



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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11.29.2020



### Happy Birthday

December 2: Pastor Marty O'Rourke  
December 3: Viola McKinlay  
December 5: Dave Nizankiewicz

### Happy Anniversary

December 5: Lucille & Andy Rankin (50 years!)

## 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 decision

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

The Pla and Cestero Families, Ray Ross, Joanne Falk, Rickee Dozier, Anne Polli, John Dooley, Priscilla Oster, Viola McKinlay, all of our members of the military, 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  
**Robert Walter**, Leadersource, serving East Asia, South Asia, Middle East

### ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

**Please pray for the following churches this week:**

**Christ Church**, Loudon County, VA  
**Christ Church Vienna**, Vienna, VA



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](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.*



**First Sunday in Advent • November 29, 2020**

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**RECTOR:** The Rev. Dr. Martin K. O'Rourke

**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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)  
Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

### First Sunday in Advent · November 29, 2020

**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 145:8-21 **Page 470**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-3 **Page 888**

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

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37 **Page 756**

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

**Sermon:** **What Is God Like?** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

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**YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME WORSHIP IN-PERSON!** No reservations are required, just come and worship! Safety protocols are in place, such as social distancing, wearing masks, and no personal contact.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** on Facebook at [facebook.com/churchofthemessiahchesapeake](https://facebook.com/churchofthemessiahchesapeake). Those not on Facebook can view current and past services online at [ChurchoftheMessiah.org/livestream](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org/livestream).

**TITHES & CONTRIBUTIONS** can be brought on Sunday or mailed to at 816 Kempsville Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23320. Secure gifts can be made online at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/donations](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/donations).

### 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 (online via Zoom)

**ADVENT WREATH:** If you would like your child(ren) to light Advent wreath candles and/or read special scriptures on one or more Sundays of Advent, please sign up in the foyer or email the church at [messiah@churchofthemessiah.org](mailto: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 and help them light the candles. Readers can take home an Advent booklet to practice their readings before their scheduled service.



**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](mailto: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.

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE!** You may pick up a copy in the foyer. We are excited to announce that the directory will soon be available in a secure online format. Watch your email for instructions on how to access the online directory.

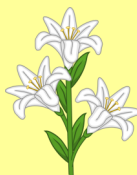


**CONNECT WITH US!** If this is your first visit, or you'd like information about us or the Christian faith, fill out the attached visitor form and drop it into the collection plate. You can also fill out a Digital Connection Card online at [www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). We'd love the opportunity to welcome you personally, pray for you, and answer any questions you have.

**PARISH-WIDE PRAYER MEETINGS** continue Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/92823721136> or enter meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into the app.

**JOYFUL NOISE CLUB CONTINUES TO ZOOM!** Join the fun every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meeting info will be sent before each meeting, or contact Wendy O'Rourke.

**LIVING WATERS** is a discipleship and prayer ministry for men and women seeking healing for sexual and relational issues. The next 20-week closed group session begins January 12. Meetings are held at Freedom Fellowship in Virginia Beach. To apply, download an application at <https://www.desertstream.org/apply-to-a-group> and email the completed application to [LW2018VB@gmail.com](mailto:LW2018VB@gmail.com). For more information, contact Shelley James at 757-598-2510.



**FROM THE PLA & CESTERO FAMILIES:** "Words cannot express our gratitude, first to God and to all of you for the many times that you have helped, assisted and supported our family through our losses last year and today. You have been a beacon of hope and love. We pray that you will be blessed all the time in Jesus' name." Please continue to pray for the Pla and Cestero families on the passing of Dalila Pla's brother, Juan Cestero, on November 16.

## 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 20. 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.