



Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 17, 2024 + 9:30AM

Prelude

Fuga in G major
Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn #637

How firm a foundation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God's kingdom: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Hymn #S-280

Gloria

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading – Daniel 12: 1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

**1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

**3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.**

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

**5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.**

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

**7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.**

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

**9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Second Reading – Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #WLP 825

Bless the Lord, my soul

The last verse is sung following the Gospel.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:1-8)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”

Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.” The word of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Emily E. Given

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For Selinda and Phillip; Joy and Cal Culver; Jeanne Maria Todd; Ken Burgess; Laura Mangan; Bobby; Don; Peggy; Sharline Fulton; Elouise Binns; Ken and Valerie; Shelley; Beth Hough; Phillip Myers, Sr; Joey Myers; Sam Nice; Scott Bender; Becky Melberger; William Garrett; Kurt and Vicky Zalegowski; Gurnee Barrett; Jaxton; Diana; Deb Marsh; Anita and George; Jenni Verhagen; Barb; Sue; Mary and baby to be; Drew Hautzinger; Eamonn; CJ; Doris; Joan; Kim; Gail; Janice; Anthony; Charles; Doris; Elisabeth; June; Betty; Debbie; Paula; Janifer; Danika; Stephen; David Kriebel, Sr and Jayne Wicklund.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Timothy Black, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Rise in body or spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share a greeting of peace with your neighbor.

Announcements

Please consider taking the last few pages of the bulletin home today for future reference.

Offertory

The Gift of Love
Hal H. Hopson, Performed by the Chancel Choir

Doxology

Please rise in body or spirit as the offering and gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creature, here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

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 to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

David Thorne

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: Grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance of that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Please place your right hand over your left to receive the bread. Wine may be consumed by drinking directly from the cup or dipping the wafer. A gluten-free option is available by asking at the rail. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn

Adagio from Symphony No. 5
Charles-Marie Widor

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Priest and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Stand in body or spirit for the blessing, as the celebrant says

The world now
is too dangerous
and too beautiful
for anything but love.

I bless your eyes so you see God in everyone.
I bless your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
I bless your lips so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
I bless your hands so that everything you give
and everything you receive,
is a sacrament,
I bless your feet so you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire
that your love,

YOUR LOVE,
changes . . .
everything.

Amen. (Burning Man Benediction)

Recessional Hymn #680

O God, our help in ages past

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEW RECTOR

Wednesdays starting November 13 - 8:00AM-10:00AM
Backyard Bean - 408 West Main Street – Lansdale

Email Emily@messiahgwynedd.org or text 214.929.7772 to RSVP or just drop by the office!

LAY EUCHARIST MINISTER INFO MEETING AND TRAINING – TODAY

Have you ever considered serving at the altar? It is a wonderful opportunity to serve others and be a part of the most special part of our worship. Anyone sixteen years and older is welcome to come to learn more and take part in a basic training session immediately following the 9:30 service. If you attend the 8:00 service and are interested, contact Emily (emily@messiahgwynedd.org) and she will find a time to share more information and train you.

GIFT BAG DECORATING TODAY

Join in the fun of decorating Christmas bags for our nursing home friends. This will take place during coffee hour following the 9:30 service today.

Please mark your calendars for December 8 following the 9:30 service, when we will fill the bags we decorate today. It's a great activity to spend time together and get in the spirit of giving!

2025 PLEDGE – 31 PLEDGES RECEIVED – THANK YOU!

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2025 and return your pledge card by November 30. Pledge packets are available on the welcome table or by calling the office. You may also make your pledge intention online by visiting the homepage of the website.

VESTRY MEETING

Vestry meets Monday, November 18 at 7:00 PM in the Guild Room.

PET BLESSINGS - 11/23 AT 10:00AM

Bring your pets and favorite stuffed animals friends for a blessing. A St. Francis medal will be given to each pet as a lasting blessing throughout the year. This is the perfect event to invite friends and neighbors to come along with you! We will also offer "remote" blessings via pictures, if your pet doesn't travel well.

BELFRY BARGAINS' CHRISTMAS SALE

Trim your tree, deck your halls, and jingle your bells at the Belfry Bargains Christmas & Holiday Pop-Up Sale! The sale will be held in the church's Parish House (the white building left of the church) Monday through Saturday during the weeks of December 2 and December 9 from 10AM to 1PM.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – 11/26

A service of thanksgiving and simple supper will be held at 6:00PM. More details to follow.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT – 11/24

Please join us on Sunday November 24 at 11:30AM to transition the Sanctuary from fall to Advent. All are welcome, no experience necessary! Extra snacks and drinks provided. We will also be preparing for the Advent Wreath workshop by clipping and conditioning greens from our beautiful property and donations from our parishioners, bring clippers if you have them, and wear comfortable clothes, flat shoes. Join the fun, many hands make light work!

BRING YOUR GREENS TO CHURCH – 11/24

As you prepare your home properties for the winter, if you have evergreens such as white pine, juniper, spruce, cedar etc, or holly or boxwood, please consider bringing a bag of those clippings to donate for our Advent Wreath workshop. Bring them to church on Sunday, November 24, 2024, and place on the terrace by the church steps – we will get them ready for use at our workshop on December 1st. Thank you!!

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP – 12/01

Welcome the Advent season on Sunday, December 1, 2024, with a fresh Advent Wreath! Join us after the 8:00 service and the 9:30 service for this festive event in the Parish Hall! All materials are provided along with hands on instruction to make your wreath. Please bring clippers if you have them. Festive food and fellowship! Join the fun! Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex so there are materials for everyone.

For anyone interested in coaching the Advent wreath creation, there will be a training session on Monday, November 25th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Dale Murphy for more information.

HAGUE’S CHRISTMAS TREES – 12/09

Create a Porch Pot Arrangement at Hague’s Christmas Trees, 755 Forty Foot Road, Hatfield, on Monday December 9 from 7-9pm. Arrange mixed greens, cones, winterberry, and white sticks in a delightful pot, bucket, or hollow log. Instruction given on materials to be used, with demonstration of the technique. The large pot, pictured above, will cost \$57.50 and a smaller version will cost \$32.50. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex along with an envelope for your check made out to Church of the Messiah with a note “Hague’s” in the memo line. We need a minimum of 10 people with a maximum of 15, so be sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Deadline for sign up is December 2. You will need to bring pruning shears and will probably want to bring gardening gloves as well. Join us for a great evening of creativity and laughter with fellow Messiah parishioners and kick the holidays into high gear with a beautiful fresh greens decoration.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Please join us Saturday, December 14 at 12:00 PM as we remember and honor our fallen veterans buried here at Messiah. There will be a short memorial service followed by the laying of 120 wreaths. A donation of \$35 provides two wreaths to decorate graves of two veterans here at Church of the Messiah. Checks should be made payable to “Church of the Messiah,” noted for “wreaths” or you can donate online by going to our website.

ALTAR FLOWER SPACES AVAILABLE

There are many openings for Altar Flowers for Fall. Please contact the office if you would like to honor a loved one with altar flowers. The suggested donation is \$75.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES AND NOTIFICATIONS

Each week, the church office 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 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

Please contact The Rev. Emily Given: 214-929-7772

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

In Thanksgiving for the marriage of Molly Unangst and Chris Maurer on November 16, by Walt and Linda Unangst.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mike Mulroy

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Ushers	Betty Buchecker; Dave Kriebel
Lector and Intercessor	Sam Frenkel; Lynn Mangan
Chalice Bearer	Brenda Weir; Eileen Patram
Altar Guild	Cathy Damico; Pam Schunke; Marsha Althouse
Altar Flowers	Nancy Alpert-Sisson
Chimer	John Stoller

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: November 10 – November 17

Today	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Holiday Bag Decorating in Parish Hall following 9:30 AM service
Monday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Guild Room – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM AA, AlAnon and AlaTeen meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM ACA meeting 7:00 PM Meet the Rector 8:00 AM at Backyard Bean, Lansdale
Thursday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM
Friday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
Saturday	Blessing of the Pets 10:00 AM Funeral for Timothy Black 11:00AM
Next Sunday	Christ the King 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Greening the Church for Advent 11:30 AM

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Sam Frenkel, Financial Warden

Lynn Mangan, Clerk

Class of 2025: Susan Hess, Dale Murphy, Warren Tudgay, Cathy Wallace,
Marissa Beaver

Class of 2026: Marsha Althouse, Barbara Osborne, Linda Unangst

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