



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:

09.26.2021



Happy Birthday

September 30: Crystal Otter
 Margaret Webster

October 2: Caleb Stern

Happy Anniversary

September 30: Rita & Tony Blackburn

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

Andy Rankin, Jeanne Barefield, Alicia Greeley, Deacon Tom Sweeney,
 Wavy Riggs, Debi Balch, Jim Waldman, Rickee Dozier, 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:

Church of St. Peter and St. Paul • Roanoke, VA

Church of the Apostles Anglican • Fairfax, 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. 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.



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost • September 26, 2021

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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

Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Teachers this week: Pastor Ken Shomo, Cheryl Shomo

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 **Page 591**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 **Page 839**

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

Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 **Page 778**

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

Sermon: **Our Father's House** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Jim Bohannon **Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Bohannon

Prayer Team: Julie Hall, Cindy Little

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)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' CBS Class (online via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Class (in person and online)
	7:00 p.m.	Connections Class (online via Zoom)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Ministry Meeting (online via Zoom)
	5:00 p.m.	Connections Class (online via Zoom)



CONNECTIONS CLASS CONTINUES! Messiah's new member class began last Saturday. Online classes are held Thursdays at 7:00 pm and Saturdays at 5:00 pm through October 28. Topics include how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Marty, or contact the church office at 757-436-2545 or via e-mail at messiah@churchofthemessiah.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETS SATURDAY! Gather online with other men of Messiah the first Saturday of each month at 10 am for a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer. The Zoom meeting ID is 859 4963 7951.



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES! The Ladies' Day Class meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. online; the Co-Ed Evening Class meets at 7:00 p.m. both at Messiah and online. Please visit www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/cbs for more information.



JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER each Monday at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

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

COVID-19 PROCEDURES: In light of the current rise in COVID-19 cases, we are encouraging everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask during Sunday service. In addition, we ask everyone to follow the following procedures:

- If you are ill or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please worship from home.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or have had exposure to large groups of people, we encourage you to be tested. Affordable at-home test kits are available online or at local pharmacies.
- Communion will still be offered only in-person during the service. The clergy and those assisting with Communion and altar prayer will be wearing masks during Communion. Those worshipping from home may pick up consecrated wafers after the service on Sundays, or by making arrangements with the church office to pick some up during the week.
- If you need a mask, they are available in the foyer.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our congregation safe and healthy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF NORMA PRINGLETON, who went to be with Jesus on September 14. Norma and her husband, Leonard, were long-time members of Messiah. Service arrangements are to be determined.

Knowing the

FATHER
Heart
of **GOD**

FALL SERMON SERIES September 19 - November 21

"If you were to look into the heart of God's call on Church of the Messiah, it is to see people's lives transformed, healed and restored by experiencing the Father's love through His Son Jesus and His Holy Spirit. "

— Pastor Marty

Sermon Topics:

Our Everlasting Father

Our Father's House

Our Adopting Father:
How to be Adopted?

Our Loving Father

Our Forgiving Father

Our Perfect Father

Our Nurturing Father

Our Good Father

Our Healing Father

All sermons will be recorded and available online at www.churchofthemessiah.org/father-heart-of-god