# *The Episcopal Church of the Messiah*

***THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***The Holy Eucharist: Rite II***
***8 November 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.***

**The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant**
**The Retired Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor**
**of Western North Carolina, Preacher**



***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 shelves in the back of the church 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.*



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

# THE WORD OF GOD

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

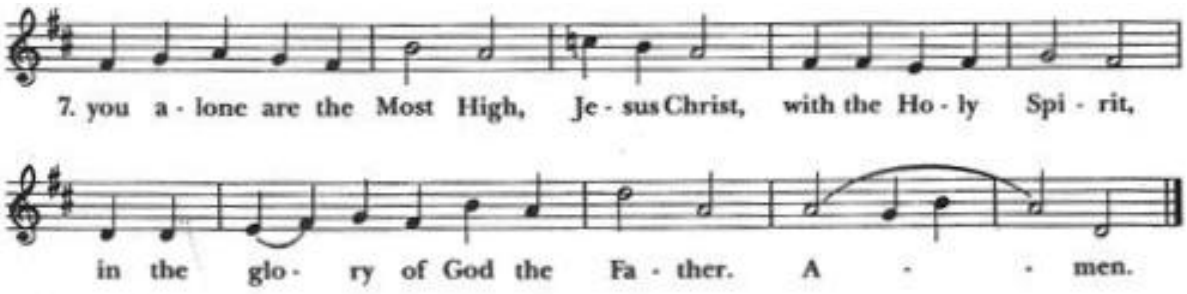
**OPENING HYMN:** ***Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (Truro)*** **(H 436)** ***(H = Hymnal)***

**OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY**
*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People:*** **And blessed be God's 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) (Near)*** **(S 279)**






Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**
*Celebrant*: God be with you.
***People*: And also with you.**
*Celebrant*: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

**THE LESSONS**
**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
A Reading from the book of Joshua.

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the
judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to
all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his
sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3a Then I took
your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many.'

14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the
gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you
are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your
ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you
are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other
gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all
the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD
drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will
serve the LORD, for he is our God."
19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a
jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and

serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." 21And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" 22Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:1-7** *(simplified chant)*

1 Hear my teaching, O my | people; *
incline your ears to the words of my | mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a | parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient | times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have | told us, *
we will not hide from their | children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the | Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has | done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for | Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their | children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un- | -born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to | their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in | God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his com- | -mandments;
* Hear my teaching, O my | people; *
incline your ears to the words of my | mouth.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

13We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE INTROIT:** ***Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)*** **(H 68, v. 1 & 2)**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**
*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
***People:*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] 1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight
there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those
bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your
oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.
***People:*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** **The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor**

**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:* Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all these gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*Intercessor:* For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For all that is gracious in the lives of all your people, revealing the image of Christ,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For our nation, those in authority; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For those recently baptized; for all the people of God,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For the mission of reconciliation shared with your Church, O God; for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Ruth our bishop, for Roy, George and Jim our parish clergy, for Charlie our postulant and all those you call to your service,

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island; Interim Rector; The Rev. Eric Bash, Associate Rector.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Charlie & Sheila Myers.

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For the many gifts offered by this parish, for the opportunity to share our stories and our ministries, for the shared calling to serve our community.

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* For all those who have died, for those we love but see no longer.

***People:*** ***We thank you, O God.***

*Intercessor:* I invite any other prayers or thanksgivings at this time . . .

*silence*

*Intercessor:* *Almighty God, whose gifts of lessing and grace have no end, write it in our hearts your joy and zeal to tell the story of our faith by our words, by our deeds, and by offering all that you have given us: our lives, our gifts, our resources. Grant us also a portion of your never-ending generosity, that we may proclaim your love and mercy to the world around us through our parish community; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* We pray to you, O God, for the forgiveness of our sins.

