

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Forgiveness: “Father, forgive them”

February 18, 2024
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I begun,
Which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run,
And do run still: though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, Thou hast done,
I fear no more.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin by which I have won
Others to sin? and made my sin their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
For I have more.

~ *John Donne, English poet and
Anglican priest, 1572-1631*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Lyndell Leatherman
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† INVOCATION *Based on Hebrews 4: 15-16 and
The Book of Common Prayer,
Collect for the First Sunday in Lent* Mr. Beddingfield

Almighty and Gracious God:
we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with us in our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Therefore we approach your throne of grace with confidence,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Come quickly to our aid, for we are assaulted by many temptations; and,
as you know the weaknesses, the shortcomings and the deliberate wrongdoings
of each one of us, let each one find you both able and willing to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is God’s Wondrous World* TERRA PATRIS

This is God’s wondrous world, and to my list’ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God’s wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, the wonders God has wrought.

This is God’s wondrous world; the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the dark of night, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is God’s wondrous world; a wand’rer I may roam
Whate’er my lot, it matters not, my heart is still at home.

This is God’s wondrous world; oh, let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is God’s wondrous world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be glorified, and earth and heav’n be one.

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) from Psalm 25 Brittany Montgomery,
Ministry Intern

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your way, and teach me:
For you are the God of my salvation, and for you I wait all the day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your gracious love,
for they have been from of old.
**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions, O Lord,
but according to your mercy remember me, for your goodness’ sake.**
Good and upright is the Lord,
who instructs sinners in the way and leads the humble in what is right.
Turn and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress;
consider my affliction and my troubles, and forgive all my sins.
Preserve me in integrity and uprightness, O Lord, for I wait for you.

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Montgomery

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE READINGS Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor,*
and Ms. Montgomery

I Timothy 2: 5; I John 1: 21;
Romans 8: 34; and Hebrews 7: 25

There is one God, and one Mediator between God and people:
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.
*Therefore if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins;
and not for ours alone, but for the sins of the whole world.*
So who is there to condemn? Is it not Christ Jesus who died,
who was raised, and who is at the right hand of God, interceding for us?
*And he is able to save completely those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Spirit Song* John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. (*Refrain*)

* *Following the Song of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet
Mrs. Cherry DeVane 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 Luke 23: 32-34 Mr. Beddingfield
*Father, forgive them, for they
know not what they do.*

SERMON *Self-Elimination* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *His Voice, As The Sound* arr. Milburn Price

His voice, as the sound of a dulcimer sweet, is heard through the shadow of death.
The cedars of Lebanon bow at His feet. The air is perfumed with His breath.
His lips as a fountain of righteousness flow that waters the garden of grace.

From which their salvation the Gentiles shall know and bask in the smile of His face.
O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call.
My comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all.
He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word.
He speaks, and eternity, filled with His voice, re-echoes the praise of her Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) Mrs. Craddock

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *Breathe* Tim Doran
with Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 292 ST. MARGARET
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on AURELIA* Edward Broughton
Mrs. McClain

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

Ushers Today: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee
Turlington

Ushers Feb. 25: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids’ Church today: Cherry DeVane

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Kids’ Church Feb. 25: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Feb. 25: (*need volunteer*)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Family of Bobby Murray (*father of Beverly Smith*); Family of Rick Helms; Terry Barker (*daughter-in-law of Jeanne Barker*); Linda Yarborough (*wife of former Music Minister of Ed's childhood church*); Mark Quakenbush; Jim Young (*father of Stacie Hogan*); Glenn Gregory (*friend of Cornbread*); Melissa Kelly (*sister of Trinity Kelly*); Joyce Harrelson (*mother of Tammy Scarborough*); 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 Mark West and family in the death of his nephew, Nick Tasios, on February 13, 2024. A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 pm Sunday, February 18 at Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington, NC.

MBC CHILI COOK-OFF

TONIGHT!
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Do you like chili? Do you enjoy getting together with friends? Are you competitive? If you answered yes to any of those questions, join us tonight!

Come and bring a pot of your favorite chili for the competition. We also need desserts brought for everyone to share.

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

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



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.

Financial Position, 1/31/24

» Total support, January 2024	\$ 43,731
» Total expenditures, January 2024	\$ (41,825)
» Support exceeds Expenditures	\$ 1,906
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	8%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 33,458
» Undesignated support received as of 1/31/24	\$ 32,640
» Budget support shortfall as of 1/31/24	\$ (818)

TODAY, February 18th

- 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)
- CHILI COOK-OFF:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, February 19th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

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

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS 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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Anne McClain, Organist
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
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