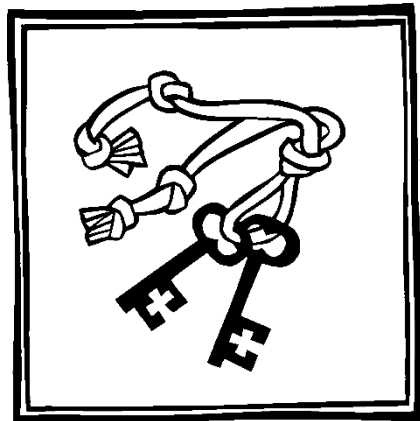


The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
23 Aug 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.*

The Rev. Jim Craig, Celebrant



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Church Center. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

If this is your first visit, kindly complete a pew card, and drop it in the offering plate to stay connected with us.

The Hymnal is in the "pew back" in front of you. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship.



NOTES:

As Episcopalians, we are guided by the promises of the Baptismal Covenant. We promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. Those promises call us not simply to tolerate one another, but to celebrate one another as beloved children of God.

In a time when our society is often marked by division, fear, and suspicion, the Church is called to be something different: a community where people encounter the reconciling love of God and discover that there is room for all of us at Christ's table.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth' with a stylized flourish.

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *The Church's one foundation (Aurelia)* (H 525)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

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

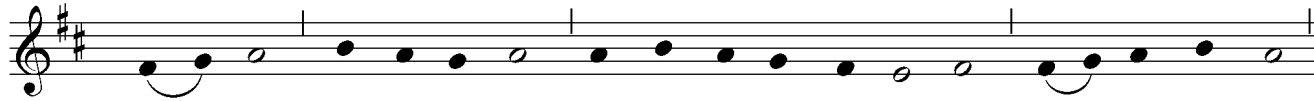
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In unison: 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Hurd)* (S 277)



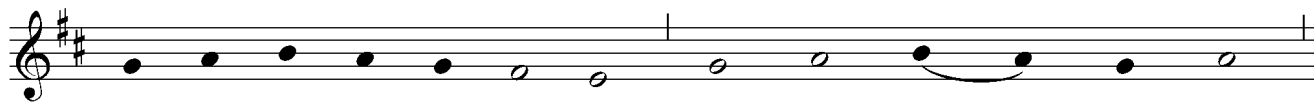
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



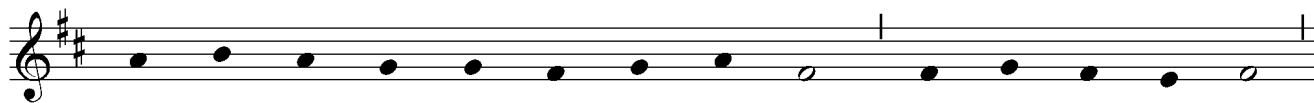
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



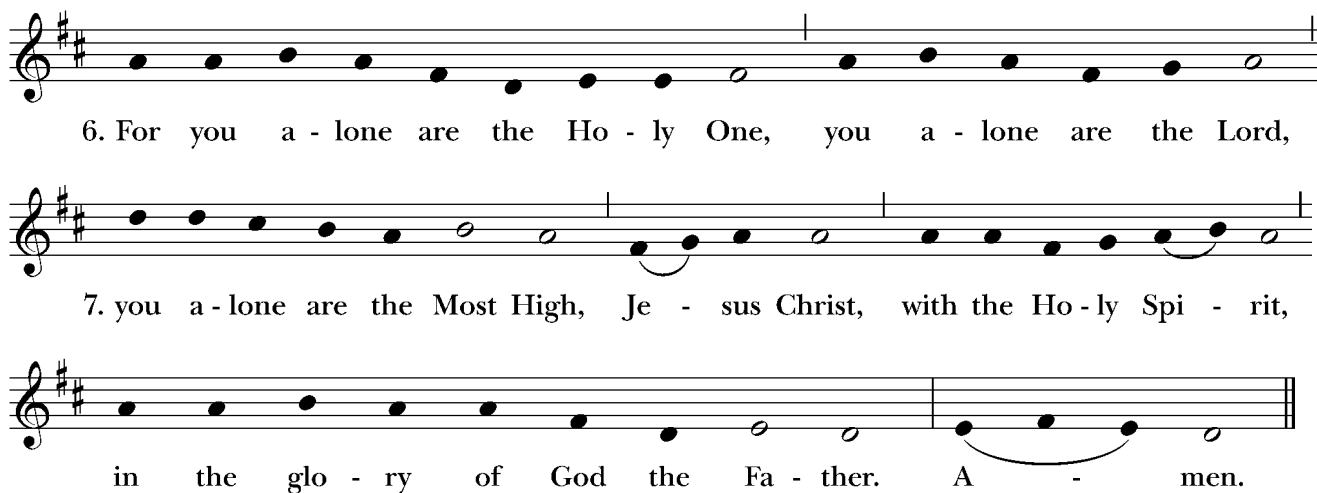
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Exodus 1:8--2:10

