

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

November 28, 2021
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Hark! the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

~ Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), English Nonconformist
(Congregational) minister, educator and hymnwriter

GATHERING

Thank you for wearing a mask (the CDC and State health authorities recommend masks to be worn inside regardless of vaccination status).
Masks and hand sanitizer are available from an usher if you need them.

Pews are marked for social distancing guidelines,
or if you prefer an usher can assist you with seating.

WELCOMING MUSIC

GREETING Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Mr. Beddingfield
Psalm 25: 1-3a, 4-5

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.
Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies boast over me;
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 truth, and teach me.
For you are the God of my salvation,
And for you I wait, all the day long.

INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Mr. Beddingfield

Almighty and merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to listen carefully to their message so that, confessing and forsaking our sins, we may await with hope and greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, not only during this season of Advent, but even forevermore; in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

PRELUDE *Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong* arr. Michael Ryan
Anne McClain, *organ*

WAITING

DEDICATION OF THE ADVENT PARAMENTS Mr. Beddingfield

ADVENT WREATH: *The Prophets' Candle* Linda Lunney, with
Meredith Lanier, *Associate Pastor*
Jeremiah 33: 14-16
A righteous branch.

DECORATING THE CHRISMON TREE Conrad and Garrett Riewestahl
Branch of David, Rose of Sharon, Globe in Circle, Cross atop World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and EXPECTANCY Ms. Lanier

† HYMN OF ADVENT 78 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Luke 21: 25-28 Mr. Beddingfield
Your redemption is drawing nigh.

SERMON *It's Getting Close* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

CHORAL REFELCTION *Do Not Be Afraid* Don Marsh
Hilary Morrow, solo
Alison Donnelly, Kendall Helblig, Paul Lysek,
Susan Morrow, Izzy Morrow, Ensemble

INVITATION and MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
Those wishing to respond to the Invitation may meet the pastor at the front of the sanctuary during the Music for Meditation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield

SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY and OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

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 *Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN* arr. Edward Broughton

*Worshippers may depart the sanctuary without direction by an usher.
Please proceed through the foyer to the courtyard for visiting.
Thank you for remaining masked until you are outside.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Carolyn Walker, Ofelia Hoyle, David Price, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Alberta Wells (*friend of Susan Johnson*), Jimmy Jones (*friend of Susan Johnson*), Bob Appel, Linda Enzor-Manson (*sister of Harriet Enzor*), Andrew and Josh Manson (*nephews of Harriet Enzor*), Laura Yarbrough and family, David Whiteman, Tricia Green, Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*)

Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle (Shallotte): Pat Stiller

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Carroll Marsalis, father of Melody Price, in his death on Friday, November 19th.

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.

WAYS TO DONATE TO MBC:

- (1) **Offering plates** are on the tables in the foyer as you leave.
- (2) You may also use your phone and click the **QR code below**; OR
- (3) **To give online** use the "Donate" tab on our webpage, <https://memorialbcnc.org>.
(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)

Thank you for your cooperation!



Deacons for November: David Avrette and Adam English

Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Ushers for Dec. 5: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

TODAY, November 28th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)
Indoor Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
MBC Kid's Church: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)
Youth Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, November 30th

Regathering Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, December 1st

Children's Choir: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Activity TBA: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, December 4th

Clothes Closet: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

DECEMBER

5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)
Indoor Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
MBC Kid's Church: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)
Youth - Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

7 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

8 Children's Choir: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
A Theologian Looks at the "The Night Before Christmas"
- with Adam English: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)
Indoor Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
MBC Kid's Church: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)
Youth - Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Advent Dinners

15 * No Children's Choir

Church-wide Caroling: Time TBA
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)
Indoor Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
MBC Kid's Church: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)
Gingerbread House Decorating for Children and Youth: (Fellowship Hall)
immediately following worship service



Advent Paraments by Jac and Kathy Whatley

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. Matthew 2:1-2

Like the Wise Men, we enter the liturgical season of Advent by looking toward the Christmas Star and seeking Jesus. Advent purple reminds us we seek a King, and the Moravian star design has historic associations with North Carolina. Moravians were, and are, also known for their joyful musical traditions, so this set of paraments is in honor of Phillip and Susan Morrow and our other church musicians.

The new paraments are designed, sewn and given by Jac and Kathy Whatley to the Glory of God, Christmas 2021.

~ Jac and Kathy Whatley



We would like to be able to offer nursery services for guests and visitors. We also need volunteers to teach our children during the Kid's Church time.

We can't do any of this without your help.

If you would be willing to help in either area, please tell the church office.

(All volunteers are required to wear a mask.)

Buies Creek Christmas Parade

**Sunday, December 5th
3:00 p.m.**

MBC youth will have an entry in the Buies Creek Christmas Parade this year! Elva Scarborough has offered to let us bring our chairs and blankets and sit in front of Scarborough Photography to watch the parade.

If you would like to contribute and help with parade expenses, see Mark (Cornbread) West. *(If you wish to write a check, make it payable to Mark.)*

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** December 4, 2021

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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, Associate Pastor
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music
Anne McClain, Organist
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian