



Stushie Art

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Outdoors at 11:00 a.m.
Online at www.memorialbcnc.org

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer:
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
“Christ will rise on Easter Day!”

~ *Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893*
“*Easter Morning*”

GATHERING

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

I Peter 1: 3-4a, 8, 21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By God’s great mercy we have been born again into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading and eternal.
Although we have not seen him, we love him;
though we do not see him now, we believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy;
and through him we have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that our faith and hope are set on God.

INVOCATION

*Ad. fr. Martin Luther (1483-1546) and
John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

Almighty God, who through the death of your Son has destroyed sin and death,
and by his resurrection has restored to us goodness and everlasting life,
so that we may be delivered from the dominion of evil and our mortal bodies raised from the dead:

Grant that we may confidently and whole-heartedly believe this;
that we may in all things walk after the manner of those who have been redeemed from their sins;
and that finally, with all the saints, we may share in the joyful resurrection of all God's children;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Anne McClain, *organist*

arr. Bruce Greer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Meredith Lanier, *Associate Pastor*

Colossians 3: 19-20 and II Corinthians 9: 15

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
making peace through the blood of the cross.
Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Ms. Lanier and Mr. Beddingfield

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow and of well-aged wines strained clear.

**And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations; and he will swallow up death forever.**

Then the Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and take away the disgrace of God's people from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

And it will be said on that day,

Look and see! This is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the Lord's salvation.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Mrs. McClain, *piano*

arr. Carol Tornquist

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Mark 16: 1-8
The empty tomb.

Tom Spainhour, *Deacon*

EPISTLE

Philippians 3: 10-16

Mr. Beddingfield

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

Future Tense

Mr. Beddingfield

SONG OF TESTIMONY

Because He Lives
The Morrows

arr. Jack Schrader

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. Beddingfield

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Phillip Morrow, *piano*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Beddingfield

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Mr. Beddingfield

John 6: 56

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

The Bread

John 6: 35

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

The Cup

John 6: 54

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up at the last day.
For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

OFFERTORY INVITATION and LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Lanier

SENDING

BENEDICTION

ad. fr. John Claypool

Mr. Beddingfield

**Go now into God's world as those who are called to be God's people,
remembering as you go that by God's goodness you were born into this life,
by God's grace you have been kept to this very hour,
and by God's love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, you are being redeemed,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Brass Fanfare for Easter



PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Doris Eller, Donna Penny, Nell Grimm, Debbie Appel, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Mary Lou Ellen, Ofelia Hoyle, Cade Riggs, Earl Savage, Colon Jackson, Linda Smith, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Rodney Smith (*brother of Joyce Sills*), Cynthia Ramsey (*co-worker of Brittney Tillman*), Lloyd Hedgepeth, Kinsley Griffo, Robert Benson (*co-worker of Ellen Bryce, Charissa English and Susan Morrow*), Frankie Ballard (*friend of Ashley Nelson*), Don Barker (*brother of Bob Barker*), Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*), Rayden Bradley

Brunswick Health and Rehab Center (Calabash): Pat Stiller

Oak Hill Assisted Living Center (Angier): Ester Howard and Frances McQuade

The MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, Texas): David Price

Windsor Point (Fuquay Varina): Elizabeth (Lib) Byrd

Deployed: Chad Griffo

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.



Ms. Pat Stiller
Brunswick Health and
Rehab Center
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The persistent generosity of Memorial Baptist Church is a great blessing. Please remember your faithful giving during this difficult time. Though we are unable to meet inside our church, the work of our church goes on, as does our commitment to support our various partners in mission.

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