

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 27, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Afflictions, though they seem severe,  
In mercy oft are sent;  
They stopped the prodigal's career,  
And forced him to repent.

'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals,  
To call poor sinners home;  
More than an earthly love God feels,  
And welcomes all that come.

~ John Newton (1725-1807) – Anglican priest, former  
slave ship captain, and author of “Amazing Grace”

## GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME and INVOCATION

Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PRELUDE

*Jesus Paid It All*  
Anne McClain, *organ*

arr. James Pethel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*)

Mrs. Craddock

James 1: 1, Genesis 8: 22, Lamentations 3: 19-24

Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Creator of lights,  
in whom there is no variation or shadow due to turning.

**As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.**

Yet the thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall.

My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

**But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness!

**The Lord is my portion, says my soul;  
therefore I will hope in the Lord.**

† SONGS OF PRAISE

Hymn 54

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Chorus

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*  
Charissa English, *Song Leader*

Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands

For I will always sing of when your love came down.

I could sing of your love forever  
I could sing of your love forever  
I could sing of your love forever  
I could sing of your love forever.

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*)

Psalm 32: 1-6a

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
with Mrs. English, *Lay Reader*

**Pulpit side:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Organ side:** *Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

**Pulpit:** While I kept silence my body wasted away through my groaning  
all the day long.

**Organ:** *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the summer's heat.*

**Pulpit:** Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity.

**Organ:** *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

**Pulpit:** Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

**Organ:** *Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.*

**ALL: THEREFORE LET ALL WHO ARE FAITHFUL OFFER PRAYER TO YOU.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mr. Beddingfield

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalm 32: 10-11

Mr. Beddingfield

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love and mercy surround those who trust in the Lord.  
Therefore be glad in the Lord and rejoice, all who turn to God,  
and shout for joy, all whose hearts have been made upright!

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32  
Parable of the Prodigal Son

Mrs. Craddock  
Joseph Das, *Lay Reader*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

*To God Be The Glory*

arr. Edwin C. Spencer

SERMON

*Everyone's a Prodigal*  
(Fourth in a series for Lent: "The Myths that Bind Us."  
Today, the myth of *goodness*.)

Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

INVITATION and INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION

*Softly and Tenderly*  
Mrs. Craddock, *viola* and Dr. Morrow, *piano*

*Come home, come home  
You who are weary, come home  
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling, O sinner, come home.*

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

Mr. Beddingfield

## 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

*Fantasia on ISTE CONFESSOR*

arr. Lani Smith

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Tricia Carr, Lisa Lanier, Joyce Sills, Jimmy Jung, Sybil Pope, David Price,  
Carolyn Walker, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline  
Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Family of Becky Smith, Joy Barefoot (*sister-in-law of Linda  
Lunney*), 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*):** Frances McQuade

**Deacons for March:** Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan

**Deacons for April:** David Avrette and Earl Savage

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

**Ushers for April 3:** Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson  
and Linda Lunney

**Kid's Church Today:** Donna Penny 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.

## TODAY, March 27<sup>th</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)  
**MBC Kid's Church:** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>

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

## SATURDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Clothes Closet:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

## APRIL 2022

**3 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. (Zoom)

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

## 10 PALM SUNDAY

**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)  
**Children's EASTER Experience and Egg Hunt:**  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Youth - Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

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

**13 Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
**\* No Other Wednesday Night Activities**

**14 Simple Sandwich Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Maundy Thursday Service:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## 17 Easter Sunday

**Easter Sunrise Service:** 6:30 a.m.—Buies Creek Cemetery  
**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)  
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To contribute to relief for Ukrainian refugees, make your check payable to MBC and write **Ukraine** on the memo line. We will send half to Baptist World Alliance and half to NC Baptist on Mission - *Disaster Relief*.



Thank you to all the Kid's Church volunteers and teachers. I greatly appreciate your time and commitment to the children of MBC. I am grateful for your willingness to serve and your efforts have had such a positive impact on our children.

To our congregation, if you see one of these teachers, please thank them for serving in our Children's Ministry: **Cindy Avrette, Cherry DeVane, Madison Godwin, Sonya Godwin, Gracie Jonas, Lisa Lanier, Donna Penny, Michele Phelps, Ellie Rich, Laura Rich, Charlotte Riewestahl & Miles West.**

(Teachers: if you did not pick up your small thank you gift last Sunday, they are still available for you in the vestibule.)

~ Meredith L. Craddock

## CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** April 2, 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.*



## DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD BELTS?

Charissa English is asking for donations of any old men's or boys belts that can be used for the students at Harnett Central Middle School. You may bring them by the church office.

## 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.)*



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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