

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Behold this Child whose early feet
The path of peace have trod,
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Is upward drawn to God!

~ *ad. Reginald Heber (1783-1826),
English hymnist ("Holy, Holy, Holy")
and Bishop of Calcutta*

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

Alleluia, Lord Most High!
Anne McClain, *organ*

arr. Paul Taylor

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Mr. Beddingfield

Psalm 119: 1-2, 9-16, 18, 27, 33-34

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek the Lord with their whole heart.**

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

**Make me to understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding,

that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

† INVOCATION

*Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer
Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany*

Mr. Beddingfield

Lord God in heaven, whose Son Jesus, at his visit to the temple, amazed the teachers and astonished his own family with his understanding; and who, at his baptism in the River Jordan, was revealed as your own Beloved and was anointed with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us the understanding and the will to keep the baptismal covenant we have made, to boldly confess him as Lord and Savior and follow his teachings, and to anticipate with joy his final revealing and his reign in everlasting glory; through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we make our prayer, **Amen.**

† CAROL 90

Carols Sing
stanzas 1 and 2

BETHLEHEM SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Mr. Beddingfield

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL I

Luke 2: 41-52

Gail Cogdill, *Deacon*

Jesus in the Temple:
*Did you not know that I must be
about my Father's business?*

GOSPEL II

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Mike Cogdill, *Lay Reader*

The Baptism of Jesus:
*You are my Beloved Son;
with whom I am well pleased.*

SERMON

A Higher Calling
(Second in a series for Epiphany: "Seeing Jesus")

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION

Joseph Conner, *baritone*

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

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Mrs. McClain and Phillip Morrow, *piano*

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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: 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: Landon Peregoy, Jean Parrish (*mother of Lauren Cox - Stokes teacher*), Michael Parrish (*father of Lauren Cox - Stokes teacher*), Hilary Morrow, James Blackwell and family (*brother of Anne McClain*), Maggie Smale (*friend of Sharon McDonald*), Beth Stiller (*sister of Susan Morrow*), Bob Appel, 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 Sonya Godwin in the death of her uncle, James Smith, on Thursday, January 6th.

Deacons for January: Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

Deacons for February: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

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

Ushers for Jan. 16: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

Kid's Church Today: Charlotte Riewestahl and Miles West

TODAY, January 9th

- 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.

MONDAY, January 10th

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

WEDNESDAY, January 12th

- 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)

JANUARY 2022

- 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)
- Youth Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. - *during the month of January* (Zoom)

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

- 23 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:** 5:30 p.m. - *during the month of January* (Zoom)

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

- 30 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)
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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**

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.

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Anne McClain, Organist
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Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
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