

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

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost • October 25, 2026



Today’s Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 22:21-27 (page 67 in pew Bible)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (page 1018 in pew Bible)
(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

Gospel:
Matthew 22:34-46 (page 849)
(Responses after Gospel: Glory to You, Lord Christ; Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

Sermon: Bishop Chris Warner

Eucharist and Prayer following Sermon

Reader: John Curtis

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Woodland and John Curtis

Prayer Team: Marie Markham & Jo Ann Woodland

Children’s Team: Craig Stern, Denise Call, Kelly Stern, Mandy Nixon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP CHRIS WARNER IS OUR SPECIAL GUEST TODAY. During this morning’s service, Bishop Chris will give a special sermon, and will confirm and receive new members. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service; everyone is invited!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - It's time for Operation Christmas Child gift donations again! These shoeboxes of gifts go around the world to more than 175 countries. We will begin distributing shoeboxes in November with our final packing party on November 22!

IT’S TIME TO “FALL BACK”! Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 am. Turn your clocks and watches back one hour this Saturday night, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY – NOVEMBER 14: Please note that our Women’s Ministry gathering will be held on Saturday, November 14, instead of the third Saturday of the month. Bring pictures of your children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews as we gather to pray for the generations that come after us. We look forward to this special time of prayer and fellowship!

THIS WEEK at MESSIAH

TODAY
Sunday Service with Confirmations and Receptions
12:00 p.m. Reception for Bishop Chris & New Members

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

TUESDAY
9:30 a.m. CBS Leadership Class
7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (online Zoom)

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

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:

- ☐ 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: _____

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:

10.25.2026



Celebrations!

No birthdays or anniversaries this week!

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, 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. Brendan's in the City · Washington, DC
St. Michael's Anglican Church · Haymarket, VA

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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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