

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent: PEACE

December 19, 2021
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

He comes, from the thick films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyelids of the blind
To pour celestial day.

~ 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 Meredith Lanier, Associate Pastor

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Ms. Lanier
Micah 5: 2, 4-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
though you are little among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule Israel,
whose origin is from old, from ancient days.

**And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
and this shall be peace.**

INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Ms. Lanier

Almighty God, who causes the darkness of this season to shine
with the brightness of the One True Light,
and who brings to our shattered lives and broken world
the blessed news of the coming of the Prince of Peace:
May we who have experienced his glory give praise to his holy name,
worshipping him with joy, serving him with gladness,
and returning to him all glory and honor and blessing,
in this life and in the life to come, now and forevermore; **Amen.**

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Anne McClain and Phillip Morrow, piano arr. Raney

WAITING

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT Ron and Cathy McLamb and Earl Savage
Whitley, Jessie, Penny Savage, Michael and Carlie Snyder

The Advent Wreath: *Angel's and Shepherd's Candle*
Luke 2: 8-14 (the Gloria)

Decorating the Chrismon Tree
Angel, Shepherd's Staff with Alpha and Omega

ANTIPHON *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
arr. Schrader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and EXPECTANCY Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* C. Rosetti/Holst
arr. Raney

† GOSPEL Luke 2: 15-20 Mr. Beddingfield
And the shepherds return, glorifying and praising God
for all that they had heard and seen, as it had been told unto them.

SERMON *Glory to God in the Highest* Mr. Beddingfield
(Third in an Advent series:
"The Soundtrack of Christmas")

RESPONDING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Guiding Star* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
arr. B. Harlan

SCRIPTURE LESSON (responsively) Psalm 80: 1-4, 7, 18-19 Meghan Beddingfield

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, who leads Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before your people.
Stir up your might, and come and save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

CHORAL TESTIMONY *Three Kings Came Riding from Afar* arr. B. Harlan

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9: 2, 6 Erin Brown and Jac Whatley

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
*Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has the light shined.*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulders;
*And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

CHORAL EXHORTATION *The Little Drummer Boy* Davis/Onorati/Simeone
arr. B. Harlan

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 *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* arr. Raney

*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,
Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Nate Clark, James Blackwell and family (*brother of Anne McClain*), Maggie Smale (*friend of Sharon McDonald*), Beth Stiller (*sister of Susan Morrow*), Davis DeWhatley (*grandson of Jac and Kathy Whatley*), 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

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 Zack Eubanks, grandson of Jerry Smith, in his death on November 28th.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Dennis Riewestahl, father of Justin Riewestahl, in his death on Tuesday, December 14th.

TODAY, December 19th

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

Church-wide Caroling (round 2): 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 22nd

* No Wednesday Night Activities

FRIDAY, December 24th

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Christmas Eve Services: 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 25th

Merry Christmas

DECEMBER

26 Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)

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Indoor Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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Youth Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Tom Spainhour

Deacons for January: Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

Ushers for Dec. 26: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Kid's Church Teachers Today: Sonya and Madison Godwin and 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



A big "THANK YOU" to those who hosted and co-hosted Advent Dinners at their homes, Family Life Center and Fellowship Hall.

A special thank you to Cindy Avrette and her committee who planned all the details to ensure everyone had an opportunity to attend an Advent Dinner.

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