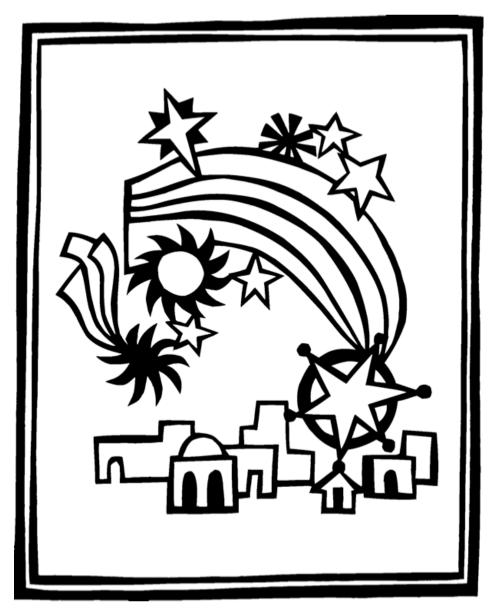
# May Memorial Baptist Church



The First Sunday after Christmas December 31st, 2023

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Welcome and Announcements Michael Edwards

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 136) Volunteer

Christ is born!

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Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me.

Life is full of promise for our community.

We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be our savior.

It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together,

Growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

Let us worship God together!

\* Hymn No. 87 *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!* ANTIOCH

\* Invocation Volunteer

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 Offertory Prayer, the children will go to Children's Church.)

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Michael Edwards

The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn No. 96 Good Christian Men, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Annie Sparrow

Music During the Offering Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* Doxology No. 253 OLD  $100^{TH}$  (Altered)

Gospel Reading John 1:1-2 Volunteer

Hymn No. 103 Away in a Manger MUELLER

Gospel Reading John 1:3-5 Volunteer

Carol No. 93 (vv. 1 & 4) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8 Volunteer

Carol No. 95 (vv. 1 & 3) *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

Gospel Reading John 1:9-11 Volunteer

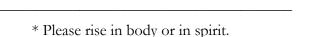
Hymn No. 101 (vv. 1 & 3) Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Gospel Reading John 1:12-14 Volunteer

Michael Edwards

\* Benediction

\* Postlude



John 1:1-14

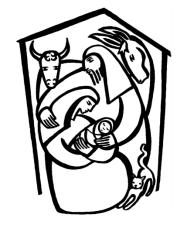
<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



#### This Week at May Memorial:

#### Sunday, December 31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed

#### Tuesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry No meal or activities at the church

#### Thursday, January 4

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open 5:30 p.m. Families Anonymous

#### Saturday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Church Undecorating 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry 10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

#### **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

# May Memorial Staff

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#### Announcements

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.

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.

A Local Families Anonymous Group will begin meeting in the Gathering Room each Thursday at 5:30 beginning January 4. Families Anonymous is a 12-Step support group for family members of those struggling with addiction. Your anonymity will be maintained if you attend, and you are welcome even if there is only a suspicion of a problem. This meeting is for parents, grandparents, siblings, husbands, wives, children, friends, and significant others.

Offering Books for 2024 – For those who use offering books, they are available now and can be found in the hallway outside of the sanctuary.

## Prayer Request

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

# 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.