

# May Memorial Baptist Church



The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Order of Worship

Gathering Music		Mary Ellen Balarzs and Stuart Joerg
Welcome and Announcements		Michael Edwards
Prelude		Stuart Joerg
* Hymn No. 94	<i>Angels, From the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
* Invocation		Michael Edwards
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love		Gerald and Gwen Hagen, Eva Mitchell
...us hesitate are gifts God can and will use as God's love transforms us into bearers of good news.		
<b>We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.</b>		
Sung Response No. 76 (v. 4)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
Children's Sermon and Three Cents a Meal Offering		Michael Edwards
(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.)		
Prayers of the People		
Sharing of Prayer Requests		
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		Michael Edwards
The Lord's Prayer		
<b>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.</b>		
*Offertory Hymn No. 93	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	CAROL
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Mike Koelzer
Giving of Tithes and Offering		
Music During the Offering		
* Doxology No. 253		OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> (Altered)
Gospel Reading	<i>Luke 1:46b-55</i>	Carlisle Davidhizar
Special Music	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	Men's Trio
Gospel Reading	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	Kayla Tibbs
Sermon	<i>Long Lay the World</i>	Carlisle Davidhizar

My soul proclaims that God is good I sing to God my Savior.  
 For God has blessed me! I am loved! God looks on me with favor.  
 God is not far away; God cares for people every day.  
 God sees and loves the poor And gives to them a blessing.

The Mighty One has done great things; I see God's hand of mercy.  
 God's people know the love God brings; They know that God is holy.  
 God is not far away; God cares for people every day.  
 God sees and loves the poor And gives to them a blessing.

God casts the mighty from their thrones; The proud will surely scatter.  
 God lifts the lowly, hurting ones, And shows them their lives matter.  
 God is not far away; God cares for people every day.  
 God sees and loves the poor And gives to them a blessing.

God fills the hungry with good things; And sends the rich ones hungering.  
 God's promise was to immigrants And also to their children.  
 God is not far away; God cares for people every day.  
 God sees and loves the poor And gives to them a blessing.

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

Stuart Joerg

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

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

**This Week at May Memorial:**

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

**Sunday, December 24**

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

**Monday& Tuesday, December 25, 26**

*Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, December 27**

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

*No Activities or Meal at the Church*

**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

### Candlelight Service – Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

**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

**New Member Day! – On Sunday, January 28** May Memorial will welcome new members into our congregation. If you would like to join May Memorial, please let Pastor Michael know, or the church office.

**Undecorating Day** – On Saturday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help undecorate the Chrismon Tree, the sanctuary and the Commons Area.

**Deacons, Mark Your Calendar** – The Deacon Retreat will be Saturday, January 20.

### *Prayer Request*

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

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### *Are you receiving the May Memorial e-mails or mailings?*

Several e-mails are sent from the church office weekly including the church’s newsletter, the May Memorial Messenger, as well as other important weekly church family updates. Please sign up here if you would like to be added to the email list and start receiving these messages.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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.