

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:

Inter-Generational Paper Bag Christmas Pageant—This evening 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.

Rachael Circle Christmas Luncheon—December 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Holly Hill. All ladies are welcome to join us! Bring a \$20.00 wrapped gift

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 - Will be in the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning on December 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.

Children's Birthday Party for Jesus will be Wednesday, December 14th at 3:45 p.m. There will be games, fun, and cupcakes to celebrate Jesus' birthday! This will also be our final meeting of Kingdom Kids until January 11.

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.

The Church Wide Christmas Party, scheduled for the 18th, has been cancelled. In it's place all are invited to the Moravian Love Feast at the Potter's home from 1:30-3:30. Flyers with details and address are available on the table in the Commons Area.

Choir 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.

Holiday Tea—January 8—Join us for a Holiday Tea directly after the church service. Please RSVP to the church office. Cost is \$15.

Merry Christmas to all our May Memorial Families

As in years past, we will start our Special Offering for Christmas for our dedicated staff this Sunday. You can use the envelopes in the pews or a note in your regular offering envelope. Blessings to you for this Holiday Season. Thank you for all you do for May Memorial! The Finance Committee

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 11, 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. 2 only)

*Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread
And children's dreams are fed.*

*Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

* Call to Worship Brantley Turner

Our souls magnify the Lord.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

We come today with eager hope, awaiting God's new revelation.

The mighty One has done great things!

God's mercy covers generations.

We come today with ready peace, trusting with anticipation.

The One who lifted up the lowly

And filled the hungry, dwells with us.

**We come today with fervent joy,
we worship with great expectation.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 94 REGENT SQUARE
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

* Invocation Michael Edwards

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy Billy Boelt, Kay Firda,
and Payton Sanudo

Reading

Advent Wreath Prayer

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid,

for the LORD is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I say, Rejoice!

Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

Sung Response DIX

Light A Candle Bright and Tall (v. 3 only)

Light a candle bright and tall, for the Joy this season brings.

Joy like fountains brimming full through our world now let it ring!

Shine within our hearts today come, O Joy, to us, we pray.

Children's Sermon

(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

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. 88 MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Worship in Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

Duet During Offering

Sweet Son of God

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

Old Testament Lesson Michael Edwards
Isaiah 35:1-10

Anthem Choir
My Heart, Your Bethlehem

Gospel Lesson Lori Turner
Luke 1:46-55

Sermon Carlisle Davidhizar
Magnificat

The Community Responds to God's Word

* Hymn (see screens) GREENSLEEVES
My Soul Proclaims That God is Good

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Announcements Carlisle Davidhizar

* Benediction Michael Edwards

* Postlude Stuart Joerg

* Please stand as you are able.

Please see the enclosed list of dedications for the poinsettias in the sanctuary.


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Christina Fredette


Light Dawns on a Weary World



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.

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, December 11

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Inter-generational
Paper Bag Christmas
Pageant

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Backpacks of Love

Wednesday, December 14

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

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Team

11:30 a.m. Rachael Circle Luncheon

3:45 p.m. Children's Birthday Party
For Jesus

5:00 p.m. Church Meal

5:45 p.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Saturday, December 17

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry

9:30 a.m. Choir Dress Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

Wednesday Night Dinner - December 14

Roasted Beef Tenderloin with Bearnaise Sauce,
Duchesse Potato Casserole, Green Beans,
and Chocolate Yule Log

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

Name: _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____