

*Peace*

~ From "The House of Christmas," by G. K. Chesterton,  
English writer, philosopher and theologian (1874-1936)

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† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

POSTLUDE                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                      Mary McDonald

*In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.*

Your help is **much** needed and appreciated!

TODAY, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
\* No Sunday School  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
\* No Kids' Church  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 5:30 p.m.*  
*Lessons and Carols, Candles and Communion*

MONDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Merry Christmas!*  
Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

TUESDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

WEDNESDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
\* No Wednesday Night Activities

DECEMBER 2023  
31 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)  
Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
\* No Kids' Church

JANUARY 2024  
1 *Happy New Year*  
Church Office Closed for Holiday

3 \* No Wednesday Night Activities

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Other Staff: By Appointment



A NOTE  
ABOUT YEAR  
END GIVING




In planning your year-end giving, please be reminded that your contributions must be received in the church office by noon on **December 29, 2023** (or post-marked by December 31, 2023) in order to be reported as a 2023 gift.


Missions Mailbox

Today is the final day to participate in the Mission Kids annual **Missions Mailbox**.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to be able to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation. The mailbox is set up in the narthex. The cost to "mail" a card is only **25¢** per card.

All the money raised will go to support a mission project.





**Capital Debt ELIMINATED!**

Thanks to many generous donations, we have received enough contributions to **ELIMINATE** our debt!!!

Thank you for your faithful giving to Memorial.

**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

- Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**  
Needed for December - - **Peanut Butter**  
*Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'*
- Buddy Backpack:** collecting **"nab crackers"**  
[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]  
*Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Buddy Backpack.'*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Peace*  
*December 24, 2023*

*Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.*

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music  
Anne McClain, Organist  
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian