THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022 Ten O'clock in the Morning Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

No one wants a Christmas season marked by disappointment and stress. We expect the holiday to live up to its promises of joy, peace, happiness and love. Something deep inside is hoping and longing for Christmas to fill up what is empty in us.

But we only find the love God knows we're longing for, the hope we need, the joy we seek, and the peace that so often eludes us when our lives are reoriented from our self-focused, self-serving, self-absorbed mindset to a new way of living. Our lives don't need a minor adjustment; we need a whole new life. And that's the gift Jesus came to give us.

~ Bob Lepine, <u>The Four Emotions of Christmas</u>, 10Publishing, Leyland, England, 2022, pp. 48, 56 ("Joy")

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE

Join the Triumph of the Skies!
Anne McClain, Organist

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME and INVOCATION

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Based on Luke 2: 47 and 41, Psalm 51: 12, and Psalm 16: 11.

Dear God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose coming Mary's spirit rejoiced, and the babe in her cousin Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy:

As we approach the annual celebration of your Son's birth,

gladden our hearts that we may sing your glory.

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By the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and the repentance of our sins,

restore unto us the joy of our salvation.

When despair and difficulties threaten to overwhelm us,

and when disappointment and stress unsettle our peace and dampen our hope,

remind us that with you is the path of life, in your presence is fulness of joy,

and at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

In your mercy and by your grace may we abide in joy and peace,

now and forevermore. Amen.

† HYMN OF ADVENT (insert)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT

Spencer, Alex, Lucy and Ari Phillips and Lisa Lanier

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7: 14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Lighting of the Candle of Mary and Joseph

Chrismons: *Angels*

Prayer of Hope and Expectation Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

SERMON

Jump for Joy
(Last in a three-part Christmas series,
"The Emotions of Christmas")

PROCLAIMING

Mrs. Craddock

Mary visits Elizabeth.

GOSPEL II (responsively) Luke 1: 46-55 Mrs. Craddock

Luke 1: 39-45

And Mary said,

GOSPEL I

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For God has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

Henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;

For the One who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is God's name, whose mercy is on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

God has shown strength with his arm,

and scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts.

God has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

God has filled the empty with good things,

but has sent the rich empty away.

God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as God spoke to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants, forever,

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her own home.

† SONGS OF JOY

God Rest Ye Merry
Star of Wonders

Eng. Carol, 18th Cent.
KINGS OF ORIENT
arr. Sarah Maclachlan (ad.)

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay Remember Christ your Savior was born on Christmas day To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.

O star of wonder, star of night, star of royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Worshipping God most high.

O star of wonder . . .

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place And with true love and fellowship each other now embrace This holy tide of Christmas all other does deface.

O tidings of comfort and joy \ldots

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.

* Following the Songs of Joy the children may leave with Mrs. Meredith from the rear of the sanctuary for Kids' Church.

Jump for Joy

Mr. Beddingfield ries,

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

In Royal David's City with Gentle Mary Laid Her Child and Away in a Manger

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall With the poor and meek and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

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

Mr. Beddingfield

arr. Joel Raney

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

Richard S. Willis

OFFERTORY

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH (insert)

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

arr. by David H. Jones

† 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 ANTIOCH (Joy to the World)

Gerald Peterson

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: Laura Yarbrough, Teresa Roberts, 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)

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

† The congregation is invited to stand.

Deacons for December: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb Deacons for January 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

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

Matthew Sadler

Ushers for December 18: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb

and Joshua Taylor

Kid's Church Today: Meredith Craddock

TODAY, December 11th

THIRD 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)

Advent Dinners: 5:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 14th

* 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)

DECEMBER 2022

FOURTH 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) Fireside at Memorial: 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

21 * No Children's Choir

* No Simple Supper

Church-wide Caroling: Time TBA

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

Christmas Eve Service: 5:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Day Service: 10:00 a.m.

* 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.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 11/30/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 11/30/22		\$ 320,557
» Total expenditures		\$ (341,976)
» Expenditures exceed support		\$ (21,419)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal		\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	92%	
» Support needed to meet budget		\$ 386,643
» Support received as of 11/30/22		\$ 320,557
» Budget support shortfall as of 11/30/22		\$ (66,086)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation		\$ 88,751

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] You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.



PYOU may place your offering in the offering plate during the service, or use this QR code to donate using your offering plate during the service, 回套总数 tab on the website. Thank you for giving to Memorial Baptist Church.

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 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