

The Second Sunday of Advent

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

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

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

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

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.**

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

Lighting of the Candle of John the Baptist

CHILDREN'S TIME Mrs. Craddock

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

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!

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

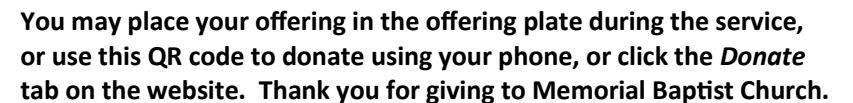
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION and PRAYER Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *There's a Song in the Air* arr. Joan Martin Scudder

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 118	<i>What Child Is This</i> stanza 3	GREENSLEEVES
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POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Edward Broughton



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.

Ushers Today: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney
Ushers for December 11: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

No Kid's Church Today

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, December 4th

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 6th

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 7th

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 8th

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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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.*

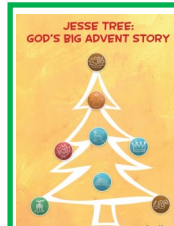
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*** Year-End Giving:**

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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Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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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