

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 22, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I do not care to speculate  
On things mysterious to the mind;  
But O, the rapture – early, late –  
Of light to eyes that once were blind.

~ *ad. fr.* "Faith," by Edwin McNeill Poteat (1892-1955):  
*author, missionary to China, president of Colgate-  
Rochester Divinity School, and twice pastor of  
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh.*

## GATHERING

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *A Celebration of Praise* James Denton  
Anne McClain, *organ*

WELCOME and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*  
*Ad. in part fr. The Book of Common Prayer*  
*Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

O God of grace and God of glory,  
you have prepared for us such good things as are beyond our understanding,  
and you welcome all who come to you, whether early or late.  
As you have first loved us, may we in turn love you both in and above all things,  
and may we welcome your promises,  
exceeding all that we can desire or even hope for;  
through your Son Jesus Christ we pray, who is our all in all. **Amen.**

† PSALM OF PRAISE (*responsively*) Psalm 67: 1-5 Mrs. Craddock

May God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon the earth,  
and your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity,  
and guide the nations upon the earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL  
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

RESPONSE OF FAITH (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Ephesians 4: 1-6

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
with all humility and gentleness, patiently bearing with one another in love,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**For there is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Maker of us all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

† SONG OF FAITH *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan

Spencer Powell Phillips  
*Please stand and sing when directed.*

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:*  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again – I bless your name  
You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up  
When I am dry you fill my cup  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus*

*\* Following the Song of Faith, children may meet  
Mrs. Craddock at the back to leave for Kid's Church.*

## PROCLAIMING

TESTIMONY Ainsley Blasius, *Ministry Intern*

GOSPEL I Corinthians 15: 3-10a Ms. Blasius  
Last of all, as to one untimely born,  
he appeared also to me.

SERMON *Late to the Party* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Fifth in an Eastertide series on the post-Resurrection  
appearances of Jesus, today to the Apostle Paul.)

## RESPONDING

INVITATION and OFFERTORY *Breathe* Marie Barnett  
with *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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

ELECTION OF DEACONS Bob Cisneros, *Vice Chair*  
*If you did not receive a ballot, raise your hand and a deacon will bring you one.*

*Please select four people to serve as deacons.  
One ballot per church member, please.  
Follow the instructions on the ballot, then pass it to the nearest aisle.*

## SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 293 GALILEE  
*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

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 *To God Be the Glory* arr. Peter Burkhardt

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary  
are from the memorial service  
and reception for  
Dr. David Whiteman.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** L.M. Dixon (*brother of Theresa Batten - recovering from surgery in Michigan*), Lee Lanier (*father of Meredith Craddock*), Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), 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 May:** Theresa Batten and Laura Rich

**Deacons for June:** Adam English and Harriet Enzor

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

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**Kid's Church Today:** Meredith Craddock

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



**Isla Blake Brown,**

born to Brandon and Erin Brown  
along with big brother Ezra  
on May 13, 2022.

She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

**TODAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - DEACON ELECTION DAY**

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**MBC Kids Church:** 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Youth - Sunday School:** 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**GRADUATE INFORMATION DUE TODAY**

**WEDNESDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\* No Children's Choir**

**Simple Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Children's Bible Class:** 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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**30 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

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**Children's Bible Class:** 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

If you know of a high school senior or college graduate that would like to be recognized during Graduation Sunday on June 5<sup>th</sup>, please contact Meredith Craddock. Deadline for graduate information is **TODAY**.



Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

### CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** June 25, 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.*

### APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

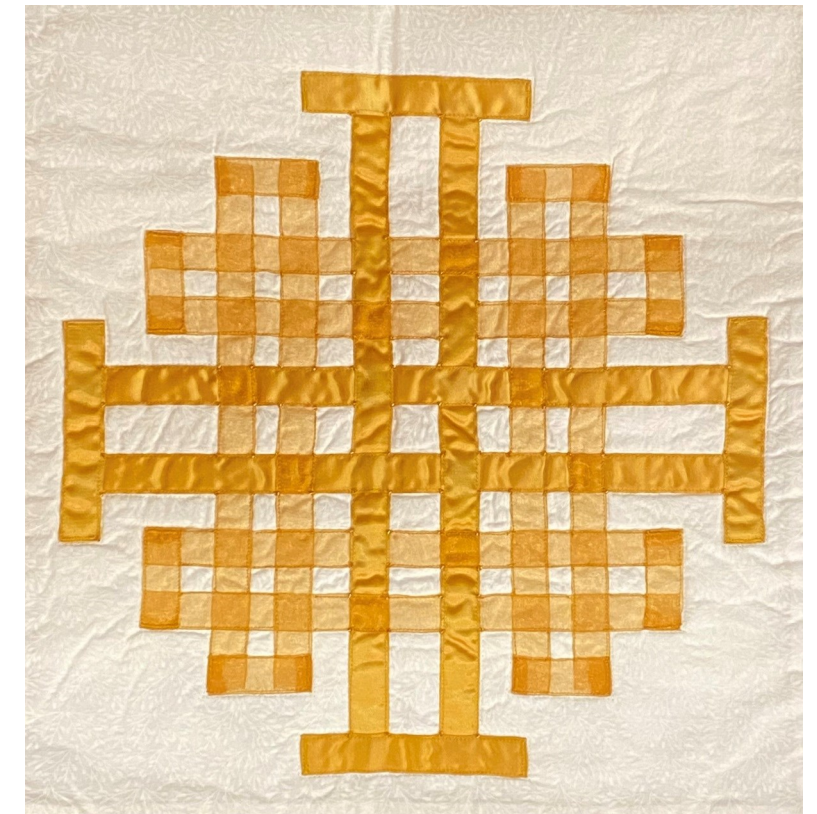
We have 24 backpacks to fill by Christmas, so we would like to collect items each month to fill the bags.

For the month of **May**, we are collecting **Hygiene Items**. This includes full sized toothpaste, body wash, and shampoo, as well as toothbrushes, washcloths, brushes, combs, soap and deodorant.

Please deliver to the church office during the week or place in the basket in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



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Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 22, 2022*

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  
Ainsley Blasius, Ministry Intern  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian