

# May Memorial Baptist Church



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Sandra Parker

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Edwards

Prelude

Stuart Joerg

- Call to Confession
- Silent Confession
- Corporate Confession

*Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.*

Sung Prayer

*Unison*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon  
Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

\*Hymn of Praise No. 16

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

\*Invocation

Michael Edwards

Three Cents a Meal

Carlisle Davidhizar

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the Children’s Sermon. After the Children’s Sermon, the children will return to their seats for the remainder of the service.)

Prayers of the People  
 Sharing of Prayer Requests  
 Silent Prayer  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

\* Hymn No. 295 *Near to the Heart of God* MCAFEE

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Giving of Tithes and Offering  
 \* Doxology No. 253

Christina Fredette  
 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (Altered)

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Michael Edwards

Anthem *Lead Me to Calvary* Choir

Gospel Reading *John 12:20-33* Carlisle Davidhizar

Sermon *Graves Into Gardens* Carlisle Davidhizar

\* Hymn No. 25 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

During the Hymn of Response, we invite you to publicly profess your belief in Jesus Christ. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive believer's baptism. You may also respond by moving your membership to this church on a promise of a letter, or you may respond by re-dedicating yourself to Christ. The pastor will be available for prayer and consultation and would welcome your response.

\* Benediction Michael Edwards

\* Choral Response *Amen* Choir

\* Postlude Stuart Joerg

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Gwen and Gerald Hagen  
 in honor of their son-in-law Ryan Turner and daughter Lori.*

**This Week at May Memorial:**

- Sunday, March 17**  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Meal and Quarterly Meeting
- Tuesday, March 19**  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 20**  
 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry  
 11:00 a.m. Books & Banter at County Seat  
 4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal  
 6:15 p.m. Bible Study/Program  
 6:15 p.m. Youth Soul Food
- Thursday, March 21**  
 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
 4:45 p.m. Voices of Unity Practice  
 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
 5:30 p.m. Families Anonymous
- Saturday, March 23**  
 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

So that we can get to know you, please complete the following and place it in the offering plate later in worship.

Guest Information

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ages (circle) 0-12, 13-18, 19-35, 36-55, 56+

## May Memorial Staff

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### ***Wednesday Night Meal – March 20 at 5:30 p.m.***

Shrimp Creole served over Rice, Tossed Salad,  
Orange-Pineapple Cake

\$6 Adult/\$4 Child, \$20 Family Maximum  
Pay at the meal with cash, check, or Venmo.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Prayer Request***

Please add the following person to the May Memorial Prayer List:

## Announcements

**Help Needed** – The Audio/Visual team is looking for some new members. Contact the church office if you can help

**Quarterly Meeting and Meal** -Today following worship. Everyone is welcome to join us following the service! The Meal for St. Patrick's Day: Salute to St. Patrick's Day - Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Stew, Champ (Irish Mashed Potatoes), Glazed Carrots, Old Fashioned Salad, Frozen Fruit Salad, Green Beans, Wild Strawberry Sponge Cake.

**Scholarship Application Time** - Forms are available on the church website. Completed applications with any required attachments must be returned to the church office by March 31, 2024. Returning applicants need only to update the application form, but first-time applicants need to include a reference from a teacher.

**Easter Sunday Schedule.** Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast which will be served at 9:15. Sunday School will be at 9:45 as usual. The Children's Egg Hunt will be at 10:00 a.m. and Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**Youth Mission Madness** with CBF of Virginia will be April 19-21. Contact Carlisle if you are interested in signing up.

### **Tractor Pull - Coalition of Powhatan Churches**

During this year's Tractor Pull, on Saturday and Sunday April 27, 28, May Memorial will again help with parking. A signup sheet is in the Commons Area.

**Cruise-In** The May Memorial Annual Cruise-In will be on Sunday, April 14 from 3-6 pm. The rain date is April 21. Family Fun! Explore classic cars and trucks. Share stories with the owners who love them. Enjoy period music and trivia. T-shirts made on site. Light supper served. (free to exhibitors). Donations to Youth mission projects. Contact Andrew Sparrow: (804) 319-9851.

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to pursue their faith story through Worship, Spiritual Formation, Missions, and Fellowship.

We welcome children of all ages in worship with their families. There is a nursery provided as well as children's church. All our children's workers have undergone screening and background checks.

We thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray for God's blessing on you and your family.