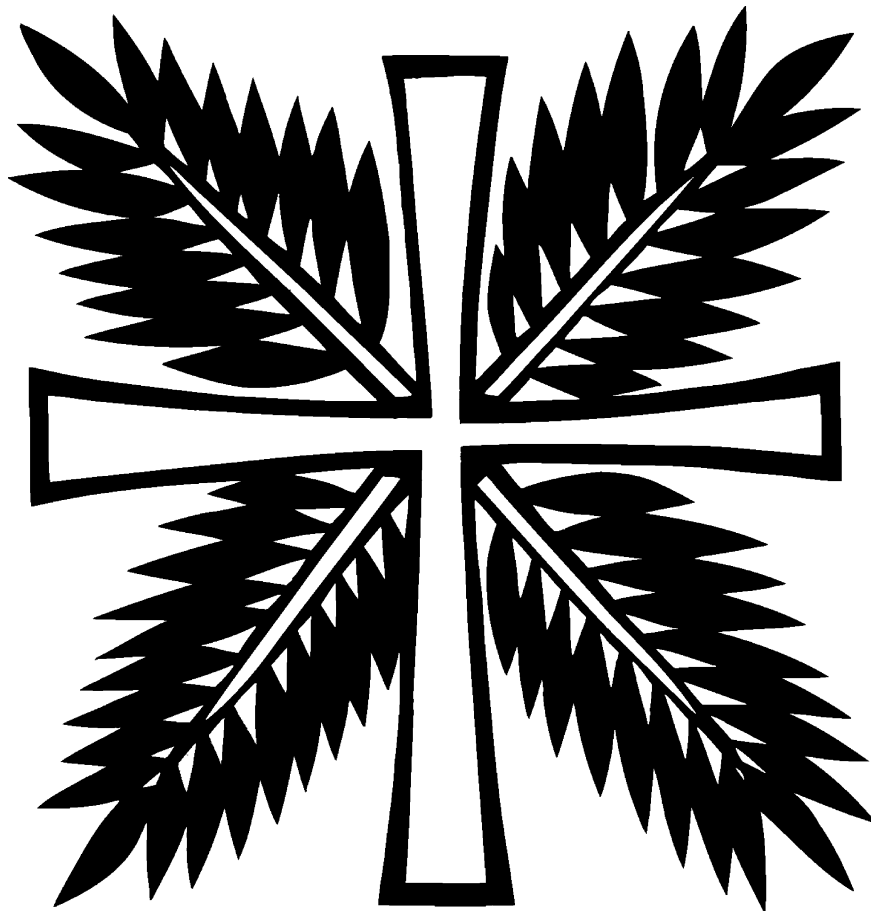


May Memorial Baptist Church



*March 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.*

Palm Sunday

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

*When fishes flew and forests walked,
And figs grew upon thorns,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born. . . .
The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will,*

*Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb.
I keep my secret still.
Fools! For I also had my hour,
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.*

*G. K. Chesterton
The Donkey*

Prelude
Air

Peter Edison
J. S. Bach

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

Invocation

Michael Edwards

Story of the Triumphal Entry
Mark 11:1-11

Andrew Snead

Our Response
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Ashley Edwards

Children's Sermon
Hosanna in Story and Song

Ashley Edwards

As the music "Hosanna" begins to play, wave your palm branches in the air.

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

Prayers of Confession
Call to Confession
Silent Confession

Michael Edwards

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name.

Assurance of Pardon

Michael Edwards

Small Ensemble

Hosanna

Victor C. Johnson

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Nancy Flower

*** *Doxology No. 253***

Offertory Prayer

Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Gospel Reading

Andy Firda

Mark 15:1-39

Sermon

Michael Edwards

Palms and Passion

The Community Responds to God's Word

Solo

Andrew Snead

Now Behold the Lamb

Kirk Franklin

New Testament Reading

Michael Edwards

Philippians 2:5-11

The Community Departs for Ministry

Benediction

Michael Edwards

* Postlude

Alleluia

Peter Edison

W. A. Mozart

* Please stand as you are able.

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. Reservations are encouraged.

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

Spring Bible Study – Transformed by Prayer. We will follow the recent book by James Martin, *Learning to Pray*. It is not required that you purchase the book, but it will guide our topics in discussions when we gather. Wednesdays beginning April 14, 11:00 a.m. at the church, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

For Our Homebound Members - DVD's of our worship services will be available soon for our homebound members. If you want to receive one each week please let the church office know. If you do not have a DVD player, one of our deacons will provide one and set it up if needed.

Ladies Bible Study - Priscilla Shirer's "Elijah". Dates: April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Time: 10:00am-11:30 am. \$18.00 (book) Priscillia says about this study "Our world, more than ever, is longing for the sons and daughters of God to arise in the spirit of Elijah. That's why I think this might just be the perfect time for our paths to cross here, so that God can comfort you, strengthen you, encourage you and prepare you for the Mount Carmels that lie ahead." To register: please contact Sandra Cowles, 376-7901 or sandra.cowles@aol.com
Please hurry! Register before March 29, 2021.

This Week at May Memorial
Sunday, March 28

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship,
Extended Session
5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

Andrew Snead, Minister of Music
Ashley Edwards,
Youth/Children's Minister
Peter Edison, Organist
Michael Edwards, Pastor
(804) 922-0101

Wednesday, March 31

4:00 p.m. Small Ensembles
4:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
in the sanctuary

Saturday, April 3

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry