

May Memorial Baptist Church



*November 15, 2020
11:00 a.m.*

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude

Sandra Parker

Greeting/Announcements

Michael Edwards

Congregational Call to Worship

Wyatt O'Quinn

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:
**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:
**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

Let us worship God!

Hymn

Ensemble

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer of Confession

Nancy Wood

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief. You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care. How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Michael Edwards

Solo

Lily of the Valley

Stephen Shaw

Sermon

Final Question

Michael Edwards

The Community Responds to God's Word

Solo

Jesus Hold My Hand

Stephen Shaw

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Benediction

Michael Edwards

* Postlude

Sandra Parker

Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister

Sandra Parker, Interim Music Minister

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Announcements:

Advent and Christmas for the May Memorial Family

Advent Hospitality: A Gift from the Home... (*of name*)

November 30 – December 25

Consisting of artwork, music, Christmas symbols and decorations, and readings, these gifts will come from members of the May Memorial family and will be sent out each morning during Advent.

Advent Wednesdays, Noon until 1:00 p.m., December 2, 9, 16, and 23

Come for a few minutes, or the entire hour. You will hear music from the May Memorial Carillon and guest musicians. This is not a concert, but a time to enjoy the peace and beauty of the May Memorial Sanctuary during the Advent Season. The Advent Wreath will be “re-lit” each Wednesday so those who gather can hear words of hope, joy, love, and peace as we wait for the Coming Messiah.

Sunday, December 20 - YouTube Premiere Children’s Christmas Pageant

The pageant will premiere on YouTube and in our sanctuary (video presentation) at 3:00. The sanctuary premiere is offered for those who do not have access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

11:00 a.m., YouTube Premiere Service in the MMBC Sanctuary, made available especially for those without a computer or access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

4:00 p.m., MMBC Christmas Eve Worship on YouTube Premiere. This will be an online worship service much like our worship services while in early pandemic weeks.

Handbells and Choir Ensembles Practices – Beginner Handbell Practice is Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. Advanced Handbells meet on Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. Adult Choir Ensembles, Group B, will practice Monday at 7 p.m.

Sunday School on Zoom - During the four Sundays of Advent this year, November 29 through December 20 we will begin this new study *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019). Copies of this book are available in the church office and from online booksellers.

Sound Crew Schedule: 11/15 Karl Schmitz, 11/22 Sophie Edwards, 11/29 Karl Schmitz.