CHURCH of the MESSIAH

Sunday Service with Eucharist · 10:00 a.m.

Messiah Kids Class and Nursery/Pre-K time
held after Opening Worship until Communion

All Saints' Day · November 1, 2026

Today's Collect:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading: Micah 3:5-12 (page 798 in pew Bible)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-20 (page 1018 in pew Bible)
(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

Gospel:
Matthew 23:1-12 (page 849)
(Responses after Gospel: Glory to You, Lord Christ; Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

Sermon: "The Gospel Received, the Faith Endured" Aaron Bennett

Eucharist and Prayer following Sermon

Reader: *Marcia Curtis*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jim Bohannan and John Curtis*

Prayer Team: *Marshall & Anne Crow*

Children's Team: *Ken Shomo, Jo Ann Woodland, Cheryl Shomo, Mandy Nixon*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS! Last weekend's visit by Bishop Chris Warner was a wonderful time of learning, prayer, celebration and fellowship. This could not have happened without the servant hearts and hard work of our clergy, staff, and especially our volunteers. Special thanks go to Marcia Curtis for coordinating Sunday's lunch for Bishop Chris and our new members.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – NOVEMBER 14: Please note that our Women's Ministry gathering will be held on Saturday, November 14, instead of the usual third Saturday of the month. Our guest speaker, Ellen Belfi, will share her personal faith journey with us. Please bring pictures of your loved ones as we gather to pray for the generations that come after us. We look forward to this special time of prayer and fellowship!

CHILDREN'S ADVENT WREATH SIGN-UPS: We are looking for volunteers to serve as candle lighters and Scripture readers for the first four weeks of Advent, beginning Sunday, November 29. If your family would like to participate, please sign up at the table in the front entrance. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Advent season!

CAST Planning Meeting November 15: CAST Team Leaders are requested to attend a planning meeting at noon on Sunday, November 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will start with an introductory discussion for people who are interested in learning more about Chesapeake Area Shelter Team (CAST).

THIS WEEK at MESSIAH

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)

TUESDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Leadership Class

THURSDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Day Class
7:00 p.m. CBS Evening Class

SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. Vestry Meeting (Room 1)

PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe God answers prayer!
If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a specific need, please complete this tear-off form and place it in the offering box.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs:

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◯ Include in bulletin

◯ Prayer Team only

◯ Prayer Team and bulletin

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, please complete this tear-off form and drop it in the offering box, or give to a pastor. You may also submit a Connection Card online at: www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact. Questions? Please call us at 757-436-2545. God bless you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted?

◯ Yes, by phone ◯ Yes, by email ◯ No

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 ANNIVERSARY
November 2: Stanley & Alma Blythe

Please Pray

Join us in praying for these requests throughout the week.
Requests 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.
- Spiritual revival at home and abroad.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jim Flynn and family, Mary Lafferty, 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

DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

St. Thomas Anglican Church · Gainesville, VA
The Falls Church Anglican · Falls Church, VA

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Please indicate if you would like your name included in the bulletin, or your request sent only to the Prayer Team.

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Making tangible the life-transforming power of God's love, so that all may come to know Christ.

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Deacon: The Rev. Tom Sweeney