

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ascension Sunday (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

May 29, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

No distant Lord have I,
Loving afar to be;
Made flesh for me, he cannot rest
Until he rests in me.

Ascended now to God
My witness there to be,
His witness here am I because
His Spirit dwells in me.

I need not journey far
This dearest friend to see;
Companionship is always mine,
He makes his home with me.

O glorious Son of God,
Incarnate Deity,
I shall forever be with Thee
Because Thou art with me.

~ Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), New York
Presbyterian minister and author of the hymn,
"This Is My Father's World"

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE Phillip Morrow, *Piano*

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens that he might fill all things and rule all dominions throughout the universe: Give us faith to believe, according to his promise, that he abides with his church here on earth, even to the end of the ages, and that he calls us to labor with him until his reign comes on earth as it is in heaven; beginning here and now, even as we worship. This we pray in the name of the crucified, risen and ascended Christ, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 43 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

† PSALTER (*responsively*) Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-8, 9b Mr. Beddingfield
Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout unto God with a song of triumph.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, who rules over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout – the Lord, with the sound of a trumpet!
Sing praises to God; sing praises!
God rules over all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
Sing praises to God; sing praises!
God rules over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
For the dominions of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted!

† ANTIPHON *This Is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king; let the heavens sing!
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

CHILDREN'S TIME Mrs. Craddock

*Children may meet Mrs. Meredith at the pulpit steps
and then return to their seats afterwards.*

† SONG OF FAITH *He Is Exalted* Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him
He is exalted, the King is exalted, and I will praise his name.

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Acts 1: 1-11: *The Ascension* Mr. Beddingfield

When [Jesus] had said this, as they were watching,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,
"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven?"

SERMON *Want to Get Away?* Mr. Beddingfield

(Sixth in an Eastertide series on the post-Resurrection
appearances of Jesus in Luke-Acts.)

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our beloved son,
Dr. David Scott Barker,
by Bob and Jeanne Barker.*

RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *The Commission* Cain
Mariamarta Conrad, *solo*

INVITATION and OFFERTORY Dr. Morrow

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

SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 587 DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

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 Dr. Morrow

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jimmy Jung, Earl Savage, Debbie Appel, Tammy Pentony, Ofelia Hoyle, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: David Meiburg (*brother of Kathy Whatley*), L.M. Dixon (*brother of Theresa Batten*), Lee Lanier (*father of Meredith Craddock*), Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), Beth Johnson, Adriane Karlinski and family (*daughter of Randall Johnson*)

Brunswick Health and Rehab Center (Ash, NC): Pat Stiller

Oak Hill Assisted Living Center (Angier, NC): 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.

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
Ushers for June 5: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney
No Kid's Church Today

TODAY, May 29th

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)

***No MBC Kids Church Today**

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

MONDAY, May 30th

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, June 1st

*** No Children's Choir**

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

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

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Summer Choir Rehearsal I: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JUNE 2022

5 **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

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)

8 *** 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)

*** No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

9 **Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Break with Meredith:**

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

• **Clothes Closet:** June 25, 2022

• **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.



THANK YOU FROM BUDDY BACKPACK

With the school year coming to a close, volunteers take a little break from collecting cereals for the project, and packing the bags and delivering them to the schools. Buddy Backpack has finished another year serving children from Buies Creek Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, Angier Elementary and North Harnett Elementary Schools who have food insecurities on the weekends.

You have been a faithful congregation in contributing your monetary gifts, cereals and time. Without your contributions, this project would not be successful. Buies Creek School had 23 children receiving 13 items of food each week for the weekend, individual cereal being 1 of the 13 items. Those volunteers who committed to meeting in Angier, on Friday mornings, usually, and bagging up the items and delivering to Buies Creek School were: Debbie Appel, Gail Cogdill, Linda Lunney, Cathy McLamb, Lisa Spainhour, Barbara Taylor, Alice Thomas, and Martha Womble.

Heartfelt thanks to each one of you who have made this another great year to serve children who are in need.

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.

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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Other Staff: By Appointment



*The Ascension window (No. X), Canterbury Cathedral.
13th Century stained glass.*

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 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.

Please be in prayer for our newly elected deacons:

Trinity Kelly

Ron McLamb

Tammy Scarborough

Jac Whatley

DEACONS
Ministry

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