*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.*

**THE PEACE**
*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.
***People:*** **And also with you.**

# *THE HOLY COMMUNION*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**
***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **African American spiritual (arr. K. Lee Scott)**
Keep your lamps trimmed and a-burning (3X), for this work's almost done.
Children, don't grow weary (3X), for this work's almost done.
Darker midnight lies before us, for this work's almost done.
Christians, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.
Lo, the Bridegroom soon is a-rising, for this work's almost done.
Keep your lamps trimmed and a-burning, for this work's almost done.
Don't grow weary, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on how we express our gratitude to God: with time, treasure, talents and testimony. Thank you for your monetary and non-monetary support of Messiah. For online giving:

**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.**

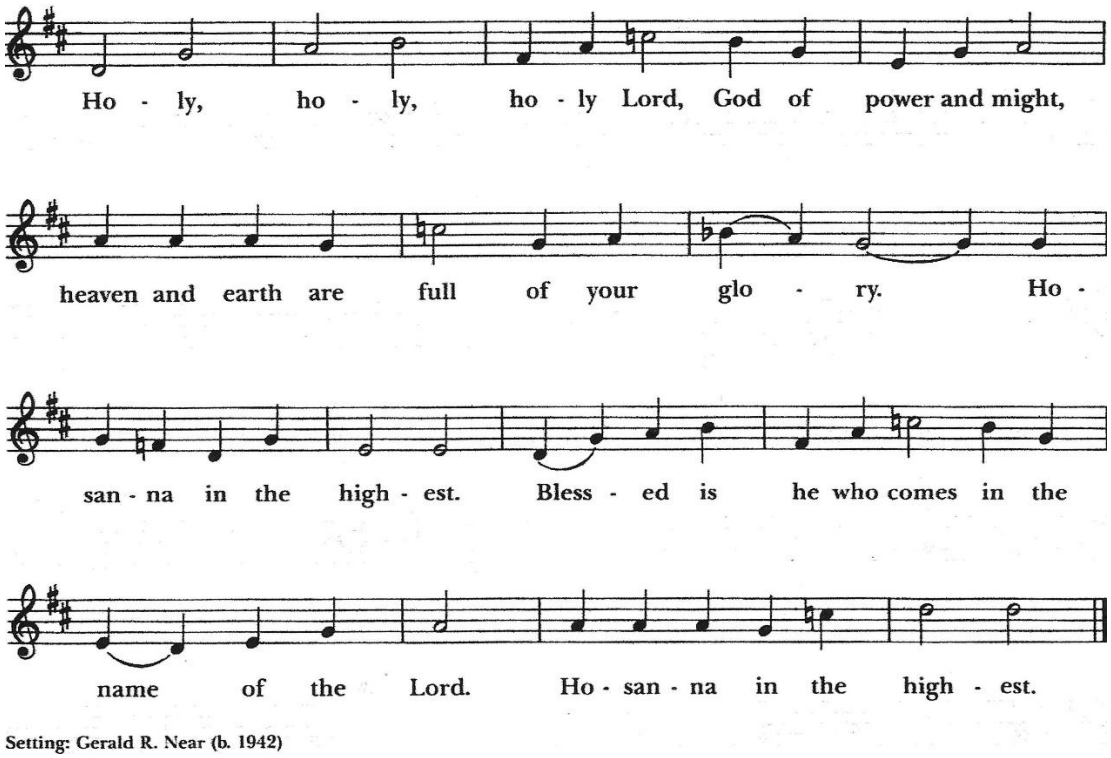
*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*Celebrant and People:*

**SANCTUS:** ***Holy, holy, holy (Near)*** **(S 131)**




Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*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 the 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;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

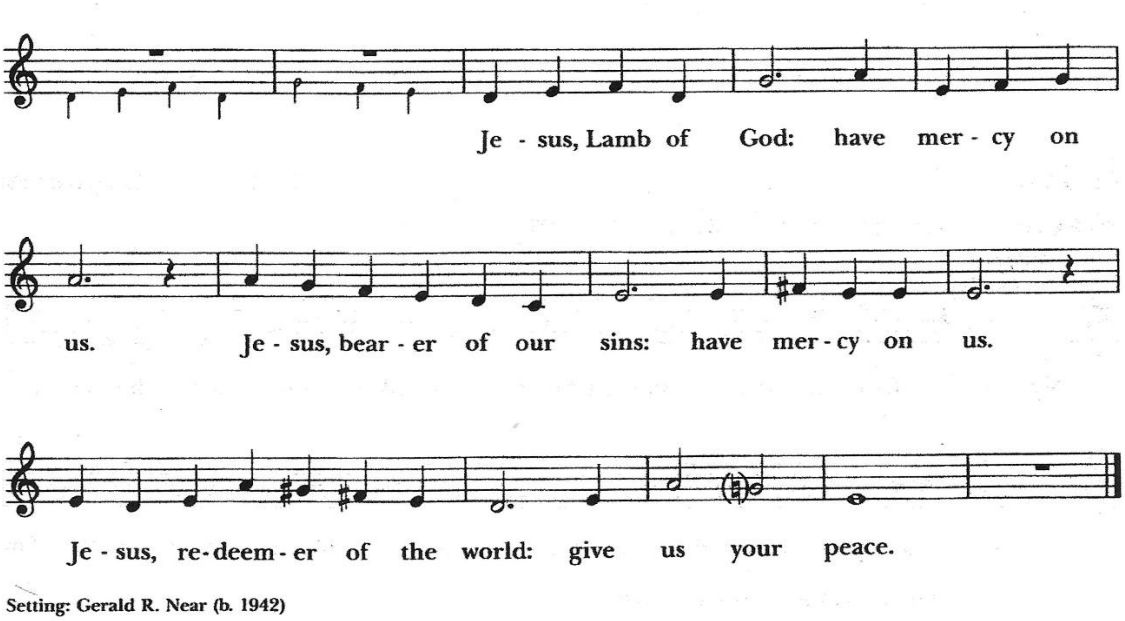
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

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:** ***Jesus, Lamb of God (Near)*** **(S 166)**




Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

**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. Come to God's table where all are welcome.

> ***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:** ***The Lord will come and not be slow (York)*** **(H 462)**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

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




**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:** ***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)*** **(H 690)**

**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.

*We welcome Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor as our guest preacher today.*
*He is the retired Bishop of Western North Carolina.*



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# WHO WE ARE

***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.*

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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.*

# C A L E N D A R 11.8.26

**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 in the Church Center for refreshments and fellowship.*

**Monday,** 5:00, Vestry Meeting, Church Center
**Tuesday,** 12:00 noon, Lunch with the Vicar, **NOTE THE CHANGE TO TUESDAY!**
**Tuesday, Jordan's Evening Study *will not meet Nov. 10 & 17.***
**Wednesday,** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study *(weekly)*
**Wednesday,** 5:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal *(weekly)*

**LOOKING AHEAD. . .**
**November 16,** Vestry Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Church Center
**November 22,** Thanksgiving Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Worship
**December 6,** Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.
**December 24,** Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 p.m. *(with child care)* and 6:00 p.m.

The Parish Secretary Patty will be out of the office from November 18 through December 2. If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter for that time period, please send an email to office@MessiahMyrtleBeach.org by Nov. 12. Junior Warden Monica Orosz will be monitoring the email and voice mails.

**THOSE WHO SERVE. . .**

| | **TODAY** | **NEXT SUNDAY** |
|---|---|---|
| **Vestry of the Day** | Kristi Burch | Rick Stall |
| **Altar Guild** | David Hardin | Tracy Cobb |
| **Greeter** | Ann Charles Jordan | Tom Vanderford |
| **Readers** | Peggy Schauer<br>Karen Spink | Chrissy Oppegaard<br>Larry Sultze |
| **Intercessor** | Eileen Fairchild | Monica Orosz |
| **Acolyte** | David Hardin<br>Deb Whitaker | David Hardin<br>Deb Whitaker |
| **Chalice Bearer** | Deb Whitaker<br>Pat Patterson | Deb Whitaker<br>Pat Patterson |
| **Flower Guild** | Kristi Burch | Ann Charles Jordan |
| **Refreshments** | Tracy Cobb | Larry & Kathy |
| **Live Stream** | Colin Burch | Monica Orosz |

## LOTTERY SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS NEEDED!




Please consider donating one or more SC lottery scratch off tickets. Any denomination is welcome. We are planning a fun raffle to benefit our outreach opportunities. All donations can be given to Chrissy Oppegaard, Eileen Fairchild, or Linda Burney. **Deadline is Sunday 11/15!**

## FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Booklets for November, December & January are in the back of the church and in the Church Center. Available in pocket-size or large-print.

Also available online at https:/prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd. Or listen to the podcast – https:/forwardmovement.org/our-podcasts/; includes each day's scripture passage, reflection, and closing prayer. An excellent 5-minute start to your day! Find the podcast wherever you get your podcasts. Forward Movement has been a ministry of the Episcopal Church since 1935. Forward Day by Day is a daily devotional which provides meditations based on scripture readings from the lectionary.

