

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

*There are two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.
~ Albert Einstein*

GATHERING

*Thank you for wearing a mask (public health authorities recommend masks indoors regardless of vaccination status).
Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the foyer.
Pews are marked for social distancing.
Ushers are available if you need assistance.*

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

GREETING and CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Psalm 36: 5-10 (*ad.*)

Your lovingkindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your goodness is as high as the mountains,
Your justice is as deep as the sea.
O Lord, you save all creatures, humans and animals alike.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people everywhere may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them to drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

**O Lord, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to those who turn to you in their hearts!**

INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

O God, who desires us to know you; and knowing you, to love you;
and loving you, to serve you:
In his first miracle at the wedding in Galilee, your Son turned water into wine;
and later he warned his disciples that nobody puts new wine into old wineskins,
lest the skins burst when the wine matures, and they are of no use to anyone.
Open our eyes and our hearts to the miracles around us,
and remake our lives that we may be useful vessels of your love to the world,
beginning even now as we feast on the abundance of your house
and drink our fill from the river of your delights;
in the name of Christ, our present and redeeming Lord, we pray; **Amen.**

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Anna Laura Page
Phillip Morrow, *piano*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mr. Beddingfield

† SONG OF PRAISE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Graham Kendrick

Spencer Powell Phillips, *song leader*
Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 62: 1-5 Meredith Lanier Craddock,
The nations shall see your vindication, *Associate Pastor*
and all the kings your glory.

GOSPEL John 2: 1-11 Theresa Batten, *Deacon*
Jesus did this, the first of his signs,
in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON *In Ordinary Things* Mr. Beddingfield
(Third in a series for Epiphany: "Seeing Jesus")

RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *He Turned the Water Into Wine* Johnny Cash
YouTube video

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

INVITATION and MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Mr. Beddingfield
Dr. Morrow, *piano*

*Those wishing to respond to the invitation
may meet the pastor at the front of the sanctuary.*

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 *Glorious Light* Getty/Hannah
Dr. Morrow, *piano* arr. Larry Shackley

*Worshippers may depart the sanctuary without direction by an usher.
If weather permits, 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: Family of James Smith (*uncle of Sonya Godwin*), Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*), James Blackwell and family (*brother of Anne McClain*), Maggie Smale (*friend of Sharon McDonald*), 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 Lauren Cox (*infant teacher at Stokes Childcare Center*) in the death of her father, Michael Parrish, and her mother, Jean Parrish.

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.

Deacons for January: Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

Deacons for February: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

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

Ushers for Jan. 23: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

TODAY, January 16th

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)

WEDNESDAY, January 19th

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 Resumes: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JANUARY 2022

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)
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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**
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- **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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