

# May Memorial Baptist Church



“In those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give light.  
Beware, keep alert, you do not know when the time will come.”

Luke 13

The First Sunday of Advent  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023


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## Order of Worship


Gathering Music		Sandra Parker
Welcome and Announcements		Michael Edwards
Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Don Moro, Organ	arr. Michael Burkhardt
Call to Worship		Carlisle Davidhizar
We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew. <b>We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.</b> We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people. <b>We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.</b> We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down. <b>We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.</b> We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise. <b>Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.</b>		
* Hymn No. 77	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HYFRODOL
* Invocation		Michael Edwards
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope		Juston, Joy, and Payton Sanudo Trisha and Ewell Flippo
In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3) In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).		
<b>Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.</b>		
We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.		
Sung Response No. 76 (v. 1 only)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
Children's Sermon		Carlisle Davidhizar
(As <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> is sung, the children will come down to the front for the Children's Sermon, then return to their seats for the rest of the service.)		
Offertory Hymn No. 86	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Jeanne Matthews
Giving of Tithes and Offering		
Music During the Offering	<i>Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?</i>	Voices of Praise
* Doxology No. 253		OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> (Altered)
Hebrew Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i>	Michael Edwards
New Testament Reading	<i>Mark 13:24-37</i>	Carlisle Davidhizar
Sermon	<i>Don't Make Me Come Down There!</i>	Michael Edwards
Anthem	<i>Prepare!</i>	Choir

- Invitation to the Table
- Words of Institution
- Prayer (ending with The Lord's Prayer)
- Song

*Taste and See* (Psalm 34)



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- Sharing of the Bread and Cup
- Prayer After Communion

- \* Benediction Michael Edwards
- \* Congregational Response *Blessed Be the Tie* DENNIS
- \* Postlude from **God, I Will Never Turn** Dietrich Buxtehude  
Don Moro, organ

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

The beautiful new Advent Wreath is given in Memory of Joyce Maxey by Joy, Juston, and Payton Sanudo.

**This Week at May Memorial:**

**Sunday, December 3**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Concert

**Monday, December 4**

- 12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry
- 4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
- 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study/Program
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Soul Food

**Thursday, December 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Friday, December 8**

- 6:00 p.m. Cookie Exchange

**Saturday, December 9**

- 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
- 3:00 p.m. Amelia Nursing Home Team

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

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

**Guest Information**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ages (circle) 0-12, 13-18, 19-35, 36-55, 56+

Preferred way for us to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_text \_\_\_\_\_email

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## Announcements

**4 Octave Handbell Concert – Today at 4 p.m.** - Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**Cookie Exchange** - We will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 8. RSVP to Annie Sparrow.

**Amelia Nursing Home Visit** – The team will be visiting the residents at The Amelia Home on Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. If anyone would like to join them, meet at the nursing home at 3:00 p.m.

**Holiday Tea** - On Sunday, December 10 following worship, Afternoon Tea will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$15 per person, there are 36 spaces available. RSVP with payment by December 7 to Annie Sparrow.

**Rachael Circle Christmas Party** – December 14th. All Ladies are welcome to join us at Nancy Wood's home at 12 noon for Potluck and a gift swap (\$15 gift).

**On Sunday, December 17, the Adult Choir will present the cantata *A New and Glorious Morning*.** The cantata will also include our youth and children (and many adults) as they narrate the story of the birth of Jesus.

**Watch the Powhatan Christmas Parade at May Memorial Baptist Church!** The parade is Saturday, December 9 at 3:00. Cookies and hot cider will be served as we welcome the community to our front lawn.

**The Bethlehem Market** is now set up adjacent to the Commons Area through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Here you will find handmade goods by Christians in Bethlehem and throughout the Holy Land at very reasonable prices.

**On Sunday, December 24** we will have worship at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Eve.

**The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in April** has been redirected to Greece for a trip "In the Steps of Paul." If you are interested in this trip, contact Pastor Michael or the church office.

**Holiday Gifts** - During the month of December, we ask that you consider our Annual Offering for Christmas Gifts for our staff for all they do for our Church Family throughout the year. You will find Special Offering envelopes in our Pew racks. Merry Christmas to you and your family during this holiday season. Blessings! The Finance Committee

### ***Wednesday Night Dinner – December 6 at 5:30 pm***

Mexican Fiesta! Taco/Nacho Bar, Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Tres Leches Cake

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Prayer Request***

Please add the following person to the May Memorial Prayer List:

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to pursue their faith story through Worship, Spiritual Formation, Missions, and Fellowship.

We welcome children of all ages in worship with their families. There is a nursery provided as well as children's church. All our children's workers have undergone screening and background checks.

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