

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

“That one is a sinner,” you are pleased to say.
Then love, for the sake of Christ, I pray.
If on Christ’s gracious words you place your trust, –
“I came to call the sinners, not the just,” –
Second His call; which if you will not do,
You’ll be the greater sinner of the two.

~ John Byrom, English poet (1692-1763)

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Douglas Wagner
Anne McClain, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

I Timothy 1: 12-17

Mr. Beddingfield

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a person of violence.
But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief;
and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus.
So this saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the chief.
But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me,
as the chief of sinners, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience,
making me an example to those who would come to believe in him
for eternal life.

**Therefore to the Ruler of the ages, immortal, invisible,
the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer
Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mr. Beddingfield

Almighty God,
who alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise,
and when we fail, call us to repentance and restore us in forgiveness;
so that, among the swift and varied changes and temptations of the world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who welcomes, receives and restores sinners. **Amen.**

† SONGS OF PRAISE

Hymn 6

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO
stanzas 1 and 3

Hymn 144

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross O WALY WALY
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsively*)

Philippians 3: 4b-9, 12-15a, 16

Mr. Beddingfield

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews;
as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;
as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

**Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Jesus Christ.**

But more than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For Christ’s sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as trash,
in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him –
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but one that comes through faith in Christ –
the righteousness from God based on faith.

**Not that I have already obtained this, or have already been made perfect,
but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own.**

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do:

forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Let those of us who are mature be like-minded,
and let us hold fast to what we have attained.**

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Luke 7: 36-50

Earl Savage, *Deacon*

A woman anoints Jesus’ feet.

ANTHEM

In Jesus’ Name We Pray

Jay Althouse

To you, O Lord, our thanks we give. You died for us, that we may live.
In Jesus’ name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus’ name we pray.

You are the rock, our life and light, our strength by day, our trust by night.
In Jesus’ name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus’ name we pray.

And, help us, O Lord, that we may see your light and your love that sets us free.
Lord, make us loving, make us whole. Be with us always in our soul.

O Lord, we ask that we may find your loving grace in heart and mind.
In Jesus’ name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus’ name we pray.

SERMON

Forgiven Much Mr. Beddingfield
(Fifth in a series for Lent: “The Myths that Bind Us.”
Today, the myth of *badness*.)

RESPONDING

INVITATION and INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION

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

The Promise of Salvation

Edward Broughton

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Joy Barefoot (*sister-in-law of Linda Lunney*), Christopher Hoyle
(*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), 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 April: David Avrette and Earl Savage

Deacons for May: Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

Ushers Today: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and
Linda Lunney

Ushers for April 10: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley
Howard and Matthew Sadler

Kid’s Church Today: Sonya Godwin and Madison Godwin

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. Worshipers 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, April 3rd
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: 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

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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)
* No MBC Kid's Church
Children's EASTER Experience and Egg Hunt:
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
* No Youth - Sunday School

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: Time TBA
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)
* No MBC Kid's Church
Youth - Sunday School: TBA

18 Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

20 * No Wednesday Night Activities

24 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)
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CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet:** Date 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
You may make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.

~ ~ WE NEED A REPRESENTATIVE TO BE THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE CONTACT CHERRY DEVANE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER. ~ ~

- HCMS Hygiene Kits & Belts:** needing donations of old men's or boys belts that can be used for HCMS students. Bring them by the church office.
- Ukrainian Refugees:** 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.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

Appalachian Christmas Outreach

We have 24 backpacks to fill by Christmas, so we would like to collect items each month to fill the bags.

For April, we are collecting **non breakable toys** (NO toy weapons). This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, etc. Please deliver to the church office or bring on Sunday mornings.

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