

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

GATHERING

*Thank you for wearing a mask.
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

WELCOME and INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer

Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks in all circumstances, to fear nothing except the loss of you, and to cast all our cares upon you, because you care for us:
Preserve us, we pray, from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, so that when trials and difficulties come close around us, no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love, which you have revealed to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray and by whom we know and trust you; **Amen.**

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Lani Smith
Anne McClain, *organ*

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE (*responsively*) Mr. Beddingfield

Call to Prayer Psalm 73: 1-8, 10-11, 12-13 (*NRSV and NEB paraphrased*)

Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, and my steps had nearly slipped.
For I was envious of the arrogant, and I resented the prosperity of the wicked:
**They have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek.
They are not in trouble, neither are they afflicted, like other people.
They wear their pride like a necklace, and violence like their own clothes.
Their eyes squint with fatness; they puff out their chests with vanity.
They sneer maliciously; they look down on others and threaten them.
Such are the wicked, always at ease, everything going their way.**
Therefore all the people turn and praise them, finding no fault in them.
They all say, "What does God know? The Almighty neither knows nor cares."
**Is it all in vain that I have kept my heart clean,
and washed my hands in innocence?**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace Psalm 73: 16-18, 21-23, 25-28 (*NRSV and NEB para.*)

When I tried to understand these things, it seemed to me a hopeless task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I saw clearly their end:
**How often do you set them on slippery ground?
How often do they plunge headlong into ruin?
How often do their schemes come to nothing?**

When my soul was embittered, when I felt the pangs of envy,
I was stupid and ignorant. But now I know:
I am continually with God, and you hold my right hand.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my life.

Surely those who are far from God are lost,
but for me it is good to be near you;

I have chosen you, Lord God, to be my refuge.

† HYMN 406 *The Solid Rock* THE SOLID ROCK
(stanzas 1 and 3)
with *Cornerstone* Hillsong Worship
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Luke 7: 18-28 Brandon Brown, *Deacon*
John the Baptist in Prison: Erin Brown, *Lay Reader*
*So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them
to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come,
or shall we look for another?"*

SERMON *When the Going Gets Tough* Mr. Beddingfield
(Seventh in a series for Epiphany:
"Seeing Jesus." Today, *in difficult times.*)

RESPONDING

CHORAL TESTIMONY *I Will Sing to You* Larry Shackley

When the sun shines gently all around me, I will sing to You.
When the starlit skies at night astound me, I will sing to You.
When creation shouts Your glory, then my heart repeats the story
How Your grace reached down from heav'n and found me.
I will sing to You.

When the path of trials lies before me, I will sing to You.
When the clouds of sorrow gather o'er me, I will sing to You.
When I feel alone and friendless, when the pain I bear seems endless,
I will trust Your Spirit to restore me, and I will sing to You.

And one day, in a glorious place, at last I'll see You face to face,
And there I'll sing my song of praise forever.

So for all the days You will provide me, I will sing to You.
And with all the strength I have inside me, I will sing to You.
Sing to You.

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

INVITATION and MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Mr. Beddingfield
*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 *The Solid Rock* arr. Tom Birchwood

*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.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jimmy Jung, Sybil Pope, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Ofelia Hoyle, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Beverly Knight (*Stokes teacher*), Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), Erin Campbell (*daughter-in-law of Johnnie Jackson*), David Whiteman, Beth Johnson, Adriane Karlinski and family (*daughter of Randall Johnson*), Al Ferrara (*relative of Bob Cisneros*), Sharon Pait (*sister of Becky Thompson*), Shawn Greene (*former coworker of Wayne Smith*)

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 Chad Godwin in the death of his uncle, Denny Godwin, on Tuesday, February 15th.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Doris Eller in the death of her son, Mark Eller (from Vermont), on Wednesday, February 16th.

Deacons for February: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

Deacons for March: Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan

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

Ushers for Feb. 27: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Kid's Church Today: Michele Phelps & Gracie Jonas

TODAY, February 20th

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. (Zoom)

TUESDAY, February 22nd

Youth Coffee Break: 5:30 p.m. (Creek Coffee/Bake Lab)

WEDNESDAY, February 23rd

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

FEBRUARY 2022

27 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)
2022 Budget Vote
MBC Kid's Church: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)
Youth - Sunday School: 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

MARCH 2022

2 No Children's Choir
No Adult Bible Study
Ash Wednesday Service: 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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

11 Youth Lock-In: details soon

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!



IMPORTANT NOTE ON ABSENTEE VOTING FOR 2022 BUDGET

Because of Covid some people refrain from public gatherings. Church members unable to be present for the budget vote on Sunday, February 27th may vote absentee with a Yes or No ballot in the church office between noon Wednesday, February 23rd and noon Friday, February 25th. All votes will be included in the final count which will be announced immediately after the budget vote on February 27th.



For all families with children, grandchildren, young friends and neighbors, the following is a list of lessons that will be covered through Easter during Kid's Church. They involve a variety of activities, crafts, and scavenger hunts suited to our church. We have already completed the first 3, but I wanted you to be aware of what the children are learning in the next few months so you can have the opportunity to reinforce this material. If anyone would like to have separate packets of the material to take to someone, please let me know and I will be happy to compile them for you!

~ Meredith Lanier Craddock

1. CREATE: Creation—We are created in the Image of God
2. SIN: Creation—Sin separated us from God; Gen 3:1-11
3. PLAN: God Has A Plan for Me—Isaiah 6:1-8
4. SAVES: Feb. 20—Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
5. SON: Feb. 27— Matt. 16:13-19, Jesus Identified by Disciples
6. FAMILY: Mar. 6—Abraham, Sarah, Isaac
7. FORGIVES: Mar. 13—Woman at the Well
8. GIFTS: Mar. 20—1 Cor. 12:1, Spiritual Gifts
9. SERVE: Mar. 27—Feeding of 5000
10. PRAYS: Apr. 3—The Lords Prayer
11. DIES: Apr. 10/Palm Sunday-Kids Program & Egg hunt
12. ALIVE: APR. 17/EASTER Sunday
13. HEAVEN: Apr. 24



Thank you to Donna Penny for the Valentines bulletin board in the office hallway!



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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