



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:

03.28.2021



Happy Birthday

March 28: Kelly Stern
March 29: Gary Phillips
April 1: Colleen Lucas

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

Pastor Marty O'Rourke, the Family of Earl Weirich, Colleen Lucas & Family, Joanne Falk, Rickee Dozier, Carol Bornman, John Dooley, 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

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Please pray for the following churches this week:

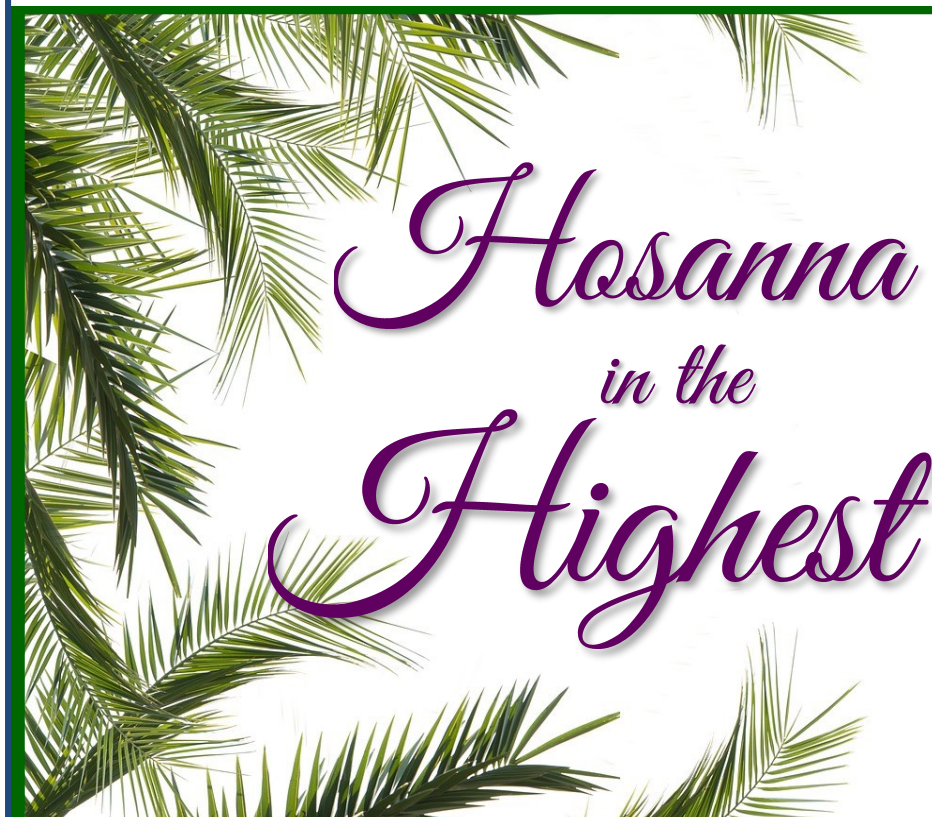
Truro Anglican Church, Fairfax, VA
Winchester Anglican Church, Winchester, VA



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.



Palm Sunday • March 28, 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)

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 **Page 708**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 **Page 873**

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

SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY READING

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 **Page 754**

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

Sermon: On a Donkey ... For Now Pastor John Dooley

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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://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheMessiahChesapeake). Those not on Facebook can view current and past services online at [ChurchoftheMessiah.org/livestream](http://www.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.

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)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Ephesians Bible Study (online via Zoom)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Ministry Meeting (online via Zoom)



Holy Week 2021

GOOD FRIDAY | April 2

7 pm • Good Friday Service • In-Person & Livestreamed

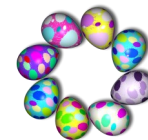
This solemn service will feature the Scriptural Stations of the Cross to help us appreciate Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

EASTER SUNDAY | April 4

10 am • Easter Worship Service • In-Person & Livestreamed

Join us in person or online for this joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection! Special Children's celebration!

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION! Sunday, April 4, we will have a special Easter Celebration for the kids! Come early so your kids can be part of "flowering the cross," a children's message, and special crafts and activities centered around the good news of Jesus. Weather permitting, we will do all our activities outdoors in the play yard.



LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER LILIES: Help decorate the altar for Easter and honor loved ones by ordering lilies. Your \$14 donation (non-deductible) includes a dedication in the Easter bulletin, and you may take your plant home after service. Use the attached form and place it in the collection plate, or you may order online at www.churchofthemessiah.org/lilies.

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETS SATURDAY! Gather online with other men of Messiah the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer. The Zoom meeting ID is 859 4963 7951.

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES ARE WITH THE FAMILY OF EARL WEIRICH, who went to be with his Lord on March 22. Earl and his wife, Ginger, were members of Messiah for many years before relocating to Pennsylvania. Please keep Ginger and all their family in prayer. Cards may be sent to 116 Congress Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR COLLEEN LUCAS AND FAMILY on the passing of her mother, Vivian DeJarnette, on March 13 at the age of 94. Cards may be sent to 1352 Hunningdon Woods Boulevard, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase and dedicate lilies to decorate the altar on Easter Sunday, 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 Easter Sunday. The cost is \$14 per lily (non-deductible) and you may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday 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: \$ _____
(\$14 per plant, non-deductible)

☐ Check* ☐ Cash

**Please write "Lilies" in check memo line.*

☐ Please order and I will pay later.

Abiding in the



Living Word

Abiding in Christ through Daily Engagement with the Scriptures
Spring 2021

Sunday Sermons

2/14 - 5/23

10 am in-person or online

- 2/14 *Shaped by God's Word*
- 2/21 *Abiding in the Living Word*
- 2/28 *How God Reveals Himself to Us in His Word*
- 3/7 *Why a Plan?*
- 3/14 *Creation: Why Did God Create Us?*
- 3/21 *Fall and the Promises of the Word for a Savior*
- 3/28 *The Word Arrives*
- 4/4 *The Resurrection: The Word is Proven to Be True*
- 4/11 *The Church: People Living in the Word*
- 4/18 *The Great Ending*
- 4/25 *What Does the Bible Say About Itself?*
- 5/2 *What Evidence do We Have that the Bible is Trustworthy?*
- 5/9 *How the Word is Living & Active*
- 5/16 *How the Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Engage in God's Word*
- 5/23 *Receiving Power from On High*

Thursday Workshops

2/25 – 3/25

7 pm on Zoom

- 2/25 *Praying Through the Scriptures*
- 3/4 *Going Deeper*
- 3/11 *What Are My Plan Options?*
- 3/18 *The Big Story*
- 3/25 *Prophecy Fulfilled*

Wednesday Study of Ephesians

2/24 – 3/31

7 pm on Zoom

- 2/24 *No Longer Strangers*
- 3/3 *Saved & Unified*
- 3/10 *Empowered & Strengthened*
- 3/17 *Living a Life of Unity*
- 3/24 *Spirit Life in the Culture*
- 3/31 *Stand Firm Therefore!*

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)



WHY ARE WE FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURAL ENGAGEMENT?

As I was seeking the Lord about the next sermon series, I came across the research of two pastors who wanted to know how to strengthen the Body of Christ. They did research that included 1000 churches and they came to this conclusion:

Nothing has a greater impact on spiritual growth than reflection on Scripture.

If churches do only one thing to help people at all levels of spiritual maturity grow in their relationship with Christ, the choice is clear. They would inspire, encourage, and equip their people to read the Bible — specifically, to reflect on Scripture for meaning in their lives.

The Bible's power to advance spiritual growth is unrivaled by anything else we've discovered.

— *Pastor Marty*