



### 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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

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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:

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# CELEBRATIONS



### Happy Birthday

- January 1: Gary Taylor
- January 6: Andrew James
- January 7: Sanai Moore

## Please Pray

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

Families of the shooting victims in Chesapeake  
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

Gamaliel Tan (friend of Deacon Tom's son), Marc Bagwell & Family, Jim Waldman, Joanne Falk, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Cat Endicott, Tom Sweeney, 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:

**Church of the Apostles Anglican** · Fairfax, VA  
**Church of the Ascension** · Kearneysville, WV



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](http://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.*



**Second Sunday of Christmas • January 1, 2023**

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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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)

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

Today's Teachers: Pastor Ken & Cheryl Shomo

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

*No Prayer Meeting on January 2.*

*Please join us on January 9 on Zoom, Meeting ID 928 2372 1136*

## Second Sunday of Christmas · January 1, 2023

**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 61:10-62:5 **Page 558**

**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23-4:7 **Page 867**

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

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18 **Page 788**

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

**Sermon:** **No Greater Love** Deacon tom Sweeney

**Reader:** Cherry Jenson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

**Prayer Team:** David Martin, Susie Martin

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday		NEW YEARS HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Epiphany Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THANK YOU** to all who helped make this Advent and Christmas season so special! This includes our Worship and Multimedia Teams, Altar Guild, Children's Ministry, Joyful Noise volunteers, Outreach Ministry, Women's Ministry, and of course our dedicated clergy and staff. God bless you all!

**A NOTE OF GRATITUDE:** The clergy and staff of Messiah wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the generous financial gifts, as well as cards, goodies, prayers, and other expressions of encouragement and love. May God richly bless you throughout the coming year!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We wish you a blessed, peaceful, and prosperous 2023! In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, the church office will be closed tomorrow, January 2.

**EPIPHANY PRAYER MEETING:** Join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm this Friday, 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.

**NO ONLINE PRAYER MEETING TOMORROW.** We hope to see you in person at our Epiphany Prayer Meeting on January 6. Online prayer meetings will resume on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS** will be held Sunday, February 5. We need up to six new Vestry members this year, so please 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. The list of eligible voters is posted outside the office; please contact the church office with any questions or changes.

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** Join the men of Messiah this Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Men's Ministry meets each month on the first Saturday for a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer.

**BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH JOYFUL NOISE!** Join us next Tuesday, January 10, for fun and fellowship! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — we always need helpers! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details. We will continue to meet on Zoom the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). We'd love the opportunity to get to know you!

## 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!*

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- Include in bulletin
- Prayer team only
- Prayer team and bulletin

# VESTRY NOMINATIONS 2023

Serving on the Vestry at the Church of the Messiah is a holy calling by God. Therefore, the election process should not be taken lightly but with prayerful consideration.

## GUIDELINES FOR VESTRY NOMINEES

*Up to six persons to be elected to Vestry*

**After reading the guidelines below, please write in the names of any persons that you would like to be considered for a three-year term on the Vestry. Please get permission from the potential candidate before submitting a name. Messiah members may nominate themselves for Vestry consideration.**

The following guidelines have been established for Vestry nominees:

1. Do you believe this person has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Has this person been baptized in the Holy Spirit?
2. Is this person faithful in worship attendance, Bible study and prayer?
3. Does this person have a strong commitment to Church work?
4. Does this person meet the qualifications of Titus 1:6-9?
5. Do you believe this person is one who practices the biblical principle of tithing and would tithe to the Church of the Messiah?
6. Will this person be willing to operate on the principle of unanimity?
7. Is this person a communicant of the Anglican Church?

**Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, January 25, 2023.** You may drop your nomination in the collection box; turn it in or mail it to the office; or email Pastor Marty at [morourke@churchofthemessiah.org](mailto:morourke@churchofthemessiah.org).

**Nominations for Vestry:**

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**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_