

May Memorial Baptist Church



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Mark 1:3

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 2023

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Order of Worship

Gathering Music		Sandra Parker
Welcome and Announcements		Michael Edwards
Prelude	<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming</i> Jeff Hummel, Organist	Michael Burkhardt
*Call to Worship		Carlisle Davidhizar

Comfort, O comfort my people!

We welcome God's tender words to us today.

Prepare the way for your God!

We gather for worship to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

Christ is coming! The glory of God will be revealed!

Thanks be to God for this good news!

* Hymn No. 79	<i>Blessed Be the God of Israel</i>	FOREST GREEN
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* Invocation		Michael Edwards
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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace		Bob and Nancy Wood
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In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Sung Response No. 76 (v. 2)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
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Children's Sermon		Carlisle Davidhizar
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(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the Children's Sermon.
After the Offertory Prayer, the children will go to Children's Church.)

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, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who 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. 100	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
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Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

Judy Boelt

Music During the Offering

What's This Lovely Fragrance

Paul Manz

Jeff Hummel, Organist

* Doxology No. 253

OLD 100TH (Altered)

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Michael Edwards

Solo

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Rebecca Yates

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Burnett Elam

Sermon

Time to Change

Michael Edwards

* Hymn No. 88

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

* Benediction

Michael Edwards

* Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Michael Bedford

Jeff Hummel, Organist

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

Our guest organist today is Jeff Hummel. Jeff has served churches in Richmond for the past 27 years, most recently at Third Church and substitutes regularly throughout the area. He is a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Asbury University with a degree in church music.



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) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Preferred way for us to contact you: _____ phone _____text _____email

This Week at May Memorial:

Sunday, December 10

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Church

12:00 p.m. Holiday Tea

Monday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Luncheon

4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Practice

7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love

Wednesday, December 13

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party

5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal

6:15 p.m. Program

6:15 p.m. Youth Soul Food

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Frisby's

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle Party at
Nancy Wood's home

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, December 16

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

11:00 a.m. Choir Dress Rehearsal

4:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
at the Sparrow's Home

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Announcements

Mid-Week Meal and Program - December 13 - The topic will be The Christmas Mother and Powhatan's Christmas Mother will speak at the event. Sign up below for the meal. This will be the last meal this year. The next meal will be on January 10.

Children's Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – The men will meet at Frisby's on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship.

Rachael Circle Christmas Party – Thursday, 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).

Youth Christmas Party – Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the Home of Jeff & Annie Sparrow.

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.

The Bethlehem Market is now set up adjacent to the Commons Area through December 11th. 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." We will visit many Biblical sites including Philippi, Ephesus, Corinth, and even the Island of Patmos. 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 13 at 5:30 pm

Christmas Feast! Beef Tenderloin with Cherry Port Sauce,
Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Bouche de Noel

\$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.