

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

December 12, 2021
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

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

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*) Isaiah 12: 2-6 Mr. Beddingfield

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid;

**For the Lord God is my strength and my might;
the Lord has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation,
and you will say on that day:

**O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations,
and declare that God's name is to be magnified!**

Sing praises to the Lord, who has done great and glorious things!

Let it be known in all the earth!

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, all the people of God,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Mr. Beddingfield
Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord God, and with great might come among us
and do glorious and wonderful things;
because we are greatly hindered by our own sins,
and surrounded on every side by the powers of darkness and fear.
Remember your mercy and let your bountiful grace help and deliver us.
Strengthen the fainthearted, fill the hungry, and lift up the lowly,
that your name may be magnified in this hour of worship
and throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

PRELUDE *Join the Triumph of the Skies!* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Anne McClain, organ

WAITING

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT Mollie, Jim, Temple and Palmer Cannady
Susan Cannady, Melody and David Price

The Advent Wreath: *Mary and Joseph's Candle*
Luke 1: 39-45, 56

Decorating the Chrismon Tree
Star of Bethlehem, Manger with Chi Rho (XP)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and EXPECTANCY Meredith Lanier, *Associate Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

† HYMN OF ADVENT *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

GOSPEL (*responsively*) Luke 2: 46-55 (The Magnificat, ad.) Mr. Beddingfield

And Mary said:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
who has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant.

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the One who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name! –**

Whose mercy is on those who fear him, from generation to generation;

**Who has shown strength with his arm,
and scattered the proud in the imaginings of their hearts;**

Who has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

**Who has filled the hungry with good things,
but sent the rich empty away;**

Who has helped his servant, Israel, remembering his own mercy,
according to the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants, forever.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

SERMON *Subversive Joy* Mr. Beddingfield
(Second in an Advent series: "The Soundtrack of Christmas")

RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *Mary, Did You Know?* Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
Michael Lester, tenor

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

INVITATION and MUSIC FOR REFLECTION
*Those wishing to respond to the invitation may meet the pastor
at the front of the sanctuary during the Music for Reflection.*

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 *How Great Our Joy!* JUNGST

*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.*

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!



PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: David Price, Carolyn Walker, Ofelia Hoyle, Bob and Jeanne Barker
(*Central Harnett Hospital*), Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Maggie Smale (*friend of Sharon McDonald*), Dennis Riewestahl
(*father of Justin Riewestahl-Central Harnett Hospital*), Beth Stiller (*sister of Susan Morrow*),
Davis DeWhatley (*grandson of Jac and Kathy Whatley-surgery this week*), 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

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 Nate Clark, son of Todd and
Heather Clark, in his death on Tuesday, December 7th.

TODAY, December 12th

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

WEDNESDAY, December 15th

- * No Children's Choir
- Church-wide Caroling: 6:00 p.m. (no refreshments this year)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER

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

22 * No Wednesday Night Activities

24 Christmas Eve Services: Times TBA

25 Merry Christmas - Church Office Closed

- 26 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)
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Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Tom Spainhour

Deacons for January: Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

Ushers Today: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

Ushers for Dec. 19: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

Kid's Church Teacher Today: Meredith Lanier

Financial Picture as of October 31, 2021

» Total support	\$ 282,381
» Total expenditures	\$ (297,192)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$ (14,811)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 115,202



ADVENT DINNERS

TONIGHT, December 12th

If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Gail Cogdill today at 919-805-2209.

Missions Mailbox

Mission Kids are hosting their annual **Missions Mailbox** again this year! If you would like to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation, drop them off at the mailbox that is set up in the narthex. The cost to "mail" a card is still only **25¢** each.

All the money raised will go to support Heifer International, a mission project we have helped in the past.

The **Missions Mailbox** will be open for business until December 24th.



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.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting individuals cereal boxes
You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
You may make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.
- **HCMS Hygiene Kits**

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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