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiprah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives

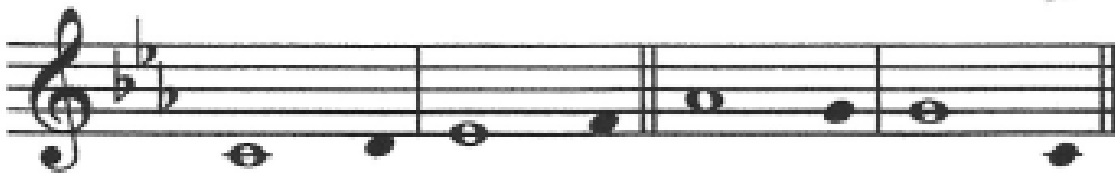
feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124 (*simplified chant*)

¹ If the Lord had not been on our | side, *
let Israel now | say;

² If the Lord had not been on our | side, *
when enemies rose up a- | -gainst us;

³ Then would they have swallowed us up a- | -live *
in their fierce anger | toward us;

⁴ Then would the waters have over-whelmed us *

and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵ Then would the raging | waters *
 have gone right | over us.
⁶ Blessed be the | Lord! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their | teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have es- | -caped.
⁸ Our help is in the Name of the | Lord, *
 the maker of heaven and | earth.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.
³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (H 487)

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh

and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

***People:* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***People:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor: For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place; for Sarah our Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Ruth, our bishop; for Roy, George and Jim, our clergy; for Charlie, our postulant; for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the baptized who minister in your Name.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach; The Very Rev. Cn. Wilmot T. Merchant II, Rector.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Charlie & Amy Jordan.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,

(Sing to the Lord a new song,

Laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum.

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum,

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

Et filii Sion, exsultent in rege suo.

Let the people of Zion be glad in their King.)

- Psalm 149: 1-2

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 *Holy, holy, holy (Hurd) (S 124)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant:

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 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God (Hurd) (S 161)*

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome everyone at God's table.

If you would prefer to come forward to receive a blessing in the place of the sacrament of bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Know that the grace of this Sacrament is fully present in both the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest) (H 304)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

TAIZÉ - *In the Lord* (sung three times; please stand at the third verse)

♩ = 69

Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

C B♭ A 3 Dm C

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C F fine Dm C

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the

fine fine

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People: 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 for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.*



W H O W E A R E

Vision Statement

The Church of the Messiah is an intentionally inclusive community called to love the Lord and to serve God's world in a spirit of reconciliation, hope, and healing.

Mission Statement

The Church of the Messiah follows Jesus through our liturgy and music while sharing the love of Jesus by serving the Myrtle Beach community.

The People of God are the ministers of this Church and are served by
The Bishop of South Carolina, the Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley,
and the Rev. Roy Tripp, Vicar.
They are also served by the Rev. George H. Welles, Jr.
and the Rev. James O. Craig III, Associates.

Our Vestry

Richard B. Stall, Sr. Warden
Monica Orosz, Jr. Warden
Kristi Burch, Member
Eileen Fairchild, Member
Chrissy Oppegaard, Member
Pat Patterson, Member

Peggy Kovacs, **Treasurer**

The Music Ministry is served by Dr. Charles Jones Evans.

The People of Messiah are also served by
Patty Tate, **Parish Secretary** & Chelsea Lesko, **Children's Leader**.

Love. Serve. Share.

THIS WEEK. . .

Today, 10:00 a.m., Worship in the Church

Today, 10:00 a.m., Child Care & Children's Program in the Church Center

Following worship, join us upstairs for refreshments and fellowship.

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Jordan's Tuesday Evening Study

Rev. Roy's Open Office Hours canceled through September 1.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

Monday, September 14, 12:00 noon, Lunch with the Vicar (*details p.18*)

Sunday, September 20, Rally Sunday, follows worship service. (*details to come*)

Monday, September 21, 5:00, Vestry Meeting

THOSE WHO SERVE. . .

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Vestry of the Day	Kristi Burch	Rick Stall
Altar Guild	Donna Wiggin	David Hardin
Greeter	Colin Burch	Larry Sultze
Readers	Karen Spink Monica Orosz	Kathy Sultze Chrissy Oppegaard
Intercessor	Karen Spink	Larry Sultze
Acolyte	David Hardin Deb Whitaker	David Hardin Deb Whitaker
Chalice Bearer	Deb Whitaker Monica Orosz	Deb Whitaker Pat Patterson
Flower Guild	Kristi Burch	Tracy Cobb
Refreshments	Kristi Burch	Larry & Kathy Sultze
Live Stream	Colin Burch	Karen Spink

VICAR ON VACATION

Fr. Roy will be away for the month of August and will be back beginning on September 6th. While he's away, Fr. Jim Craig will be available for pastoral care needs. He will also be the celebrant for worship on August 2, 16, 23 & 30. Fr. John Sorensen will return to be our celebrant for one day, August 9.

Rick Stall (Sr. Warden), Monica Orosz (Jr. Warden), and Patty Tate (Parish Secretary) can be reached for any assistance other than pastoral care.

LUNCH WITH THE VICAR

A new adult ed series will be offered on Mondays beginning September 14th. Join Fr Roy for lunch and discussions involving faith and life.

The first lunch with the Vicar will be a look at the C.S. Lewis classic, "Mere Christianity." (Read in advance.) (Topics will vary by week.)

Please bring your inquisitive minds, questions, and willingness to explore new perspectives (also bring a sandwich.)

The one-hour class will meet at the Church Center at high noon. I hope you will join us!

MESSIAH'S ANNIVERSARY**August 4, 2013**

Thirteen years ago, we began regular weekly worship with supply clergy establishing August as our anniversary

VISIT WITH ANN FLEMING TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR FALL

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL NEWS

Now that all of our assets have been moved to designated accounts, the following is the mid-year summary of our holdings:

Church of the Messiah**Assets at 6/30/2026**

Edward Jones Money Market (Building Messiah) \$408,317.74 @6/30/26
Includes Investment Growth of \$5,708.41

Edward Jones SBA Est'd 6/11/26 \$32,000.00
(Small Business Administration loan assets)

Endowment with Episcopal Church Foundation \$9,919.90 @ 6/26/26

First Citizens Bank (General Operating Fund) **\$25,974.55** @ 6/30/26

A detailed accounting of our mid-year budgeted and actual revenue and expenses can be found in the e-newsletter sent out on Thursday, August 13th. We are unable to share a comparison to 2025 because we adopted new accounting software effective January 1, 2026.

June 30, 2026 Year to Date Budget vs. Actual HIGHLIGHTS**Actual Revenue is \$17K less than anticipated, primarily because**

- * Pledges that are fulfilled as one time payments have not, as yet, been made (\$11.5k) AND
- * Non-Pledged offerings are \$6k less than anticipated. This may have been overestimated when we budgeted.

Actual **Expenses** are **\$1.1k under budget** BUT we have not disbursed our anticipated Diocesan or Community Giving (\$7.7k).

Had we disbursed that, we would be \$6.6k over budget.

Bottom line: Mid-Year to Date (6/30/26) Expenses exceed Revenue by \$16.5k.

We expected expenses to be more than revenue, but only by \$1.4k at mid-year.

When members and newcomers are asked what they value most at Messiah, everyone includes some variation of:

*The people, friendships, warmth,
acceptance, love, welcoming, kindness,
friendliness, caring & community.*

This speaks volumes about each one of you! Please continue being you! To make communication easier among all, it's time to update our directory. There is a current directory on Patty's desk in the Church Center. Please review your information even if you are a long-time member. If everything is correct, please indicate that with a check mark. Corrections or updates may be written directly on the directory. If more space is needed, post-it notes are available. If you are not listed in the directory, and would like to be included write your information on a post-it note.

If you don't have a photo in the directory or would like to update it, email a headshot to office@messiahmyrtlebeach.org. Photos can also be taken at Rally Sunday on September 20. Once information is gathered, an updated directory will be issued.

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