

# May Memorial Baptist Church



*Pentecost Sunday*

*May 23, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

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

## *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Peter Edison

Anthony Giamanco

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Call to Worship

Ashley Edwards

Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope,  
seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

**Here we gather to retell the ancient stories and wonder  
how God's story continues to unfold.**

Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit  
rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,  
**And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present in our world today.**  
Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again.

We will hear Peter claim his voice, tell his story,  
and inspire others to see the God at work in the world.

**And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories.**

Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all your faith, confidence,  
questions, doubts, wonders, and find here an invitation to experience  
something ancient and something new.

**May we be open to the Spirit.**

**May we grow in faith, hope, and love.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 2

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

John Dykes

\* Invocation

Andrew Snead

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

Three Cents a Meal Offering

Ashley Edwards

(As *Jesus Love Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front. After the collection they will follow Ashley to Extended Session.)

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

\* Hymn No. 243

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

\* Offertory Prayer

Ed Utt

Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* *Doxology No. 253*

Gospel Reading

Jon Flower

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

Choir Anthem

*How Great Thou Art & Majesty*

Stuart Hine, Jack Hayford

Scripture Reading

Michael Edwards

*Acts 2:1-21*

Sermon

Michael Edwards

*Not Old and Tired*

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

\* Hymn of Response No. 244

*Spirit of the Living God*

Daniel Iverson

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.

## ***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary in G*

Peter Edison

Patricia Lou Harris

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\* Please stand as you are able.

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

*The flowers today are to the glory of God and in honor of Paul and Jackie Lindsey on their 64th wedding anniversary.*

### **Announcements:**

**Church Quarterly Business Meeting** – Wednesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**From the Re-Gathering Team:** Because of the changes from the CDC and Virginia Governor, there are two changes in worship: 1. Concerning Masks. Fully vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks at May Memorial Church. The wearing of masks at May Memorial will be a choice made by each individual as they feel comfortable. 2. Offering: The ushers will resume collecting the offering during worship.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** will be June 13<sup>th</sup> - Please email or call the church office with your graduate's information at [maymem@verizon.net](mailto:maymem@verizon.net) or (804) 598-3098.

**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.

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

#### **Sunday, May 23**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Extended Session

#### **Tuesday, May 25**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Marketing Team Meeting

#### **Wednesday, May 26**

11:00 a.m. Spring Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

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

June – Family Pool Party  
July 19-22 – Vacation Bible School!

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

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

*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*