

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you;
All things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance will attain all things;
Who God possesses in nothing is wanting;
Alone God suffices.

~ "Lines Written in Her Breviary,"
St. Theresa of Ávila, Spanish Carmelite nun, 1515-1582;
tr. by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882 (ad.)

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Mrs. Craddock, with congregation (**bold**) and
Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

*Worship and Spiritual Formation Practicum,
Campbell Divinity School, March 1, 2022 (ad.)*

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some with laughter and songs of joy.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some from a sense of obligation or habit.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some with hearts heavy with grief and loss.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some with stress, loneliness or depression.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
some distracted, some exhausted, some afraid.

God call us to worship, **and we come,**
*bringing all our joys and sorrows, all our hurts and hopes,
into this God-given place of love and grace.*

God call us to worship, **and we come.**

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. Gayden Sikes
Anne McClain, *organ*

INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Psalm 145: 3, 8-9, 14 Mr. Beddingfield

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, whose greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, compassionate and merciful over all that is made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*responsively*) Psalm 27 Mrs. Craddock

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet will I be confident.**

One thing I have asked of the Lord; one thing I will seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

**For the Lord will hide me and give me shelter in the day of trouble;
the Lord will conceal me as though under the cover of a tent.**

The Lord will set me high upon a rock;

even now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me!

**Therefore I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy:
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

So hear me, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

My heart says, "Come and seek the face of the Lord."

Your face, O Lord, do I seek; do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me by a safe path to escape my enemies.

Do not give me up to my adversaries, to liars and deceivers breathing violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Therefore wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Wait for the Lord!

ANTHEM *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Raney

GOSPEL Luke 13: 31-35 Cherry DeVane, *Deacon*
Herod threatens Jesus.

SERMON *The Fox in the Henhouse* Mr. Beddingfield
(Second in a series for Lent: "The Myths that Bind Us."
Today, the myth of danger.)

RESPONDING

SONGS OF RESPONSE and INVITATION
Step by Step David Strasser

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your way;

And step by step you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

Children of God Anderson Dailey

Refrain

Children of God, we are marching to Zion.

Children of God, we are marching to Zion.

Children of God, we are marching to Zion,

Step by step all the way.

In my walk, you can see me trying.
In my walk you can see me trying.
In my walk you can see me trying,
Step by step all the say. (*Refrain*)

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 *Throned Upon the Awful Tree* arr. Lyndell Leatherman

† *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: John Moore (*son of Mila Johnson Moore*), 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*)

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.

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Sarah Conner in the death of her grandfather, Kenneth Oakley, on Wednesday, March 9th.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Ester Howard in her death on Friday, March 11th.

TODAY, March 13th

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)

MONDAY, March 14th

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

TUESDAY, March 15th

Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Break with Meredith:

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Creek Coffee)

WEDNESDAY, March 16th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, March 17th

Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity Lasagna Dinner Plate Sale:

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall — Eat in or Take out)

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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)

23 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Adult Bible Study - in person: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Deacons for March: Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan

Deacons for April: David Avrette and Adam English

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

Ushers for March 20: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

Kid's Church Today: Cindy Avrette and Gracie Jonas

COVID Protocols effective March 6:

1. Masks are optional but recommended.
2. Ropes are removed from sanctuary pews except for three pews on either side to allow for persons who desire space for physical distancing.
3. Worshippers may enter and depart the sanctuary without direction by an usher. Except in inclement weather, please enter and exit through the foyer and courtyard. Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the foyer.

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!



CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** TBD
- **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**

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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