

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30AM

25 September 2022

Welcome!!

Church of the Messiah seeks to be an inviting, welcoming, compassionate Christian community nurturing spiritual growth through the Word, our actions and gifts; thereby inspiring and uniting people to be examples of Christ's love.

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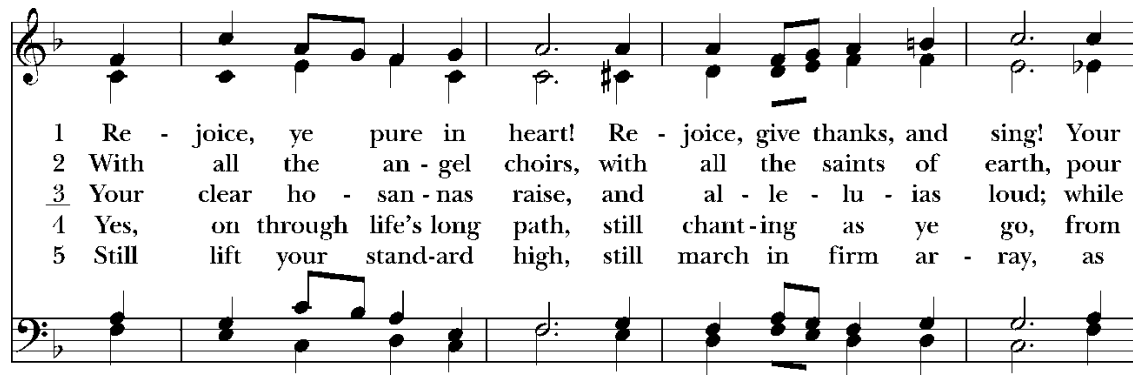


Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship!

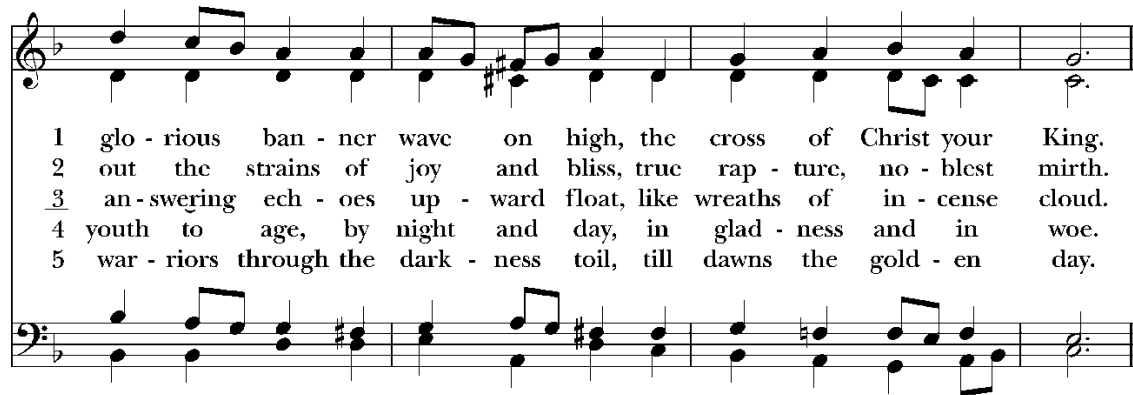
Prelude *Verbum supernum prodiens*(The heavenly word proceeding forth).....
Gerald Near

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN #556..... *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
re - joice, re - joice,

*6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *Proper 21*

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁴Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁵Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." ⁶Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁷And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ⁸I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ⁹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹⁰and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹¹In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹²Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹³For

thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

- ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ²He shall say to the Lord,
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- ³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- ⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- ⁶Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- ¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who

richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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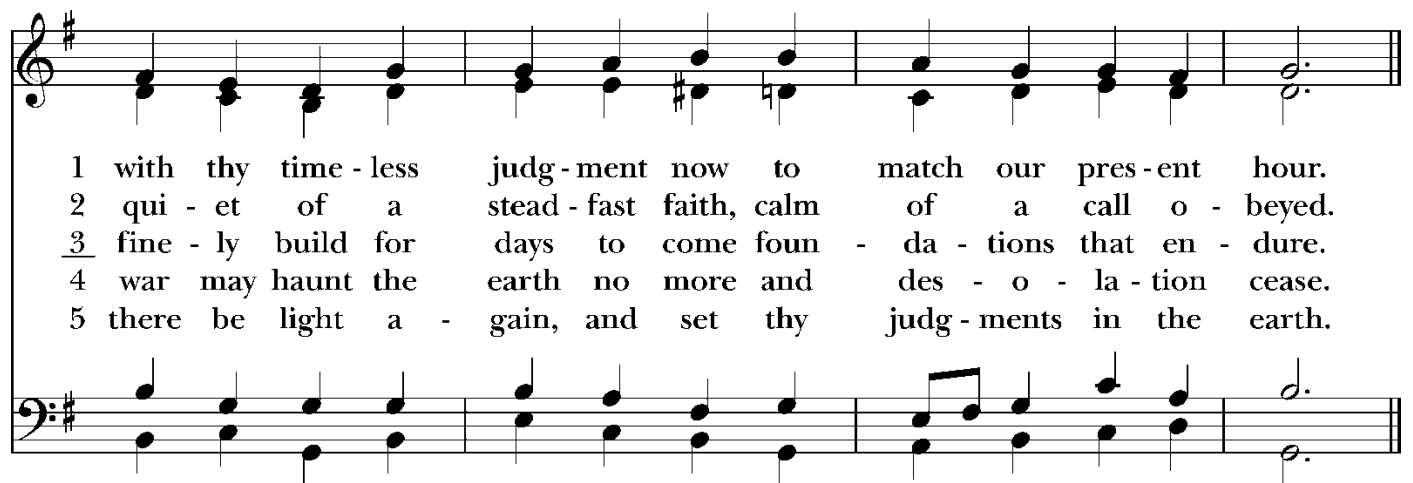
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Gradual Hymn #601... *O day of God, draw nigh... final verse follows the Gospel*

Reading



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
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5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

The Gospel opens: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

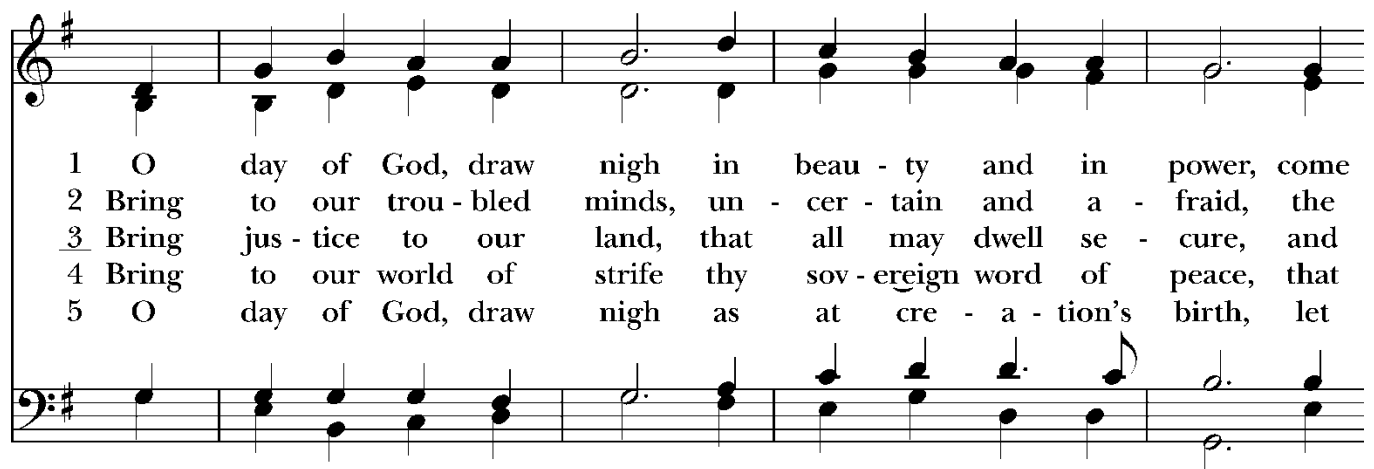
The Holy Gospel *Luke 16:19-31*

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels


to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Sermon: “*In Praise of the Porous*”.....*The Rev. Keith A. Marsh*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The congregational response to each petition: Hear us, O God.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you**

in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Litanei from Sempre Semplice.....* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere . . .
who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory .
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known . . .

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you . . .
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Sharing of Communion

COMMUNION MUSIC *Invocation from Sempre Semplice*..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Mission

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Final Blessing

CLOSING HYMN #437..... *Tell Out My Soul*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Dismissal

Go from this place renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty and present.
Look for the blessings that await you in the week ahead.

Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate.

Proclaim the Good News of hope, promise and eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Lucis creator optime (O blest Creator of the light)*..... Gerald Near

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

CEMETERY WORKDAY – OCTOBER, 1: 9:00-12:00 – Bring you rakes, clippers and hedge shears! And join Warren Tudgay, Bob Brown and others as we tidy up the church cemetery. Overgrown shrubs are obscuring some of the gravestones, weeds need to be pulled from the gravel walkways, and twigs and small tree limbs need to be gathered up and discarded. Coffee, juice and donuts will be available throughout the morning. The more the merrier and quicker the work!

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – THE PATRIARCHS: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB & JOSEPH

7 Sessions – Tuesday evenings: October 25th-December 13th – 7:00-8:30pm

Three major world religions – Jew, Christian, Muslim – trace their history and lineage back to the patriarchs and their wives and families recorded in the Book of Genesis. Join us as we explore these stories of promise, mystery, intrigue, sibling rivalry, family dysfunction and relationship with God. To register for the class and receive a Zoom invitation, contact the rector at rector@messiahgwynedd.org.

PHOTOS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

We frequently take photographs in and around the church that may appear on our social media account, website and print materials. If you do not wish to be in photographs, please contact Tiffany Reichley in the church office, and we will be sure to respect your wishes!

DIOCESAN DEACONS SPONSOR

BOXERS, BLOOMERS & BRIEFS COLLECTION

One of the most requested items from people in need is clean, new underwear. Really, why should anyone be without? Recognizing this need, along with the fact that many are too shy to ask, the deacons of our diocese are collecting *Boxers, Bloomers and Briefs*. And here at Messiah, we are supporting this worthwhile effort.

Here is how you can help:

- Purchase a pack or two of underwear in your size, style, and gender. Then, do so for your spouse. Maybe even buy some in the size of your children, or your Uncle, or even Grandma. This should provide a rich diversity of styles and sizes for distribution.
- Bring your donation to church and place it in the collection baskets located in the narthex.
- These will be transported to the diocesan offices, combined with contributions from other parishes across the diocese, and distributed through homeless shelters and other agencies throughout Philadelphia and the seven surrounding counties.

With your help, well over two thousand pairs of blue jeans were collected in congregations across the diocese and distributed by the diocesan deacons last fall. With the continued support of the parishes, the deacons are hoping to collect ten thousand pairs of boxers, bloomers, and briefs. Let's really show our love and generosity for others, and provide a bit of dignity to those who need it the most. Thank you for your participation, support and generosity!

INVITATION TO BAPTISM ... CONFIRMATION ... RECEPTION ... REAFFIRMATION

Are you ...

- An adult or teen who wants to be baptized?
- An older teen or adult interested in confirming the vows made on your behalf at your baptism?
- Wanting to be officially received into the Episcopal Church from another Christian denomination?
- Merely interested in learning more about the Church's history, sacraments and creeds, and exploring your own spiritual needs and calling?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this fall's Sunday Adult Forums are for you!

Those adults and teens interested in being presented to the Bishop for baptism or confirmation, being received into the Episcopal Church, or publicly reaffirming their faith are invited to meet with the Rector for six consecutive Sundays, beginning October 2nd and running through November 6th. Classes will begin after the 9:30am Eucharist, convening at 11:00am in the Guild Room, and run for 90 minutes, adjourning at 12:30pm.

If interested:

- Enter your name on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex;
- Speak with Fr. Marsh or call the parish office;
- Join us for six weeks for the first steps on a new faith journey!

WE'RE HIRING A VIDEOGRAPHER!

As many of you know, the recording of the Sunday morning services has become a vital ministry at Messiah. We are now looking to make the ministry permanent and hire a part-time

videographer. We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Sam Fogel, who has graciously VOLUNTEERED his Sunday mornings for the entire summer to record the services for us. However, Sam will be returning to college soon, and we want to make sure that we have someone to take over for him. If you can please spread the word to any interested candidates, we would greatly appreciate it! A detailed job description can be found on the website. Please direct all interested candidates to contact the church office.

SECURITY SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED

A parishioner's very generous gift has enabled Messiah to realize a long overdue upgrade to the security of the campus and buildings. Beginning in the next couple of weeks, the exterior lighting will be upgraded, as well as more secure entry and locking hardware installed on the church, parish hall and Belfry Bargains doors. These upgrades will greatly increase the security of the congregation, staff and all those using the church spaces. While the individual wishes to remain anonymous, we want to send out a huge thank you to the parishioner who made the donation to cover these costs possible. We will all be safer as a result.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday 9:30am-2:30pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to honor a loved one(s) by dedicating the altar flowers in their name, please contact the church office. There are lots of open Sundays for the spring and summer! The suggested donation is \$60.

SUPPORT MANNA ON MAIN STREET As you do your weekly shopping, please pick up some non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies. These donations can be left on the back pew of the church or left outside the Rector's office door. These will then be delivered to Manna to stock their shelves for distribution to meet clients' needs.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES AND NOTIFICATIONS Each week, the Rector sends an email to all parishioners with important notifications and information about parish events and other happenings. If you are not currently receiving these messages, please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the database.

If You Do Not Have Internet Access: Please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the mailing list of those parishioners who receive hard copies of the messages and sermon by mail.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS Should you have an urgent need to contact the Rector outside of Church Office hours, please use his cell phone: 215-692-2667.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

- To the glory of God and our Risen Lord
- In loving memory of Janet Vogel by Jayne and Mark Wicklund

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

- Pat Plumb
- Barbara Harvey
- Lauren Kapusta
- Dale Murphy
- Dr. John Myers

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Usher

Lector and Intercessor

Videographer

Altar Guild

Coffee Hour Hosts

Chimer

Altar Flowers

Eileen Patram, Brenda Weir

Sam Frenkel

Bonnie Perrone, Jen Christman, Tonia Uffner, Claudette Sudlow, Marti Bender

Nancy Handrich

Dale Murphy

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: September 26-October 2

Monday	Church Office Hours: 9:30am-2:30pm
Tuesday	Church Office Hours: 9:30am-2:30pm AA, Alanon, Alateen – 7:30pm
Wednesday	Church Office Hours: 9:30am-2:30pm
Thursday	Church Office Hours: 9:30am-2:30pm
Friday	Church Office Hours: 9:30am-2:30pm
Next Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour 9:30am Nursery Care and Church School

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector

The Rev. Bob Brown, Clergy Affiliate

The Rev. MaryJo Melberger, Clergy Affiliate

Tiffany Reichley, Parish Administrator

Sarah Patram, Bookkeeper

Hannah Albrecht, Organist & Choir Director

Tiffany Reichley, Family Ministries – Children

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH VESTRY

Barbara Stevenson, Warden

Sam Frenkel, Treasurer

Tina Madison, Clerk

Class of 2023: Tim Beaver, Jennifer Marsh, Jon Marshall, Mercer Sisson

Class of 2024: Joan Benninghoff, Greg Honeyman, Lynn Mangan

Class of 2025: Sue Hess, Dale Murphy, Warren Tudgay, Cathy Wallace