



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:

_____ 8.23.2026



Celebrations

Happy Birthday

August 25: Frances Knight
August 27: Dawn Smith



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 Ukraine, and peace 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:

Jim Flynn and family, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders and our members of the military.

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
CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)
Edith and Felix Prakash

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of San Joaquin

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Grace Anglican Church • Purdy, VA
Grace Anglican Church • Winchester, 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.



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 23, 2026

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Priest: The Rev. Dr. Jim Brown

Discipleship Pastor : The Rev. Dr. Ken Shomo

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: Craig Stern, Marcia Curtis,
Kelly Stern & Janet Nixon

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PRAYER: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 **Page 231**

Second Reading Acts 23:9-22 **Page 959**

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

Gospel: John 10:14-30 **Page 922**

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

Sermon: Lord? Is That You? / Pastor Jim Brown

Readers: Keith Menzel

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Menzel & Conway Telfeyan

Prayer Team: Marie Markham & Marcia Curtis

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MARTY’S LAST SERVICE AS RECTOR will be next Sunday morning, August 30. Messiah members are cordially invited to attend a celebration to honor Marty and Wendy that evening at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Sign up sheets for attendance are in the foyer. Helpers are needed; please see Marcia Curtis.

HELP WANTED: We are looking for two or three people to join the Inreach/Outreach Committee. If you’re interested or would like more information, please contact Jim Bohannon (757) 573-4992 for details.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE! Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 4. Sign up sheets for donors and volunteers are in the foyer. You can also sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org; enter “COTM” in the “Find a Blood Drive” box. Please direct questions to drive coordinator Marcia Curtis.



CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS: If you’ve recently started attending Messiah or haven’t attended a Connections Class, a new member class will start Sunday, September 20, after the service. This 5-week course covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. Lunch is included! Contact the office at 757-436-2545 or messiah@churchofthemessiah.org.

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.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH JIM FLYNN on the passing of his wife, Monica Flynn. Cards may be sent to 2073 Silver Lake Drive., Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Information regarding the Celebration of Life service will be shared as soon as it becomes available.



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