



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:

01.12.2025

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

January 12: Owen Bennett

January 18: Denise Crews
Arthur Devine

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:

Monica Flynn, Susan Bohannon, Debi Balch, Chris Woodland, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, all 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, YWAM-Harpenden, England
CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Anglican Province of Congo

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

St. Barnabas Anglican Church · Towson, MD
St. Brendan's in the City · Washington, DC

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.



First Sunday of Epiphany · January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: The Rev. Dr. Ken Shomo

DEACONS: The Rev. Tom Sweeney, The Rev. Vivian Hayes

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: Doris Gomez, Karen Phillips

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 **Page 541**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 **Page 819**

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

Gospel: Luke 3:15-22 **Page 764**

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

Sermon: **Gifts** Deacon Vivian Hayes

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Bohannon, Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Chris Woodland, Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 am	Women's Ministry Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

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BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY: Leilani Cleveland will be baptized during next Sunday's service. Please keep Leilani in prayer. There will be opportunity to share scriptures or words of encouragement with her as she takes this important step in her Christian walk.

ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS RESUMES TOMORROW. Plan to join us on Zoom at 7:00 pm this Monday, January 13, to pray for our congregation, community, country, and world. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON THIS WEEK! Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 pm for pizza, followed by fun activities and a special talk! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — helpers are always needed! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

WOMEN'S GATHERING THIS SATURDAY: All ladies of Messiah are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 am. This is a precious opportunity for women to come together and dive into God's word, share experiences, engage in heartfelt conversations, and lift each other up in prayer.



OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTION will be held February 2. Up to three new Vestry members may be elected this year, so please prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. 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.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT FEBRUARY 5. Please plan to join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5, for a powerful time of worship, prayer, and praise.



CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2024 are available in the foyer. Please save us a stamp and pick yours up today!

MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of December 31, 2024:

Year to Date Required:	\$415,437.58
Year to Date Received:	<u>428,593.22</u>
Overage of:	\$ 13,155.64

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