

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on GLORIA* Jason D. Payne
Anne McClain, *Organist*

WELCOME and INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† SONG OF JUBILATION 87 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

PROCLAIMING

NARRATOR

CHRISTMAS VISITOR # 1

SONG OF PREPARATION *Still, Still, Still* arr. Joel Raney

CHRISTMAS VISITOR # 2

NARRATOR

RESPONDING

† HYMN 95 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

CHRISTMAS PRAYER and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)
Phillip Morrow, *Minister of Music*

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.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

SENDING

OFFERTORY *What Child is This?* Austin C. Lovelace

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION *Ad. fr. John Claypool* Mr. Beddingfield

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Gerald Peterson

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Will and Christine Roberts, Harriet Enzor, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Adrienne Cannady Nienaber (*daughter of Susan Cannady*), Sandy Howard (*friend of Susan Cannady*), Virginia Blackwell (*mother of Anne McClain*), David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*), Mary Anne Tomlinson (*mother of Meredith Williams*), Kathleen Whatley (*mother of Jac Whatley*), Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*), Frank and Peggy Giunta (*grandparents of Heather Giunta*), Laura Yarbrough, Teresa Roberts, Paul Daley (*retired director of Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls*), Bob Appel (*husband of Debbie Appel*)

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Ofelia Hoyle in the death of her sister, Virginia Stern, on Sunday, December 18th. Her service was Friday, December 23rd.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Theresa Batten in the death of her nephew, Nathan Dixon, on Wednesday, December 21st.

December 2022 Calendar

- 25 *Merry Christmas*
Christmas Day Service: 10:00 a.m.
- 26 **Church Office Closed for Holiday**
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- 28 *** No Wednesday Night Activities**

Christmas and Epiphany Paraments

Christmas doesn't end abruptly in a heap of torn wrapping paper and, broken bows. For Christians, the season of Epiphany encourages us reflect on the continuing meaning of God With Us. The paraments for Christmas Day and Epiphany remind that within the Christmas star rests the Easter Cross. On the white background you might also notice some hints of New Year's confetti – our celebration of a chance to begin life afresh.

The paraments are made and given to the church by Kathy and Jac Whatley, and in honor of Kathleen Whatley, who taught Jac to sew as a child.

*** Year-End Giving:**

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

Deacons for December 2022: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb
Deacons for January 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

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

Ushers for January 1: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

No Kid's Church Today



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