

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Our Christmases will not all be white – but that doesn't have to ruin the celebrations. Adjusting our expectations, realizing that not everything will go perfectly, and focusing our hearts on all we have to be thankful for can help us avoid some of the disappointment.

But maybe, just maybe, there is something about Christmas that can promise genuine fulfillment that goes on forever . . .

~ Bob Lepine, *The Four Emotions of Christmas*,
10Publishing, Leyland, England, 2022, p. 16 (“Disappointment”)

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *Fantasia on THE FIRST NOWELL* Robert J. Hughes
Anne McClain, *Organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 211.

Merciful, all-loving and ever-living God, who long ago sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace even now to heed their warnings and repent of our sins, that we may anticipate with hope and greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Lift our eyes above false expectations and petty disappointments, so that your dreams may become our dreams, your hopes may be our hopes, and your will may be our will, now and forevermore; in Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL (ad.)

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
with Mariamarta Conrad, Jeff and Quino Mills

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5
He shall judge between the nations, and decide for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up
sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Lighting of the Candle of the Prophets
Chrismons: *Earth in a Circle, IHS*
Prayer of Hope and Expectation Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PROCLAIMING

ANTIPHON

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 1: 18-25

Mr. Beddingfield

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way:
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,
but before they had lived together, she was found
to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

SERMON

Let Down

Mr. Beddingfield

(First in a Christmas series,
“The Emotions of Christmas”)

VOCAL WITNESS

Light Of The World

Daigle, Duncan, Mabury

Mariamarta Conrad, *Vocalist*

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY INVITATION and PRAYER

Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY

Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong

Michael Ryan

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.

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING FORTH (*insert*)

ELLACOMBE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

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

Postlude on COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Edward Broughton



**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: Peggy Giunta (*grandmother of Heather Giunta*), Don Hogan
(*father of Derek Hogan*), Jane Milligan (*niece of Jeanne Barker*), David Lanier (*brother of
Meredith Craddock*), Laura Yarbrough, Roland Williams (*neighbor of Ed Beddingfield*),
Bill Ford (*brother-in-law of Theresa Batten*)

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

*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 November: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb

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

Ushers for December 4: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson
and Linda Lunney

Kid's Church Today: Meredith Craddock

TODAY, November 27th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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)

WEDNESDAY, November 30th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Hot Dogs, Chili, Baked Beans, Slaw & Chips: 6:00 p.m.

Chrismon Tree Night: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

This is for ALL ages!

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

DECEMBER 2022

4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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)

No Kids' Church

Buies Creek Christmas Parade: 4 p.m.

7 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Fundraiser Supper for Laura Yarbrough - Pasta & Salad: 6:00 p.m.

Activity TBD: 6:30 p.m.

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

10 Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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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)

Advent Dinners: 5:00 p.m.

"Away In A Manger" Children's Christmas Musical: 7:00 p.m.

14 * No Children's Choir

Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad: 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Gingerbread House Decorating Night: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

This event is for ALL ages! The church will provide the gingerbread house. Please bring any of your favorite decorating candy to share.

Some candy, snacks & icing will be provided.

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

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



Advent devotional books are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.



An Advent Guide for families is available and uses the Jesse Tree to tell God's story. There are short daily devotions to read with your children along with an ornament. Please use it as a way to nurture your faith during the Christmas season and teach your children about God's overarching plan and the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA
- **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]
You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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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