

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 23, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

He came to the world that was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.  
John 1:11, NCV

## 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.*

GREETING and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

O God,  
You spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.  
Fill all creation with that word again,  
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations  
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,  
we may become one living body,  
your incarnate presence on the earth.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Lani Smith  
Anne McClain, organ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ed Beddingfield, Pastor

God of Love  
We confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind,  
We are quick to envy, and find subtle ways to boast.  
There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down.

### Loving God teach us to love

God of Love  
We confess that we are quickly angered.  
We are quick to record how often we've been wronged.  
There are times we celebrate the misfortune of others.

### Loving God teach us to love

God of Love  
We confess that we put ourselves first.  
We're reluctant to give, we are slow to sacrifice,  
There are times we hesitate to protect.

### Loving God teach us to love

When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worst...  
May love remind us to trust.  
When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost...  
May love remind us to hope.  
When we are tempted to give up, to assume it will never happen...  
May love remind us to persevere.

### Loving God teach us to love, Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 56: 1-3a, 7-8 Chad Godwin, Lay Reader

† HYMN OF HOPE 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 4: 14-21 Madison Godwin, Lay Reader

SERMON *Rejecting a Revelation* Mrs. Craddock  
Luke 4: 14-30  
(Fourth in a series for Epiphany: "Seeing Jesus")

## RESPONDING

WITNESS IN SONG *Trust His Heart* Caswell/Mason  
Susan Morrow, vocalist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison) Mrs. Craddock

## SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY and OFFERTORY INVITATION Mrs. Craddock

BENEDICTION *Ad. fr. John Claypool* Mrs. Craddock  
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 *Postlude on MILES LANE* Will Stockton  
Mrs. McClain

*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:** Mike Thompson, Sybil Pope, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Ofelia Hoyle, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Family of Michael and Jean Parrish (*father and mother of Lauren Cox - teacher at Stokes Childcare Center*), Friend of Kathy Whatley, Sharon Pait (*sister of Becky Thompson*), Shawn Greene (*former coworker of Wayne Smith*), Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*), James Blackwell and family (*brother of Anne McClain*), David Whiteman

**Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle (Shallotte):** 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.*

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

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

**Ushers Today:** Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

**Ushers for Jan. 30:** Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

**TODAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**MONDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Choir:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Church Business Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** TBA

**JANUARY 2022**

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

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**2** **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:** TBA

**6** **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:** TBA  
**Regathering Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**9** **Children's Choir:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)  
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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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