## LUNCH WITH THE VICAR

Join Fr Roy for lunch and discussions involving faith and life. The next lunch will be **TUESDAY, November 10** at noon. The topic is the Gospel of Mark which is the focus of the next church year's Gospel readings. The new church year begins the first Sunday of Advent, November 29.

## WONDERING WHAT MEANINGFUL GIFT YOU CAN GET YOUR YOGA INSTRUCTOR? DOG WALKER? VICAR?



We have the answer: for a minimum donation of $20, you can present a Christmas Card acknowledging a donation you have made on their behalf to Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach through our long-standing partnership at Messiah. Helping Hand was organized by several local churches in 1971 with the mission to assist local families with immediate short-term needs such as food, rent, utilities and specialized services.

Please submit your check with "Holiday Gift" noted in the memo field.

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*Honoring the Past*
*Rejoicing in the Present*
*Embracing the Future*

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Fr. Roy kicked off our Stewardship Season with a sermon focused on *Honoring the Past, Rejoicing in the Present & Embracing the Future.* Today, vestry member Kristi Burch will share a testimony written by her mother, Pat Merrell. And next Sunday will be Chrissy Oppegaard's turn to share. These messages are meant not only to inspire you to give of your time, talent and treasure but also to be spiritually enriched.

Thankful Sunday, November 22, will be the peak of the season where we will thank God for all He has given and done for us, our church, our community and our world. We will show our gratitude in part by placing our pledge cards in the offering basket and asking him to bless them to be used to the glory of His name.

A letter from our Sr Warden, Rick Stall, was recently mailed. The mailing also includes a pledge card and information on other ways to pledge. Prayerfully consider how you can give of yourself and your generosity to Messiah. Commit with a pledge card and your vestry will thank you as this will allow them to be faithful stewards of the church resources as they plan both short- and long-term goals.

## STEWARDSHIP

As you consider your stewardship of the Church of the Messiah for 2027, the church's goal is a balanced budget where Revenue is equal to or exceeds Expenses. For budget setting, Pledged and Plate Offerings are our source of revenue.

This list reflects current monthly expenses that cannot be controlled, decreased, etc. They are the "cost of doing business".

Church of Messiah 3rd Q 2026 analysis of Uncontrollable monthly expenses

| Total Clergy and staff expenses | Averages and estimates are based on 9/30/26 actual expenses |
|---|---|
| 5300 Printing/Copying | $5,716 |
| 5320 Communications: weekly Newsletter | $250 |
| 5340 ACS: Giving, Accounting, website platform | $16 |
| 5370 Software | $158 |
| 5410 Paychex fees: payroll processing | $32 |
| 5420 VANCO: processing online donations | $283 average |
| 5610 Cleaning | $17 average |
| 5620 Rent | $360 |
| 5635 Property Ins | $4,000 |
| 5640 Electricity | $ 225 mthly impact of 1x expense |
| 5650 Water | $578 average |
| 5660 Phone, internet | $155 average |
| 5110 Small Business Administration loan | $194 |
| | $138 |
| | $12,122 monthly "uncontrollable" expenses |
| | $145,464 annually |
| 2026 Pledged Giving | $135,558 DOES not cover these expenses |

This list does NOT include unexpected 1-time expenses (i.e. repairs), Office Supplies, Rector mileage, Supply personnel, Flowers, Altar, Worship, or Ministry (Music, Christian Education, Diocesan or Community Giving) expenses.

Your vestry provides this information with the hopes that it will help guide you in prayerfully making your 2027 pledge to the ministry of the Church of the Messiah.

# Christmas Services

## Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. child-centered & child care available

6:00 p.m. no child care; candlelight service

## Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. no child care traditional worship



# Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22
@10:00a.m.

Using the Thanksgiving Day liturgy and corresponding music will let us focus on God's generosity and how to live in His image.



# Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 6 @ 10:00 a.m.

The Festival of Lessons & Carols is a tradition of scripture, prayer and music with roots going as far back as 1880. Join us in this inclusive service that highlights hope, preparation and the promise of the Messiah.

# Angel of Hope Tree

Each year, we collect gifts to be given to vulnerable and foster children who need basic necessities as well as holiday gifts. Fostering Hope is a non-profit located in Conway. Gifts go to children in Horry County. Details coming soon.

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