

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

Church Secretary

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Announcements:

Poinsettias—Today is the last day to order. Please include your check made out to May Memorial Baptist Church. Thank you!

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

Offering Envelopes for 2023 will be available 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.

Gift Wrapping Help - Do you need an extra set of hands to help with your gift wrapping this year? May Memorial's Youth can help! They will be in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning on December 4, 11, and 18th ready to wrap and tag your gifts. Simply drop off your packages any time between 9:45 and 11:00am, and pick them up wrapped and ready to go when you're heading home. We even offer assistance toting them out to your car! Best of all, this service is provided free to you as a way of helping our community during this busy time of year! We've had so many donations of beautiful paper, ribbons, and tags - don't miss out on this great service!

Make Cookies and Ornaments! December 9 -Come join us as we paint Christmas Ornaments. While we're painting, we will also be baking Christmas Cookies to hand out at the Powhatan Christmas Parade. Our event begins at 6:00pm, and a light meal will be served. To register for making an ornament, decorating cookies, or both contact Debbie Elam, Annie Sparrow, or the Church Office. We look forward to creating with you soon!

Inter-Generational Paper Bag Christmas Pageant—Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone who comes will get a role. Come be a part of the story of Jesus! Join us for Soup and S'mores to follow.

The Choir Cantata "Sing Joy to All the World" will be on December 18 during worship. 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.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Worship at 10:00 a.m., no Sunday School. On Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day Worship at 10:00 a.m., no Sunday School.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 4, 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)

* Call to Worship (based on Isa. 11 and Rom. 15) Carlisle Davidhizar

A shoot soon comes from Jesse's stump,
And a branch shall spring from roots.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.
Let all the people give God praise.**
A leader soon comes who will lift the poor
With righteousness around his waist.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.
Let all the people give God praise.**
A child soon comes from an innocent place
With wisdom and might he'll lead the way.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.
Let all the people give God praise.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 79 FOREST GREEN
Blessed Be the God of Israel

* Invocation Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace Graham, Tyler,
and Zachary Bilthuis
and Jeanan Krueger

Reading

Advent Wreath Prayer

Faithful God, You are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Sung Response

DIX

Light A Candle Bright and Tall (v. 2 only)

*Light a candle bright and tall For the Peace we wish to know.
Peace on Earth for great and small God's Good News to us bestows.
Shine within our hearts today Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.*

Children's Sermon 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.)

* Offertory Hymn No. 86 ST. LOUIS
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Worship in Stewardship
Offertory Prayer
Giving of Tithes and Offering
* *Doxology* No. 253

Juston Sanudo

OLD 100TH (ALTERED)

Old Testament Lesson Carlisle Davidhizar
Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem Choir
Beautiful Savior

Gospel Lesson Michael Edwards
Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Michael Edwards
Edgy Repentance for Religious People

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn No. 85 THE FIRST NOWELL
The First Nowell

Prayers of Confession

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer (Ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Benediction Michael Edwards

* Congregational Response
Blest Be the Tie

* Postlude Stuart Joerg

* Please stand as you are able.

The two poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in memory of Dot Wilkins and her daughter Terry Leigh Frayser.

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry 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.

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, December 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 5

9:30 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds

Wednesday, December 7

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 8

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group

Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Ornaments & Cookies

Saturday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Wednesday Night Dinner - December 7

Chicken with Sun-dried Tomato Cream Sauce,
served over egg noodles, with a side salad,
and Chocolate Cake.

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

Name: _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____