

May Memorial Baptist Church



The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31st, 2023

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Gathering Music

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

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

* Hymn No. 96

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Music During the Offering

Giving of Tithes and Offering

* Doxology No. 253

Annie Sparrow

OLD 100TH (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

- * Carol No. 98
- * Benediction
- * Postlude

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

WALTHAM
Michael Edwards

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

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

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

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

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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 Open
6:30 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

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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.