

# May Memorial Baptist Church



*April 18, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

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

# *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*In the Hour of Trial*

Peter Edison

Franklin Ritter

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Blaire Fredette

Leader: "Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice." (Micah 6:1)

**People: Mountains and hills are God's witnesses.**

Leader: Isaiah prophesied, "The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12b)

**People: Hills rejoice, and trees applaud our God.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you, if these disciples were silent, the stones would shout out." (Luke 19:40)

**People: Even stones trumpet God's praise.**

Leader: And what about us? What will we do? What will we do for the God who breathed life into Adam, life into dry bones, and life into our congregation?

**People: We will be God's witnesses.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:44)

**People: We will pray.**

Leader: The apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith." (Romans 1:16)

**People: We are not ashamed of the gospel. We are not ashamed of our faith.**

Leader: Who will be a witness for our God?

**People: We will!**

Leader: Who will tell the nations of God's goodness?

**People: We will!**

**All: We declare God's goodness before all creation; we will be God's witnesses!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 163

*Thine Is the Glory*

G. F. Handel

\* Invocation

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

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

Michael Edwards and Brooke Fredette

The Lord's Prayer

\* Offertory Hymn No. 533

*He Lives*

Alfred H. Ackley

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Nancy Wood

\* *Doxology No. 253*

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Reading

B. J. Smith

*Luke 24:36b-48*

Choir Anthem

*On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

Sermon

Michael Edwards

*Your Turn*

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

\* Hymn No. 589

*Ye Servants Of God*

Charles Wesley

### *The Community Departs for Ministry*

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!*

Peter Edison

Lani Smith

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\* Please stand as you are able.

*Michael Edwards, Pastor (804) 922-0101*

*Peter Edison, Organist*

*Ashley Edwards, Minister of Youth/Children*

*Trish Hutchinson, Financial Secretary*

*Diana Schmitz, Church Secretary*

*Andrew Snead, Minister of Music*

**Kingdom Kids** will now be IN PERSON!! 3:30 – 5:00 Wednesdays at the church

**Worship Ministry** - The choir will meet this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Now is a great time to join the choir! New members are welcome!

**One Day Mission Project** - On Saturday, May 8 we will go to Meno to bundle firewood that will be sold to Bear Creek Lake State Park. This work will help fund the Meno, a Christian residential community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction. We will meet at the church at 8:30 and return by 3:00. Lunch will be provided. To sign up call or email the church office.

**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, 11:00 a.m. at the church, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

**Sunday School** - We are studying The Letter to the Romans, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom.

**Small Mission Project for April:** Social Services Emergency Housing - The Rachael Circle will be collecting items for the Powhatan Social Services Emergency Home, a project led by Renee VanNatter at the Social Services office. Needs: \*Paper plates and plastic utensils \*Bottled water and non-perishable foods. \*Twin pillow covers \*Gift cards to Walmart and Sheetz

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!** In the Newsletter each week we will be including the (close and home) games for the children and youth at May Memorial over the next couple of months. If you would like to go to a game and cheer on our students, they would love to see and hear you cheering them on!

### **This Week at May Memorial**

#### **Sunday, April 18**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 20**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, April 21**

11:00 a.m. Spring Bible Study  
3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

### **Upcoming Children's Events**

June 6 – Family Pool Party  
June 16-19 Passport Kids, Eagle Eyrie

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

June 12 – Youth Pool Party  
June 13-18 Passport Camp,  
Greensboro College