles are due back by February 25.



100 CONVERSATIONS CHALLENGE: Get better at connecting people to the Gospel through this 4-week online training course aimed at helping you reach out to spiritually-open people in your zip code. The course begins February 5; to learn more about this exciting opportunity, visit www.100conversationschallenge.com (or scan the QR code!).



INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUPS? Pastor Nile will be holding short info sessions about the Small Group Ministry every second Sunday, starting next week on February 11. Come to the Fellowship Hall after the service to hear about the vision/mission of this ministry, learn about hosting/facilitating small group, and ask questions.



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.

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS have all been mailed. If you do not receive yours soon, please contact the church office.

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