

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

Trish Hutchinson

Financial Secretary

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Facilities Coordinator

Clara James

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Announcements:

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.

New Year's Day Worship at 10:00 a.m., no Sunday School.

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

Church Office Holiday Closures—The church office will be closed on the following days in December and January:

Office Schedule for December 26-29:

Monday, December 26—Office Open

Tuesday, December 27—Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28—Office Closed

Thursday, December 29—Office Open

Holiday Office Closures for January:

Monday, January 2—Office Closed

Monday, January 16—Office Closed

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

Teams Night—January 18 at 5:45. Anyone who has signed up for a team is invited to the Wednesday Night meal on 1/18. This is a going to be a meal where team members meet each other, plan, and fellowship.

Quarterly Business Meeting—January 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Young Adults Dining Around—All young adults are invited to go to dinner on Saturday, January 21 (and each third Saturday) at 6:30. In January we will eat at El Cerro Azul in Powhatan, and each month we will choose a different local restaurant. Childcare will be provided at the church from 6:15 until 15 minutes after the meal is over. You make the call, if you consider yourself a “young adult,” you are welcome to join us!

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 2022

11:00 a.m.

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

*Though our world is dark, Your light overcomes the darkness
Though we have wandered, Your love is steadfast.
Though we lose our way, You have made a way.
Though our fear is great, Your joy is greater.*

~ Lloyd Larson

Prelude Sandra Parker and Stuart Joerg

Welcome and Announcements Michael Edwards

* Call to Worship Blaire Fredette

We come seeking a sign from You,
the One who sits upon the throne.
**Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

We come seeking to worship You,
the One who dwells with us always.
**Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We come seeking to witness your might,
a child to be born in a coming night.
**Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 100 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

* Invocation Carlisle Davidhizar

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love
Anna, Sophie and Laura Edwards
and Sandy Shelton

Reading

Advent Wreath Prayer

Let us Pray:
God of hope, God of peace,
God of joy, and God of love,
Teach us how to love one another
as reflections of your light in the world.

**God of promise, God of love,
into our darkness come.**

Sung Response DIX
Light A Candle Bright and Tall (v. 4 only)

Light a candle bright and tall, for a Love which knows no end.
Love that comes to one and all. Fear and hatred to upend.
Shine within our hearts today. Come, O Love, 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. 101 TEMPEST ADEST FLORIDUM
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Worship in Stewardship
Offertory Prayer Judy Boelt
Giving of Tithes and Offering
* *Doxology* No. 253 OLD 100TH (ALTERED)

Sing Joy To All The World A Christmas Celebration by Lloyd Larson

Anthem
Tidings of Comfort and Joy
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Isaiah 9)

Anthem
A Light Shall Shine
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Luke 1 and 3, and Isa. 40)

Anthem
Prepare the Way
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Luke 1)

Anthem
David's Royal City
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Luke 2)

Anthem
Glory in the Highest
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Isaiah 40)

Anthem
Joy of Every Longing Heart
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Luke 1)

Anthem
Worship Christ, The Newborn King
Reading Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette
(based on Luke 2)

Anthem
Sing Joy to All the World

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Benediction Michael Edwards

* Postlude Stuart Joerg

* Please stand as you are able.

Sing Joy to all the World

Director: Stuart Joerg
Accompanist: Sandra Parker
Narrators: Andy Firda and Brooke Fredette

Our prayer for you this Christmas Season is that you will have Peace,
Hope and Joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ. May you be filled with His love throughout the coming year.
~ The Choir

This Week at May Memorial

Sunday, December 18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship, Christmas Cantata	Wednesday, December 21 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Choir Party at Joerg's
Monday, December 19 5:30 p.m. Coalition of Powhatan Churches Meeting	Thursday, December 22 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open
Tuesday, December 20 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open	Saturday, December 24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship