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THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, 15 November 2020

During this ongoing COVID-19 national emergency, several restrictions have been instituted following guidelines issued by the CDC, civil authorities, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania. At some points in the service, the Celebrant will explain various procedures now in place; and instructions have been placed throughout this bulletin.

For the safety and health of our worshipping community, we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you!

Masks MUST always be worn; gloves are optional. If you did not bring a cloth mask or gloves from home, disposable masks and gloves are available as you enter the church.

Maintain recommended SOCIAL DISTANCE of at least six feet from all other worshippers at all times.

*To assist in Contact Tracing, should that be required in the future, before taking your seat, please check in at the attendance table located in the Narthex. **If you later test positive for the virus, please notify the church office immediately in order for others to be notified.** Thank you!*

Alternating pews have been roped off to assist with social distance seating. Please sit only where indicated. Household groups may be seated together; all others must be seated individually.

Please place your offering in the Collection Plates located in the main aisle.

Sadly, there will be no congregational singing since it has been shown that this action expels droplets far beyond the social distance boundary of six feet. But music is included in the Sunday services and you may recognize some familiar hymns . . . feel free to hum along.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Sam Frenkel, ukulele; Hannah Albrecht, piano

The Congregation stands as the Celebrant enters the Chancel from the Sacristy.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (PROPER 28)

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.*

A COLLECT FOR CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Gracious God: through your Fatherly goodness, make Church of the Messiah a Christian community united to serve others; enrich our life in Christ, that we might celebrate and share Christ's love with the world; and send your Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage to proclaim the Good News of your grace through word and deed. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

THE LESSONS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Lector A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18)

After the reading, the Lector says The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God.
 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 “Go back, O child of earth.”
 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
 and like a watch in the night.
 You sweep us away like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

EPISTLE

Lector A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

After the reading, the Lector says The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Here I Am, Lord* – Schutte
 Sam Frenkel, ukulele; Hannah Albrecht, piano

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew (25:14-30)

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

After the Gospel, the Gospeler says The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Congregation is seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector

THE NICENE CREED

The Congregation stands.

All 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.

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 response to each petition:

Intercessor In the name of Our Lord:

People **In Christ's name, hear our prayer.**

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation too your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in *thy* fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may continue to stand, or may kneel.

A period of silence is kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.***

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And always with you.**

Avoiding direct contact and maintaining adequate social distance, all worshippers greet one another in the name of the Lord. Rather than a handshake, a hug or a kiss, please consider giving a friendly wave, a nod of the head, or some other acknowledgment of fellowship to those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* – Arlen/Kamakawiwo'ole
Sam Frenkel, vocal ukulele

While the Celebrant will prepare the altar as usual, there will not be a procession of the offering and elements from the back of the church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand.

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 God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant & People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people continue to stand, or may kneel at this point.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, INVITATION & SHARING OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

Due to health concerns at the present time, only the Celebrant will consume both the bread and the wine; the Congregation will receive the Sacrament in one kind, only the bread.

Before distributing the bread to the Congregation, the Celebrant will use hand sanitizer, then put on gloves, as well as a mask.

Bread will be put into the hands of the Communicants without touching or contact.

If you do not want to receive Communion, but desire a no-touch blessing, please come forward, crossing your arms on your chest, to indicate that you do not wish to receive the bread.

Please remain seated until the Usher invites you to come forward.

Maintain social distance while waiting in line. Note the floor markers in the aisle; these are spaced six feet apart and have been put there to assist you in maintaining the social distance boundary.

Communicants are to approach the Celebrant individually, one at a time, to receive the bread or a blessing.

Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

COMMUNION MUSIC *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*
Sam Frenkel, ukulele; Hannah Albrecht, piano

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696-1787)

If you choose not to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to pray this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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.**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS, FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the Congregation.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

Please remain seated until invited to leave by the Usher.

Maintain social distancing as you exit. To assist with this, the Celebrant will not take a position at the door in order to eliminate a 'receiving line'. The Rector will, however, be available following the service should you need to speak with them.

If you do not wish to keep your Worship Bulletin, please deposit it in the recycling bin at the door.

For the time being, there is no Coffee Hour following the service.

Please do not remove your mask until you are in your car.

And please remember: *If you are diagnosed positive with the coronavirus, please notify the church office so we can activate the contact tracing process and notify others who have been with you here in worship. Thank you for your compliance!*

THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNED LESSONS:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said: "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I

did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that beautify the altar this morning are given to the glory of God, and . . .

- In memory of Lorraine and Bill Polard, by their daughter, Aimee
- In memory of Herbert and Fran Hillman, by their children

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

* Valerie Carr * Charles Macek * Chase Repine * Nicole DiBonaventura *
* Matthew Higgins * Tyler Evangelisto * Abigail Rusnak * Dan Rusnak *

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- 10:30am today - "*Virtual*" Church School lesson and activities
- 5:00pm today - Youth of Messiah – Parish Hall

ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Several options are available . . .

