

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*A Christmas Eve Service of
Carols, Candles and Communion*

December 24, 2021
5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

My Master was so very poor, a manger was His cradling place;
So very rich my Master was, kings came from far to gain His grace.

My Master was so very poor, and with the poor He broke His bread;
So very rich my Master was that multitudes by Him were fed.

My Master was so very poor, they nailed Him naked to a cross;
So very rich my Master was, He gave His all and knew no loss.

~ Harry Lee, 1874-1942

GATHERING and PREPARING

*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.

*Please take a candle and a communion cup as you enter.
Gluten-free communion is available.*

WELCOMING MUSIC

GREETING Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

PIANO PRELUDE *Ding Dong Merrily on High* arr. Lloyd Larson
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. Heather Sorensen
Anne McClain and Phillip Morrow, *piano*

PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY Luke 2: 1-7 Mr. Beddingfield
*And she brought forth her firstborn son
and laid him in a manger.*

† CAROL 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES
stanzas 1 and 4

† INVOCATION Meredith Lanier, *Associate Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer
Collect for Christmas Day

O God, our hearts are made glad by the yearly reminder
of the birth of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer,
may faithfully follow him as Lord of our lives,
and confidently welcome him when he comes to judge and rule the world
with truth and grace; in Whose name we make this and every prayer, **Amen.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT Johnny, Courtney and Thomas Serratt (5:30)
Meredith, Lee and John Duncan Williams (7:00)

Candles: *Prophets, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, Angels and Shepherds*

Scripture Luke 2: 8-16
Glory to God in the Highest.

The Christ Candle
Chrismons: *IHS, Bread of Life, Communion Cup*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Lanier (5:30)
Mr. Beddingfield (7:00)

WORD and TABLE

† CAROL 93 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL
stanzas 1 and 4

GOSPEL Luke 1: 1-5, 9-14, 16 Ms. Lanier
*And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us.*

SERMON *Worth the Trouble* Mr. Beddingfield

SONG FOR REFLECTION *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
Susan, Hilary and Izzy Morrow

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield and Ms. Lanier

Welcome to the Table I Corinthians 11: 23-25 - *In remembrance of me.*

Prayer of Dedication

The Bread John 6: 51 - *The bread from heaven.*

The Cup John 6: 56 - *Live in me.*

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 - *Till he comes again.*

CANDLES and CAROLS

LIGHTING THE CANDLES
The switch is located on the bottom of your candle.

CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

SENDING FORTH Luke 2: 17-20 Mr. Beddingfield
*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and
praising God for all that they had heard and seen.*

† CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN
Mrs. McClain, organ

*Please deposit your communion cup in a waste box in the foyer
and your candle in a basket as you leave,
and exit through the front doors of the church.*

A blessed Christmas to all!



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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021



**Sunday Morning
Worship Service**

**December 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

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Memorial Office Hours

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

Other Staff: By Appointment

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