



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:

12.05.2021



Happy Birthday

December 5: David Nizankiewicz
 December 6: Myra Gregg
 December 11: Marie Markham

Happy Anniversary

December 5: Lucille and Andy Rankin

Please Pray

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week
 (Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)*

Healing for our nation and an end to racism | Protection from Covid-19
 Church property decisions | Search for new worship leader

Our healthcare workers: Dr. Erin Dooley, Nadeen Frazier, Dr. Christian Markham,
 Ben Stern, Kaylee Stern, Mary Stern, Dr. Kelly Stern, Jessica Taylor,
 Dr. Anthony Wanyoro

Bethany Falk-Diaz, David Martin, the family of Warren Wilson,
 Alicia Greeley, Joanne Falk,
 all of our members of the military,
 and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia

David & Betsy, Turkey

Carmen Linder, His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Please pray for the following churches this week:

Light of Christ Anglican Church • Heathsville, VA
New Creation Church • Hagerstown, MD



If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your 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.



Second Sunday in Advent • December 5, 2021

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Nile Gomez

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)

Teachers this week: Pastor Ken Shomo, Lauren Coleman, Jo Ann Woodland

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-6 **Page 713**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-5 **Page 885**

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

Gospel: Luke 1:3-25 **Page 760**

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

Sermon: **How Not to Talk to an Angel** Pastor Frank Allen

Reader: Vivian Hayes **Eucharistic Minister:** Vivian Hayes

Prayer Team: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies’ CBS Class (online via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Class (in person and online)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies’ Christmas Tea (Fellowship Hall)

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS TEA is this Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for carols and sharing from the heart, plus tea and a Christmas cookie buffet! If you can, please bring some cookies, either homemade or purchased; also, a present in a gift bag for needy children at Sanctuary of Hope. (Black baby dolls and basket-balls are always prized gifts!) No RSVP is needed; just bring a friend and come! **Please note:** Debbie DeBose will decorate the Fellowship Hall the day before, Friday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. All helpers are welcome!



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SONG: Messiah Kids will sing a special song for us on Sunday, December 19, at 10 a.m., and at the 6:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24. Please bring your child in costume 30 minutes early to the Fellowship Hall for one or both services. Rehearsal is during Sunday school on December 12. See the info sheet or contact Pastor Ken Shomo or Wendy O’Rourke for details.

ADVENT WREATH: If you would like your child(ren) to light Advent wreath candles and/or read special scriptures, please sign up in the foyer, or email messiah@churchofthemessiah.org with the desired date and how your child would like to participate. Parents of candle lighters will need to accompany their children to the wreath to help them light the candles. Readers can take home an Advent booklet to practice their readings.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to purchase and dedicate poinsettias to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve, you can use the attached form, or email your order to the church at messiah@churchofthemessiah.org. The cost this year is \$12 per plant (non-deductible). You can put your form and payment in the offering plate at church, or mail a check to the church (please write “poinsettia” in the memo line). You may take home your plant(s) after the late Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR CLERGY & STAFF: If you would like to give a gift to our dedicated clergy and staff, please put a check in the offering box or mail one to the church by December 20. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Messiah with “Special Gift” on the memo line.



SHOW THE FATHER’S HEART WITH C.A.S.T.! Messiah will be providing meals to homeless individuals and families the week of February 2-8. Volunteer opportunities include: driving, donating food supplies or funds, cooking, boxing dinners, organizing, and more! To get involved, email Julie Hall at julhall858@gmail.com.

CONNECT WITH US! If you would like information about us or the Christian faith, fill out the attached visitor form and place it in the collection plate. You can also fill out a Digital Connection Card at www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact. We’d love the opportunity to get to know 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 plate along with your payment. If you cannot pay today, please indicate this below and bring your payment by December 19. The cost is \$12 per plant and you may take them home after the late Christmas Eve service.

Given by:

Dedication: To the Glory of God and

☐ In honor of: _____

☐ In memory of: _____

☐ In thanksgiving for: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

(\$12 per plant, non-deductible)

☐ Check* ☐ Cash

*Please write “Poinsettias” on your check.

☐ Please order and I will pay later.

Our Advent Journey with Luke

I am committing to join our *Advent Journey with Luke* by saying a brief prayer before reading the assigned passage for that day, then I will answer one or more of the questions below, also found on the *Advent Journey with Luke* web page, www.churchofthemessiah.org/advent-2021.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open our eyes by your Holy Spirit to the wonders of your Word. Give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Questions:

- ◆ Based on this passage, what might the people directly involved or those listening to these words be thinking or feeling?
- ◆ What does this passage say about God?
- ◆ How does this passage apply to me?
- ◆ How might the wisdom from this passage help prepare us for Christmas?

DAILY READINGS

11/29	Luke 21:25-28	12/12	Sunday
11/30	Luke 21:29-33	12/13	Luke 1:57-64
12/1	Luke 1:1-4	12/14	Luke 1:65-66
12/2	Luke 1:5-10	12/15	Luke 1:67-75
12/3	Luke 1:11-17	12/16	Luke 1:76-80
12/4	Luke 1:18-20	12/17	Luke 2:1-7
12/5	Sunday	12/18	Luke 2:8-10
12/6	Luke 1:21-25	12/19	Sunday
12/7	Luke 1:26-33	12/20	Luke 2:11-12
12/8	Luke 1:34-38	12/21	Luke 2:13-14
12/9	Luke 1:39-45	12/22	Luke 2:15-16
12/10	Luke 1:46-52	12/23	Luke 2:17-18
12/11	Luke 1:53-56	12/24	Luke 2:19-20

The prayer, questions, and a list of the daily Advent scriptures are also available online at www.churchofthemessiah.org/advent-2021.

The Scripture texts will be posted each day, and you will be able to make, read and reply to comments from others.