

Welcome to May Memorial Baptist Church!

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to nurture their faith and pursue their faith story through worship, Sunday School, youth (6th through 12th grade) and children's (infants through 5th grade) programs, adult choir, mission groups, and Bible study.

The Sunday worship schedule and weekly events are printed in the bulletin. If this is your first visit or you are a returning guest, we welcome you!

Restrooms are located through the doors beside the organ. Once in the hall, go down the steps to the right and the bathrooms will be directly in front of you. A water fountain is available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Ushers are nearby to provide any assistance or information you may need. The pastor would like to meet you following the service. He will be at the door in the Narthex.

At May Memorial, we welcome children of all ages to worship with their families. There is a nursery available for children who are 4 and under. All of our friendly nursery volunteers are fully background-checked. The nursery is located behind the sanctuary through the doors behind the organ. Children who are in Kindergarten and up are encouraged to stay with their families to participate in community worship. Children's activity bags with coloring and puzzles are available in the narthex and outside of the office across from the nursery.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray God's blessing on you and your family.

Welcome to our Guests!

So that we can get to know you as you get to know us, please complete the following and place it in the offering plate later in worship.

Guest Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Age Group(s): 13-18 19-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 65+

Our Staff:

Michael Edwards

Pastor

Carlisle Davidhizar

Associate Pastor

Stuart Joerg

Organist/Interim Director of Music

Sandra Parker

Pianist and Choral Accompanist

Diana Schmitz

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Announcements:

Offering Envelopes for 2023 will be available beginning November 21 on the table in the Common's Area. Many of our members now give online and by check without an envelope, so envelopes will be prepared only for those who have used an envelope this year. Also, the offering envelopes this year will not come in a box, but will be in book form. We have additional sets of envelopes if you would like a set, and to get those contact Trish in the Finance Office.

Communion for the Home Bound—Would you like to receive home communion? Our deacons would be happy to bring communion to your home. Please contact the church office at (804) 598-3098.

Wrapping Supplies Roundup—This year, the Youth Sunday School class will be offering a gift-wrapping service on several Sundays leading up to Christmas. If you have any old wrapping paper rolls, scraps, and supplies (tape, bows, ribbons, name tags, etc.) laying around from prior years, please consider donating them to this effort. Supplies may be left in the Youth Sunday School room or given to any stray Sparrow family member. We will be collecting supplies until November 27. On November 27, December 4, 11, and 18th, we will be wrapping packages to assist you with your holiday tasks - you can just call us the May Memorial Elves!

COPC Christmas Tour - Tickets will be sold at May Memorial in the Commons Area on Saturday, December 3 from 9-5. Participating churches will be Providence Presbyterian, Hollywood Baptist, New Walk Bible Church, Mt Pero Baptist and the Drexel-Morrell Center. It is a self-guided, go at your own pace, tour. History telling will be at 11-4 at each church on the hour.

Youth Christmas Party—December 4 from 5:30-7:30 at the home of Andrew, Annie and Jeff Sparrow.

Cookies and Ornaments! Come to our Fellowship Hall on December 9 at 6:00pm for festive fun making your own Christmas Ornaments while we bake cookies for the Powhatan Christmas Parade! Light meal and seasonal refreshments will be served to help keep you in the spirit of the season!

Inter-Generational Christmas Pageant—Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. Following the pageant all are invited to join in fellowship and enjoy soup and s'mores.

The Choir Cantata "Sing Joy to All the World" will be on December 18 during worship (this is a change). The choir will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17, at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

Church-Wide Christmas Party - December 18 - At the home of Pastor Michael and Beverley Edwards. Food and fellowship. From 5 to 7 pm.

All Choirs Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Stuart and Frank Joerg.

Candlelight Communion Service Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. A service of traditional carols, the scripture of the Christmas Story, Communion and Candles. A yearly favorite not to be missed.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 27, 2022

11:00 a.m.

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude Sandra Parker and Stuart Joerg

Welcome Michael Edwards

Gathering Song TEMPLE OF PEACE
Light Dawns on a Weary World (v. 1 only)



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

* Call to Worship Carlisle Davidhizar

Stand up and raise your heads!
Our redemption is drawing near!
Let us lift our hearts;
We lift them up to the Lord!
The days are surely coming
When all things shall be made new.

* Hymn of Praise No. 76 VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* Invocation Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Snead DeNoon,
Blaire Fredette, Brooke Fredette

Reading

Advent Wreath Prayer

Faithful God, out of chaos you bring order and peace.
Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's
advent of peace.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Sung Response

Light A Candle Bright and Tall (v. 1 only)

DIX

***Light a candle bright and tall
For the Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages' call
As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.***

Three Cents a Meal Offering Carlisle Davidhizar

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the children's sermon. After the children's sermon, they are invited to sit with their families and participate in worship with their children's bulletins.)

Prayers of the People
Sharing of Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

* Offertory Hymn No. 77 HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Worship in Stewardship
Offertory Prayer Annie Sparrow
Giving of Tithes and Offering

* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100TH (ALTERED)

Old Testament Lesson Christina Fredette
Isaiah 2:1-5

Anthem Choir
Prepare the Way

Gospel Lesson Christina Fredette
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Michael Edwards
Be Ready

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn No. 192 SOON AND VERY SOON
Soon and Very Soon

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Announcements Carlisle Davidhizar

* Benediction Michael Edwards

* Postlude Stuart Joerg

* Please stand as you are able.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of
Gwen and Gerald Hagen on their 52nd anniversary.

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This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, November 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 28

2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life
Jean Hall

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Team
3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids
5:00 p.m. Church Meal
5:45 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Tickets on sale for
COPC Christmas Tour
9:30 a.m. Food pantry
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Wednesday Night Dinner - November 30

***Barbecue Meatballs, Macaroni and Cheese,
Green Beans, Chocolate Cream Pie***

\$6 Adult/\$4 Child, \$20 Family Maximum
Pay at the meal with cash, check, or Venmo.

Name: _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____