

# May Memorial Baptist Church



*February 21, 2021  
11:00 a.m.  
The First Sunday in Lent*

*This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!*

# *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*Just As I Am*

Peter Edison  
Robert Thygerson

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Ashley Edwards

To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**O God, we trust unashamedly in you;  
seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;  
**Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.  
Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.  
**For you we wait.**

May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.  
**Amen.**

\* Invocation

Michael Edwards

Solo

*Glorify*

Andrew Snead  
Donna Adkin

Prayers of Confession

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Michael Edwards

**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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Michael Edwards

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

(The children will come down to the front during the children's sermon. After the sermon, they will follow Ashley out for extended session.)

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sophie and Michael Edwards

## *The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word*

Solo

*Prelude in D Major*

Peter Edison

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:9-15*

Tyler Bilthuis

Small Ensemble

*Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional

Hebrew Scripture Reading

*Genesis 9:8-17*

Michael Edwards

Sermon

*Hanging up the Bow*

Michael Edwards

## *The Community Responds to God's Word*

Solo

*Panis Angelicus*

Andrew Snead

Cesar Franck

Charge

The cross,  
**we shall take it;**  
the bread,  
**we shall break it.**  
the pain,  
**we shall bear it;**  
the joy,  
**we shall share it;**

the Gospel,  
**we shall live it;**  
the love,  
**we shall give it;**  
the light,  
**we shall cherish it;**  
the darkness,  
**God shall perish it.**

## *The Community Departs for Ministry*

Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

*Built On A Rock*

Peter Edison

Edward Broughton

**Zoom Sunday School - New Session** - Join us by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for seven thematic studies in James. Or watch these discussions on the May Memorial YouTube channel at your convenience.

**Wednesday Night Gathering - “The Pandemic Vices”** - by Bob Kruschwitz, on Zoom, 6:30 p.m., February 24 -- March 31. Those distortions of love, the capital vices or deadly sins, don’t take a vacation during a pandemic. Instead, they change their wily attacks our lives. Things like anger, greed, gluttony, envy, vainglory, and acedia (or sloth) manifest in new ways during times of anxiety and loneliness.

**The Powhatan Food Pantry** is in need of a van in good condition. If you know of one that can be donated or purchased at a reasonable price, please contact Michael Edwards at [revmkedwards@gmail.com](mailto:revmkedwards@gmail.com) or 804-598-3098.

**Life Savers for Life Savers!** You can bring Life Savers to the church office (or worship), you can also donate for the cost of the mugs. They are \$7 each, and you are encouraged to give to buy several for this project. If you write a check to purchase mugs, write “Life Savers” on the memo line. Place cash in an envelope with “Life Savers” written on the outside.

**Scholarship Applications for 2021** – Scholarship applications are ready to pick up. Please complete and return to the church office before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **May Memorial Calendar**

#### **Sunday, February 21**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship,  
Extended Session

5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

#### **Wednesday, February 24**

4:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Gathering

#### **Sunday, February 28**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
Extended Session

5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food at Youth House

#### **Wednesday, March 3**

4:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. Zoom Mid-Week Gathering

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

**March 13-14** - Mission Madness in a Box  
more information to be shared later.

### **Upcoming Children’s Events**

**April 4 - Egg Hunt** – On Easter Sunday we will hold an egg hunt with the children between the two services

### **Upcoming Church Events**

**On Easter Sunday**, April 4, there will be two worship opportunities in the Sanctuary, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m.

Andrew Snead, Minister of Music	
Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children’s Minister	Peter Edison, Organist
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