



## 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!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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12.01.2024

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

- December 2: Pastor Marty O'Rourke
- December 3: Aiden Bennett, Viola McKinlay
- December 5: David Nizankiewicz
- December 6: Myra Greggs, Mandy Nixon

## 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:

Pam Loux, Chris Woodland, Susan Bohannon, Debi Balch, 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 the Indian Ocean

### 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](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.*



## The First Sunday in Advent · December 1, 2024

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**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: Doris Gomez, Jo Ann Woodland

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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**PRAYER:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Psalm 110 **Page 455**

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14 **Page 904**

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

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-33 **Page 784**

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

**Sermon:** **The Proclamation of Two Advents** Rev. David Martin

**Reader:** Ron Jenson

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

**Prayer Team:** Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Worship, Prayer & Praise Night (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 m	Men's Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## ADVENT 2024

**THANK YOU TO OUR "ELVES"!** The Christmas decorations at Messiah were put up in time for Advent by our trusty team of helpers: Rose Marie and Drew Bohs, Marcia Curtis, Debbie DeBose, and the Greeley family — Bob, Sarah & Alicia.



**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!** If you would like your child(ren) to light Advent wreath candles and/or read special scriptures, please sign up in the foyer.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Thank you to everyone who wrote a devotional for inclusion in our Advent booklet. Copies are available in the foyer.

**STAFF & CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFT:** A tradition began at Messiah's first Christmas service that has continued for over 40 years. The Vestry and church family gave a gift to the clergy and staff, blessing them with a little something extra that holiday year. Your vestry is asking you to join them in continuing this tradition for the 41st Christmas at Church of the Messiah. Any amount would be appreciated. Just write "Christmas Gift" in the memo line and forward it to the church by December 15.

**JOYFUL NOISE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** will be next Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 pm. We will serve pizza in the Fellowship Hall, then move to the Sanctuary for our annual candlelight program. Helpers are needed!

**LADIES' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!** Messiah women are invited to our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 am. This time of celebration and fellowship will feature a potluck brunch, Christmas carols, and a special message highlighting our theme, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Guests are welcome!

**JOIN THE C.A.S.T.!** Help Messiah and the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team provide food, shelter and more to those in need the week of February 19-26. Join or co-lead one or more of the 10 teams by signing up in the foyer. There are ways to support some of the teams even if you cannot be present while we are hosting guests.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY!** Join Tim & Seiko Maurer the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm for a time of worship, prayer, and praise. The evening will feature worship music and activities as the Spirit leads.

**MEN'S MINISTRY MEETS DECEMBER 7!** Join the men of Messiah this Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING** a deeper, more intentional life with Christ? Come to an interest meeting on December 8, right after church, to learn about a new group led by Ken & Cheryl Shomo. We'll start in the new year, meeting after church to share lunch, learn together, and support each other. A particular focus will be cultivating a lifestyle of discipleship to Jesus in our media-saturated, technological age. Grab coffee and come see if this group would be a good fit for you!



## POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase and dedicate poinsettias to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve, please fill out this form, detach it, and place it in the offering box along with your payment. If you cannot pay today, please indicate this below and bring your payment by December 22. Poinsettias are \$13 each and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

**Given by:**

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**Dedication: To the Glory of God and**

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of plants ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$13 per plant, non-deductible)

Check\*  Cash

\*Please write "Poinsettias" on your check.

Please order and I will pay later.