

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Sunday before the Epiphany*

January 2, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Yet doth the star of Bethlehem shed  
A lustre pure and sweet;  
And still it leads, as it once led,  
To the Messiah's feet.  
~ *William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878)*

## 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*

PRELUDE *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Heather Sorensen  
Anne McClain and Phillip Morrow, *piano*

† CALL TO WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier, *Associate Pastor*  
Isaiah 56: 1-2, 7-8

Thus says the Lord: Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance will be revealed.  
Blessed are those who do this and hold it fast,  
who keep the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keep their hands from doing evil;

**For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to worship the Lord,  
to love the name of the Lord, and to be the Lord's servants –  
every one who keeps the Sabbath, and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant – these will I bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

**For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**

And thus says the Lord God, who gathers even the outcasts of Israel:  
I will gather yet others to the Lord, besides those who are already gathered;

**For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**

† INVOCATION *Ad. in part fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Ms. Lanier  
*Collect for the Epiphany*

O God, by the song of the angels you manifested your Son to nearby shepherds;  
by your Holy Spirit you revealed him to Simeon and Anna waiting in the temple;  
and by the leading of a star you drew to him Magi from a far off land.  
May we who know you now by faith  
sense your presence as we worship in your house;  
may we find our longing hearts warmed and instructed by your Holy Spirit;

and may we follow as you draw us close in devotion and service,  
until that day when we behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord; **Amen.**

† CAROL 117 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX  
stanzas 1 and 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Lanier

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Ms. Lanier and Laura Rich, *Deacon*  
Isaiah 60: 1-3, 5-7

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
*But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.*  
Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice;  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
and the wealth of nations shall come to you.  
*A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
young camels from Midian and Ephah east of Sinai,  
and from Sheba in eastern Africa;  
they shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.*

All the flocks of the Bedouin shall be gathered to you,  
and Arab chieftains shall provide rams to be sacrificed in worship;  
*All of these shall become acceptable offerings on my altar,  
and glory upon glory will be added to my house.*

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12 Mr. Beddingfield  
The Coming of the Magi.

SERMON *From Different Angles* Mr. Beddingfield  
(First in a series for Epiphany: "Seeing Jesus")

## RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *See, Amid the Winter's Snow* arr. Dan Forrest  
Jonathan Lazenby, vocalist

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

† INVITATION and CAROL *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES  
*Those wishing to respond to the invitation may meet the pastor  
at the front of the sanctuary during the carol.*

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

## 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 *People, Look East* arr. Stephen L. Aber

*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!*



**Deacons for January:** Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

**Deacons for February:** Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

**Ushers Today:** Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

**Ushers for Jan. 9:** Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

*No Kid's Church Today*

**TODAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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)  
**No MBC Kid's Church Today**  
**Youth Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. - *during the month of January* (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

*\* No Wednesday Night Activities*

**JANUARY 2022**

**9 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:** 5:30 p.m. - *during the month of January* (Zoom)  
**Regathering Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
*The Floral Committee will be taking down Christmas decorations today following the worship service. All are welcome to stay and help.*

**10 Deacons Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**12 Children's Choir Resumes:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Adult Bible Study Resumes:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**16 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)  
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**PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

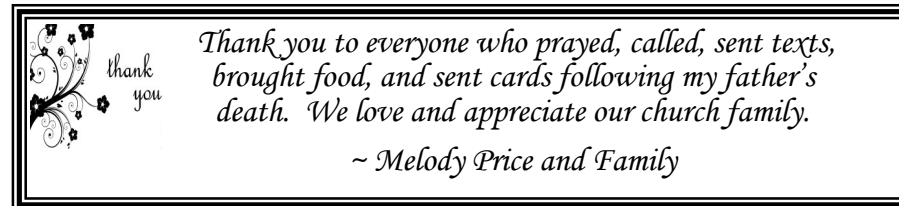
**Members:** Sybil Pope (*Little River, SC*), David Price, Carolyn Walker, Ofelia Hoyle, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Family of Lauren McMillan, Hilary Morrow, James Blackwell and family (*brother of Anne McClain*), Maggie Smale (*friend of Sharon McDonald*), Beth Stiller (*sister of Susan Morrow*), Bob Appel, Laura Yarbrough, David Whiteman

**Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle (Shalotte):** Pat Stiller

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

*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.*



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
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:** February 2022
- **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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Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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*January 2, 2022*

*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.*

**Thank you**  
**Missions Mailbox**  
The Mission Kids would like to thank everyone who was involved in the **Missions Mailbox** mission project.  
We will be able to provide a mating pair of alpacas, a goat, a sheep, a pig and a flock of chicks (\$680.00 worth of animals) to feed families via Heifer International.  
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Please check the table in the foyer to see if you have any Christmas cards left from the **Missions Mailbox**.

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