

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

### GATHERING

#### PIANO PRELUDE

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. To help us minister to you, please complete a "Guest Card," "Prayer Card," or "N&N Dinner Reservation Card" for Wednesday night and place in the offering plate.*

#### GREETING

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Siyahamba*

traditional South African

#### † INVOCATION

Mr. Beddingfield

*From the Gelastian Sacramentary,  
a Sixth Century traditional Latin mass*

Almighty and everlasting God, who has made known the Incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, which was observed by the Wise Men, who then adored your majesty and presented costly gifts: Grant that the star of your righteousness may always shine in our hearts, and that for our treasure we may give to your service ourselves and all that we have; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### † HYMN OF PRAISE 117

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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#### CALL TO PRAYER *(responsively)*

Psalm 72: 1-8, 10-14

Mr. Beddingfield

Give to the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people; and the hills, righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures, and the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like the rain that falls on freshly mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,  
until the moon is no more.

**May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the ends of the earth.**

May the kings of Tarshish and the isles render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts;

**May all rulers fall down before him, all nations give him service.**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and needy, and saves the lives of the needy.**

From oppression and violence he redeems their life,

**And precious is their blood in his sight.**

#### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Mr. Beddingfield

(Following the Confession and Assurance, children from age 2 through second grade may depart with Ms. Catherine to Children's Church. After the service, parents may pick up children in the nursery area.)

### PROCLAIMING

#### OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Joseph Das, Lay Reader

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the rising of your dawn ...

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall  
proclaim the praise of the Lord.

#### EPISTLE

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Alisha Das, Deacon

(This is) my understanding of the mystery of Christ ...  
that the Gentile have become fellow heirs, members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

#### ANTHEM

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!  
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,  
warm and safe the child are holding,  
Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.

What can I give him, poor as I am.  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
What I can I give him? Give him my heart.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1-12

Mr. Beddingfield

... Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star  
in the East, and have come to worship him."

#### SERMON

*Stargazers and Murderers*

Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

#### † HYMN OF OFFERING 113

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

KINGS OF ORIENT

#### † OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Beddingfield

#### OFFERTORY

#### † OFFERTORY RESPONSE

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

#### † PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Mr. Beddingfield

#### † INVITATION and HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.

*Refrain:*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
O, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world. *(Refrain)*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. *(Refrain)*

### SENDING

#### WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Beddingfield

#### LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

#### † BENEDICTION

#### † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KINGS OF ORIENT

**Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

#### POSTLUDE

*† The congregation is invited to stand.*

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Max Eller, Tommy Stewart, Brittney Tillman, Frances Lloyd, Darla Reed, Teresa Roberts, Carolyn Walker, Colon Jackson, Jimmy Coleman, John Duncan Williams, Pauline Calloway, Mariah Lopez, Jeanie Kornegay, Ginnie Adams, Gail Neville, Joyce Pulliam, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Mark Francisco *(son-in-law of Darla Reed)*, Barry Phillips *(friend of Jim Roberts)*, Laura Lee Scotti *(friend of the Roberts family)*, Rachel Jewell *(friend of the Roberts family)*, Anne Banaskavitch *(daughter of Lloyd and Kay Hedgepeth)*, Julia Atkins *(sister of Linda Stewart)*, Mike Wood *(friend of Beverley Howard)*

**Carillon Assisted Living of Fuquay-Varina:** Frank Neville

**Oak Hill Living Center (Angier):** Lib Byrd and Waymon Byrd

**Sunrise of Raleigh:** Dr. Stanley McQuade and Frances McQuade

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Dr. Kathy Webster in her death on Friday, December 28th.

**Prayers of Comfort** are also extended to the family of Susan Cannady in the death of her brother, Joseph "Joey" Hawley, Jr., on Tuesday, January 1st.

## TODAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>

**Early Worship Service:** 8:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**The Gathering:** 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday School:** 10 a.m.

**Traditional Worship Service:** 11 a.m.

**Floral Committee Clean Up:** 1 p.m.

The Floral Committee needs **you!** Please come help us take down and put away the Christmas decorations.

**Youth Epiphany and New Years Celebration:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please bring your favorite goodie, a Dirty New Year's Baby gift (\$5 Dirty Santa gift), AND an item to donate to SAFE of Harnett County (paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries for women and children, etc.).

## WEDNESDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. (Choir Room)

**Nourishment & Nurture (N&N) Dinner:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Youth Fellowship:** 6:20 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. (Family Life Center)

**Children's Programming:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

**Bible Time:** 2 years old - 1st grade (Bible Time Room)

**Mission Kids:** 2nd - 5th grade (LOGOS Sunday School Classroom)

**"Practicing Midrash" Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Author F. Timothy Moore will introduce his book, available for \$20.00 (discount price). See insert for more information.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Clothes Closet Sorting Party:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Family Life Center)

## FRIDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>

**Clothes Closet Sorting Party:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Family Life Center)

## SATURDAY, January 12<sup>th</sup>

**Clothes Closet:** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Family Life Center)

## JANUARY

**13 Early Worship Service:** 8:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**The Gathering:** 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday School:** 10 a.m.

**Traditional Worship Service:** 11 a.m.

**Youth Band Rehearsal:** TBA

**Middle School Bible Study & Snack Supper:** 5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**High School Bible Study & Snack Supper:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**14 Deacons Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**Deacons For January 2019:** Al Hardison and Bo Snell

**Ushers Today:** Al Hardison, Richy Castellanos, Randall Johnson and Susan Johnson

**Ushers January 13<sup>th</sup>:** Siu-Ki Wong, Derek Hogan, Hayden Mellott and Tommy Stewart

**Nursery Workers Today:** 8:45 a.m.: Abby Kroner  
11 a.m.: David Tillman

**Nursery Workers January 13<sup>th</sup>:** 8:45 a.m.: Abby Kroner  
11 a.m.: Cherry DeVane

**Sunday School Attendance 12-30-18:** 50 Total

### Nourishment & Nurture (N&N) Dinner for Wednesday, January 9, 2019



**Adults: \$5.00 / Children (5th grade and under): \$3.00**

**Menu:** Vegetable Soup with Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, PB&J Sandwiches, Crackers & Tea

*Please RSVP for dinner. Use the [blue cards](#) located in the pews or the link on the homepage of the church website ([www.memorialbcnc.org](http://www.memorialbcnc.org).)*



The Missions Kids would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Missions Mailbox fundraiser. Missions Kids will be able to provide **\$700.00** worth of animals to families via Heifer International.

### MINISTRIES OF COMPASSION

- ◆ **Clothes Closet:** January 12th
- ◆ **Buddy Backpacks: Individual cereal boxes**  
*You can also make a donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.*
- ◆ **Harnett Food Pantry: Needed for January - Spaghetti Sauce**  
*You can also make a donation to: P.O. Box 2084, Lillington, NC 27546*

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Memorial Office Hours

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Other Staff: By Appointment



# 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  
Dr. Phil and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music  
Anne McClain, Organist  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian