THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

On me not Priest nor Presbyter nor Pope, Bishop nor Dean may stamp a party name; But Jesus, with his largely human scope, The service of my human life may claim. Let prideful priests do battle about creeds; The church is mine that does most Christlike deeds.

> ~ Author unknown, in <u>Masterpieces of Religious Verse</u>, James Dalton Morrison, ed, Harper & Brothers, 1948, no. 1599.

GATHERING

PRELUDE I Sing the Almighty Power of God

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Anne McClain, organ

GREETING Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION

Mr. Beddingfield Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Transfiguration Sunday

O God, before the suffering, death and resurrection of your Son, you revealed his glory to his friends upon the holy mountain: May we also, beholding by faith the light and purity of his presence, recognize him as Son of God. Savior of the world and Lord of our lives. May we know his power and wisdom and authority above all things, things in heaven and things on earth, in this world and in the world to come, that we may have strength to bear our own cross and be made into his likeness. This we pray in his holy name, Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 202

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

CALL TO PRAYER (responsively)

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

Romans 10: 17, 4; Galatians 3: 23-27;

Hebrews 7: 28; and Ephesians 3: 11-12

Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ. For Christ is the fulfillment of the law,

that everyone who has faith may be justified.

Before faith came, we were bound by the law,

kept under restraint until faith could be revealed.

So the law was our custodian until Christ came, but now we are justified by faith.

And now that faith has come, we no longer need a custodian; for in Christ Jesus we are all children of God, through faith.

For all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have put on Christ.

The law appoints as high priests those who are subject to human weaknesses, but the word of God's promise, which came after the law, has appointed a Son, who has been made perfect forever.

All this was in accordance with the eternal purpose that God has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God with boldness and confidence through faith in him.

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 4: 1-6 Brandon Brown, Deacon For we do not proclaim ourselves,

SONGS OF TESTIMONY

Spencer Powell Phillips, Leader

† Congregation

Above All

we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

Lenny Leblanc, Paul Baloche

Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all our human plans You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what you're worth

Chorus Crucified, laid behind a stone You lived to die rejected and alone Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me - above all (Repeat chorus)

Solo

I Find Jesus

James Ibbotson

* Following the Worship Songs, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Mrs. Erin Turlington at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2-9 The Transfiguration. Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

SERMON

The Jesus Loophole

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

You Are Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Ms. Montgomery

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY Jesus Loves Me

Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 547

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Will Stockton

arr. Stephen Z. Cook

I Stand Amazed in the Presence Refrain after stanzas 1, 2 and 4 only

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE Postlude on MILES LANE

Mrs. McClain

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Valentine's Day by Michael Lester.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Lorrie Pope, Mary Jane Marshbanks, Linda Smith, Joe Turlington, Susan Cannady, Ofe Rockholt, Catherine King, Frances Lloyd, Burgess Marshbanks, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Jerry Smith; Family of Aubrey Horne; Family of Harnett Co. Deputy Chris Johnson; Linda Yarborough (wife of former Music Minister of Ed's childhood church); Mark Quakenbush; Dale Coats, wife of Harnett Co. Sheriff Wayne Coats; Jeanna Bullard (granddaughter of Jeanne Barker); Jim Young (father of Stacie Hogan); Glenn Gregory (friend of Cornbread); Melissa Kelly (sister of Trinity Kelly); Joyce Harrelson (mother of Tammy Scarborough); Amanda Alexander (cousin of Gracie Jonas); Angie Ward (grandmother of Liz Stone); Joseph Boughton (friend of Pastor Ed); Christine Johns (wife of a friend of Steve DeVane); Mary McClain (mother of Greg McClain); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English); Tonya Taylor (sister-in-law of Carrie Royal)

Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Rick Helms in his death on Thurs., February 1st in Jacksonville, NC. A private service will be held at a later date.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Beverly Smith in the death of her father, Bobby David Murray, on Thursday, February 8th.

[†] *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacons for February 2024: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough Deacons for March 2024: Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson

Ushers Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West Ushers Feb. 18: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee

Turlington

Kids' Church: Erin Turlington

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl Kids' Church Feb. 18: Cherry DeVane Nursery Feb. 18: (need volunteer)

TODAY, February 11th

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) **Kids' Church**: during worship (Library)

TUESDAY, February 12th

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 14th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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CHILI COOK-OFF: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room) 21

Simple Supper - *Nacho Bar:* 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom) Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Come and bring a pot of your favorite chili for the competition!

(Desserts are also needed.)

Monetary donations will be made to your favorite chili. The chef whose chili raises the most money will be crowned the CHILI COOK-OFF WINNER!

All money raised will go toward the costs of Passport camp for the youth.



Memorial has participated in this ministry for the past two years and we would like to do it again this year. BACKPACKS The first year we filled 36 backpacks and last year we packed 45! Our goal this year is 50.

For February, we would like to collect warm clothing which includes: winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks.

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as 'Backpacks.'

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

Clothes Closet: Next date TBD

Harnett Food Pantry: collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons** Needed for February - - Sliced Peaches

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.'

Belts for HCMS: Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.

Check the bulletin board for community announcements.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant Wayne Smith, Custodian