



# May Memorial Baptist Church

*All Saints Day*  
*November 1, 2020*  
*11:00 a.m.*

## *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

Sandra Parker

Greeting/Announcements

Michael Edwards

Call to Worship

Michael Edwards

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history  
who have kept the faith and finished the course.**

We remember, O God...

**the tender touch of loved ones, the example of leaders,  
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of brave ones.**

We remember, O God...

**the gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...  
Let us worship God with joy!**

Solo

Scott Richards

*In the Garden*

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Edwards

*The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word*

Gospel Lesson

Ed Utt

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

Solo

Scott Richards

*The Old Rugged Cross*

Sermon

Michael Edwards

*Those We Carry*

*The Community Responds to God's Word*

Prayer for All Saints Day

Michael Edwards and Debbie Elam

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,  
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe.

**Ancestors of faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests,  
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way to God.

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,  
those who have gone before us in our lifetime.

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,  
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents  
whose lives ended too soon.

**Those close to our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past  
year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever.

(As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, and light a candle, and give thanks for their life.)

*Don Fitch*  
*Gene Krueger*  
*Shirley Reynolds*  
*Jeff Spoon*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more now aloud or in our hearts. (*worshippers may name saints aloud here*)

Family of God,

**We remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

**Amen.**

Solo

Gabe Cosby

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

\* Congregational Benediction

Michael Edwards

Live simply

Care deeply

**Love generously**

**Speak kindly**

Pray daily

**And...leave the rest to God.**

\* Sung Response

Gabe Cosby

***Blest Be the Tie that Binds***

\* Postlude

Sandra Parker

## **Announcements:**

**Lighthouse Parade** -The Lighthouse Parade has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4, at 5:30 p.m.

**Evening Social – Thursday on Zoom** You are invited for 30 minutes of conversation and fellowship next Thursday night, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. Our hosts, Howard and Dawana Sheppard, will welcome you to this Zoom session. The only agenda is chatting with old friends, meeting some new ones, and catching up on one another's day. So, grab your own coffee, tea, or dessert, and gather by Zoom for a good time together.

**Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting** – On Line – November 9-10  
To register go to: [meeting.bgav.org](http://meeting.bgav.org). There will be a link in Monday's *Newsletter*.

**Small Mission Projects through November** - This week Nov. 2 to Nov. 8, we will concentrate on the Thanksgiving Complete Meal for the food pantry. Starting on November 9 through Nov. 22 the WMU Rachael Circle is sponsoring a baby shower collection. Complete details are in Monday's *Newsletter*.

**Christmas Mission Project - Standing Rock Indian Reservation**—This year before Christmas we will be joining with Baptists across Virginia collecting gifts cards for children in the Cannon Ball on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. WMU of Virginia staff (who are at Standing Rock) will shop for each child using the gift cards so the children there will receive what they need this Christmas. **Please bring gift cards on our collection date of December 13 during Worship** from Dollar Tree, Amazon, Walmart or Target. While any amount is appreciated, a \$25 gift card will sponsor one individual child at Standing Rock.

**Food Pantry Ministry** – Saturday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the pantry.

**Rachael Circle Zoom Meeting** – Tuesday, November 10, at 12:00 p.m. We welcome all ladies! To connect, see information in Monday's *Newsletter*. We are busy with projects including the Christmas Mother.

**Weekly Offerings** (for details on how to connect online, see Monday's *Newsletter*)

- Kingdom Kids on Zoom 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Group Study on Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday School on Zoom 9:15 a.m.
- Youth Soul Food Sunday's at the church 6:00 p.m.

**Sound Crew Schedule:** Nov 1, David Deal, Nov 8 Les Miller, Nov 15 Karl Schmitz

*Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister*  
*Sandra Parker, Interim Music Minister*  
*Michael Edwards, Pastor (804) 922-0101*