

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 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
Anne McClain, *organ*

arr. Lani Smith

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

Spencer Powell Phillips, *leader*; Will Roberts, *congas*;
Bob Cisneros, *bass*; Phillip Morrow, *piano*;
Anne McClain, *organ*; Ed Beddingfield, *guitar*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

Instrumental

By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

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

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

Family and Friends: Friend of Kathy Whatley, David Whiteman, Beth Johnson, Adriane Karlinski and family (*daughter of Randall Johnson*), Al Ferrara (*relative of Bob Cisneros*), J.F. DeVane (*father of Steve DeVane*), Sharon Pait (*sister of Becky Thompson*), Shawn Greene (*former coworker of Wayne Smith*), Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*)

Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle (Shallotte): Pat Stiller

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

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 Feb. 6: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

Kid's Church Today: Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, January 30th

- 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, February 2nd

- Children's Choir:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- Church Business Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FEBRUARY 2022

- 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)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 12** **Clothes Closet:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
- 13** **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
- 14** **Deacons Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- 16** **Children's Choir:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
***Called Church Business Meeting:** 6:30 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 12, 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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**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.

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music
Anne McClain, Organist
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian