## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022 Ten O'clock in the Morning Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

The word "holiday" was originally a reference to a religious observance. These "holy days" called people to push *Pause, to slow* down and commemorate some aspect of their religious faith.

But who's relaxing at Christmas these days? Who's slowing down and cultivating a healthy inner life? Instead of "sleeping in heavenly

peace" we lie awake at night thinking about everything on our plate.

The Prince of Peace offers his peace to each one of us . . . a Christmas gift of immeasurable value, that lasts forever.

~ Bob Lepine, <u>The Four Emotions of Christmas</u>, 10Publishing, Leyland, England, 2022, pp. 21, 26 ("Stress")

#### **GATHERING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE Angels We Have Heard on High

els We Have Heard on High

Anne McClain, Organist

James Mansfield

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Prepare Ye
(from the Musical GODSPELL)

Joseph Conner, bass, with Chancel Choir and congregation joining as directed.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord Prepare ye the word of the Lord. (Repeat)

WELCOME and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

Ad. fr. <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>, p. 241.

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist, to fulfil the word of the prophet and prepare the way of your Son by preaching repentance, and baptizing for the forgiveness of sins:

May we also prepare the way in our hearts to receive Jesus as our Savior; may our own lips and lives declare the forgiveness and salvation that is ours in him; and like John may we speak truth, rebuke wrongdoing, and wait in patience and hope

for the coming of our Lord, at Christmas and even forever; Amen.

† HYMN OF ADVENT 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Stephen Schwartz

stanzas 1, 2 and 4

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT with Jim, Mollie, Temple and Palmer Cannady

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5

A voice crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Lighting of the Candle of John the Baptist

Chrismons: *Eight-point Star with Shell, Dove in a Circle* 

Prayer of Hope and Expectation Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

CHILDREN'S TIME Mrs. Craddock

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

#### **PROCLAIMING**

ANTHEM Christmas Is Coming

Joel Raney

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebrating the birth of a King. Shouting Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

Christmas is coming, Mary's baby boy, bringing us a message of comfort and joy. Glory hallelujah, what a wonderful thing. Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night. Shepherds heard the angels sing. Wise men saw the light. Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-7

Mrs. Craddock

Mr. Beddingfield

Journey to Bethlehem.

SERMON Stressed Out

(Second in a three-part Christmas series, "The Emotions of Christmas")

#### RESPONDING

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 118

What Child Is This stanzas 1 and 2

Mr. Beddingfield

**GREENSLEEVES** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

2023 MISSION AND MINISTRY PLAN

John Phelps, Moderator Brandon Brown, Chair, Finance Committee

OFFERTORY INVITATION and PRAYER

Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY There's a Song in the Air

arr. Joan Martin Scudder

**SENDING** 

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 118

What Child Is This stanza 3

GREENSLEEVES

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

now and forevermore. Amen.

Mr. Beddingfield

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† BENEDICTION Ad. fr. John Claypool

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,

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. 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:

<u>Members</u>: Harriet Enzor, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Paul Daley (retired director of Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls), Bob Appel (husband of Debbie Appel), Peggy Giunta (grand-mother 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.

<u>Deacons for December</u>: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb <u>Deacons for January 2023</u>: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

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<u>Ushers Today</u>: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

<u>Ushers for December 11</u>: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

No Kid's Church Today

† The congregation is invited to stand.

## TODAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

## TUESDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas at Campbell**: 7:00 p.m. (Hobson Performing Arts Center-CU Campus) Featuring the University Choir and *Merry Christmas Charlie Brown* performed by the Department of Theater Arts

# WEDNESDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m.

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

## THURSDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Annual Ladies Christmas Coffee: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by CU First Lady, Kathy Creed (See bulletin board for more information)

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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.

#### \* 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 <u>ALL</u> 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)

## \* Year-End Giving:

In planning your year-end giving, please be reminded that your contributions must be received in the church office by *December 30, 2022*(or post-marked by December 31, 2022)
in order to be reported as a 2022 gift.



There are Advent devotional books still 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 December - - **Canned Sweet Peas**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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Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 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