- The service will be live-streamed on YouTube at 9:30am.
- For those without computer access, an audio-only option is available by phone. At 9:30am, simply dial 609-663-5164 to listen to the service live.
- At the conclusion of worship, a link to the service will be posted on the church website: messiahgwynedd.org.
- In addition to the Messiah online worship postings, Bishop Gutierrez will continue to post weekly services on the diocesan website: diopa.org.
- Weekly mailings of the liturgy, readings and sermon will continue to be sent to homebound parishioners without computer access. Should you wish to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office: 215-699-9204.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you currently use weekly offering envelopes for your pledge, you will again receive envelopes for the coming year. **HOWEVER:** If you currently use envelopes and do not want them for 2021, or if you did not use envelopes this year but want them for next year, we need to hear from you! Please contact the bookkeeper Sarah Patram sarah@messiahgwynedd.org; or the church office. Thanks!

THE RECTOR'S ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The Church's liturgical season of Advent begins on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 29th, just two short weeks away. This season of four Sundays leading up to Christmas are intended as a time of preparation. As expectant parents prepare a nursery for the anticipated birth of their child, so the Christian faithful are encouraged to prepare a space in our hearts to receive the newborn Jesus. But that can be a difficult expectation to fulfill. As The Rev. Russell Levenson, a seminary classmate of mine, writes in his book, *Preparing Room – an advent companion*:

“Ah, how full the modern heart is today. There are so many ways to cram it full with e-mail, text messages, faxes, television, and satellite radio. Filling it even more are our worries and frets, bills and debts, health and hopes; need I go on? In hearts so full, it is sometimes difficult to place yet one more thing, thought, or feeling.”

I invite you to set aside some time on four Tuesday evenings to join with me and other parishioners as we intentionally clear away some of the clutter in our hearts and prepare just a bit of room for the birth of the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ. We will be using Rev. Levenson's book of scripture, meditations and prayers as our guide. As the book cover states:

“Preparing Room reminds us that the pieces of the beginning of the Christian story come together not from one set of hands, but from many. The Gospel of Mark makes no mention of the events leading up to and surrounding the birth of Jesus. John, for the most part, points back to Genesis. Most of the historical pieces come to us from Matthew and Luke. The scriptures together are the key to telling the story of the season. Levenson's daily meditations help us to step more deeply into the Advent story and find its meaning and impact for their own lives.”

We will begin on Tuesday evening, November 24th, at 7:00 via ZOOM, for the first 90-minute session; then continue on the first three Tuesday evenings in December (12/1st, 8th & 15th). Fr. Levenson's book is available through Amazon and Church Publishing Incorporated for \$16.95. You are welcome to order it yourself, or I will be happy to order it for you and you may pick it up in the church office or on Sunday morning ahead of the class. Please indicate your wish to join me in these sessions by contacting me at rector@messiahgwynedd.org; and please indicate if you wish me to order a book for you. Your ZOOM invitation will be sent on the Monday preceding each class.

As we prepare to begin another Advent, another church year, I quote Rev. Levenson: *“And now, my friend, I invite you to open your heart, to make room for the God of us all. Let us begin, at the beginning!”*

HOLIDAY TURKEY AND HAM DONATIONS: Again this year, we will be collecting turkeys and hams to be given to our neighbors in need through local food cupboards. If you would like to give a turkey or ham to grace the holiday table of a family in need, please bring it to church and place it in the cooler located at the back of the sanctuary. These will be collected and delivered to local food cupboards in Lansdale and Ambler. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES & 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.

HELP NEEDED!!!

- **USHER CORPS:** We are in desperate need for volunteers to serve as Sunday morning ushers! Due to some retirements (after lengthy times of service), some unfortunate deaths, and some reluctance at this time to serve for in-person services, the corps has been severely depleted. This places a great strain on our ability to staff this important Sunday morning ministry. *BTW: This ministry is not a “males-only” opportunity!* If you are interested in serving or wish more information, please contact Ed Steinbauer (ed@steinbauers.com; 215-661-9956).
- **SUNDAY MORNING VIDEO TEAM:** Members of the congregation are volunteering to film the Sunday morning for live-streaming, then posting it to the Messiah website for viewing later in the day or week. These online services have become a vital lifeline for many of our parishioners who are homebound or reluctant to attend in-person services. If you are interested or have questions, please speak with or contact the Rector. Training and assistance is provided.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES' ECUMENICAL FOOD COLLECTION: One hundred bags and boxes of food, hygiene and cleaning supplies were collected here at Messiah. These were combined with the donations collected at the other local churches, bringing the total to more than 675 boxes and bags of non-perishable food and supplies for local food cupboards! This will provide more than 50,000 meals for our neighbors in need! Messiah's donations were delivered to the Mattie N. Dixon Food Cupboard in Ambler and they were most grateful to receive the goods and replenish their shelves. Thank you to everyone who contributed! And to the YOM members and leaders who sorted and packed and delivered the donations!

