

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Reign of Christ***

November 13, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

His spirit lives; he died and is alive!
That pure will haunts this guilty world forever.
How could our idle fury ever drive
That mighty shepherd from his sheep? Or sever
His heart from Mary's? Peter's? Or deprive
That thief, or any sinner? Never, never!
He lights all souls as long as time shall run,
And knits our lives in his – God's only Son.

~ based on "Alive for Evermore," by Amos Niven Wilder,
1895-1993: American poet, minister and theology professor
at the University of Chicago and Harvard Divinity School

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Franklin Ritter
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

CALL TO PRAYER (responsively) Psalm 46 Mrs. Craddock

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with the tumult.**

There is a river, the streams of which make glad the city of God,
the holy dwelling place of the Most High God.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come and behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations the Lord has brought upon the earth!

**The Lord makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
the Lord breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

** "Reign of Christ Sunday" marks the final Sunday of the church year before Advent begins.
As we will celebrate Thanksgiving next Sunday, we observe Reign of Christ Sunday today.

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
. . . And he shall reign as a king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land,
[and] Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

EPISTLE Colossians 1: 11-20 Earl Savage, Deacon
[God] has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us to the reign of his beloved Son.

† WITNESS IN SONG *God of Wonders* Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy. (repeat)

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Awesome God (chorus) Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God.
(repeat)

* At the end of the Witness in Song, the children may leave
with Mrs. Meredith from the rear of the sanctuary for Kids' Church.

GOSPEL Luke 23: 33-43 Mr. Beddingfield
"Father, forgive them" and the thief on the cross.

SERMON *No One Left Behind* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Simple Praise* Craig Courtney
For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
for the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
who has given us breath and given His Son.
To the Giver of blessings for all of our days,
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand;
for the deeper emotions we can't understand.
For the lessons we learn from the trials we face;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One
from whom every blessing of living has come;
for measureless mercy and limitless grace,
for these simple gifts we give simple praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison) Mr. Beddingfield
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION Joseph Das, Stewardship Committee

OFFERTORY *Intermezzo from BLESSINGS* Edwin O. Excell

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING FORTH 161 DIADEMATA
Crown Him with Many Crowns
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY 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 *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Patricia Lou Harris



You may place your offering in the offering plate during the service,
or use this QR code to donate using your phone, or click the *Donate*
tab on the website. Thank you for giving to Memorial Baptist Church.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith,
Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Tammy Pentony, David Lanier (brother of Meredith
Craddock), Laura Yarbrough, Roland Williams (neighbor of Ed Beddingfield), Bill Ford
(brother-in-law of Theresa Batten), Bud and Doreen Slussler (friends of Susan Johnson),
Tony Malden (friend of Will Roberts), Lennie Hamilton and wife (friends of Will Roberts)

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

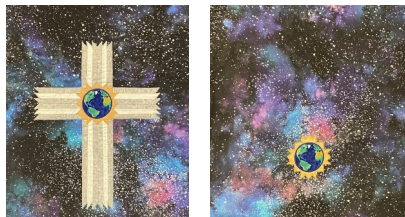
Deacons for November: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb

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

Ushers for Nov. 20: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor

Kid's Church Today: Meredith Craddock



Reign of Christ Paraments

As we conclude the church year, we celebrate the Reign of Christ and ponder what it means to acknowledge the presence of Jesus as Lord in our lives and over the universe he created. We are claiming our mission again as followers of Christ. On the cross he was both suffering servant and cosmic king. This parament is made and given to the church by Jac and Kathy Whatley in appreciation for Meredith Lanier Craddock.

TODAY, November 13th

- 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)
- Children - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
- Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Kids' Church:** 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, November 14th

- Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

- Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m.
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, November 19th

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

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Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 11/3/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 11/3/22	\$ 294,201
» Total expenditures	\$ (312,039)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$ (17,838)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal	\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	84%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 354,230
» Support received as of 11/3/22	\$ 294,201
» Budget support shortfall as of 11/3/22	\$ (60,029)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 90,655



Children's offering envelopes are available in the foyer, if you would like to have your children participate in the act of giving.

Missions Mailbox

MBC Mission Kids will be hosting their annual **Missions Mailbox** beginning Sunday, November 27th through Sunday December 25th.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to be able to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation. The mailbox will be set up in the narthex. The cost to "mail" a card is still only **25¢** each.

All the money raised will go to support a mission project.

ADVENT DINNERS

Advent Dinners are a special way to enjoy fellowship with church family during the Advent season. Since they are only a month away, we need your help. If you would like to host a dinner, help with overall planning, or have a suggestion, please contact Ashley Nelson.

We hope to have more information out to you shortly.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** NOVEMBER 19, 2022
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**
 Needed for November - - **Canned Sweet Potatoes**
You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.



- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting "**nab crackers**"
 [cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]
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Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reign of Christ

November 13, 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
 Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
 Wayne Smith, Custodian