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR MANNA ON MAIN STREET: As you do your grocery shopping each week, please remember to pick up some non-perishable food, toiletry items, and cleaning products. Bring them to church and leave them on the back pew. Each week, parish volunteers transport these items to the local food pantry, Manna on Main Street in Lansdale, for distribution to those in need within our community.

YOGA CLASSES: Classes, led by Diana Mulroy, are held outdoors when weather permits and in the Parish Hall when necessary. Each session costs \$10, and all proceeds benefit local social service agencies usually supported through Belfry Bargains funds. In the month of September, almost \$900 was raised and distributed to Laurel House, Interfaith Housing, Manna on Main Street, and Community Cupboard. Classes are appropriate for all levels - beginners, as well as more advanced participants. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CAEA922A4F58-join2>

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WINDING UP: The vestry asks that you please complete and return your pledge card asap in order for the 2021 parish operating budget to be prepared. If you have not returned your completed card, please do so asap. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please contact the church office. If you have misplaced or need a new pledge card, they are available in the narthex. Thank you!

CHURCH & PARISH HALL CLEANING/SANITIZING: After each worship service and every gathering in the Parish Hall, the spaces, including restrooms, are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized using a hospital-grade disinfectant solution. Thank you to Dale Murphy, Greg and Robin Honeyman, and their cleaning teams of parish volunteers.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE: Thank you to all of you who have dropped off or sent in your pledge over the past several weeks! Your faithfulness has allowed us to stay current with payroll and bill payment. We know how difficult it can be to remember your pledge when not attending church services, but we need your ongoing support. Please remember to submit this month's pledge. Thank you!

Looking for an easy way to ensure that your weekly or monthly pledge is received regularly? Check out on-line giving using Tithe.ly, an on-line giving platform recommended by the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Simply visit the parish website (messiahgwynedd.org), click on the DONATE button, and follow the prompts.

And if the COVID-19 situation has resulted in unemployment or reduced income for your household and you feel the need to adjust your pledge, we understand; please let us know so we can both assist in some way as well as make adjustments to the church budget.

MUSIC VIDEOS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR CORONA DAYS: Invitations to view musical videos have been received from two musical groups with ties to Church of the Messiah.

- The first comes from Alan Segal, husband of The Rev. Joy Segal, a former Assistant here at Messiah:
 - I hope that you, your families and friends remain well in these very serious times. We wanted to present our music to you and your friends as a respite to staying at home and keeping safe. The Jazz Sanctuary realized that live streaming to Facebook without the musicians wearing masks or keeping socially distant sent the wrong signal to the public. Since we could not perform in public as we usually did and we wanted to follow the rules of prevention a decision was made to make videos – The Jazz Sanctuary Live – and replicate as much as possible the live Jazz & Joe feeling. And so we produced videos, 1:15 in length and did no post engineering. As in a live presentation there are errors and glitches in the videos, they are not perfect, nor were they intended to be perfect. The response has been wonderful with well over 450 “hits” for the first video. I invite you to get a cup of coffee, have a snack close at hand settle in your favorite chair and experience The Jazz Sanctuary Live: the link: <https://thejazzsanctuary.com/the-jazz-sanctuary-live/>
- The second comes from Messiah’s former Music Director, Rick Rosen, and features his men’s acapella choral group, Cordus Mundi:
 - To all my friends at Messiah: Hi! Cordus Mundi has just released a video of "You Do Not Walk Alone" from our November, 2018 concert. We invite you to check it out - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGabsh75eaM>

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.

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Chimer: Alex Rasmussen
Lector: Marss Senteio
Organist: Hannah Albrecht
Ushers: Ciara Prezuhy, Dave Prezuhy
Video: Nick Kapusta
Contact Tracing Table: Susan Miller, Rick Miller

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: November 2-7

Monday Church Office Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm
 Yoga – 6:00pm
Tuesday Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
 Yoga – 9:30am
 AA, Alanon, Alateen – 7:30pm
Wednesday Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
 Yoga – 6:00pm
Thursday Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Friday Church Office Closed
 Yoga – 9:30am
Saturday Church Office Closed
Next Sunday, Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King Sunday
 Holy Eucharist: 9:30am
 Church School (Virtual) 10:30am

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector
 Sue Phillips, Parish Administrator
 Sarah Patram, Bookkeeper
 Hannah Albrecht, Organist & Choir Director
 Tiffany Reichley, Family Ministries – Children
 David Reichley, Family Ministries – Youth
 Mike Linn, Sexton

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH VESTRY

David Prezuhy, Sr. Warden
 Jean London, Jr. Warden
 Sam Frenkel, Treasurer
 Tina Madison, Clerk
 Class of 2021: Vicky Fogel, Susan Miller, Barbara Stevenson, Charles Sudlow
 Class of 2022: Cheryl Berry, Megan Myers, Michael Stinson, Paul Vollmar
 Class of 2023: Tim Beaver, Jennifer Marsh, Jon Marshall, Mercer Sisson

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