

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord

January 15, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Our souls he washes in his blood,
As water makes the body clean;
And the good Spirit of our God
Descends like purifying rain.

~ Isaac Watts, 1674-1748:
"Hymn 52," on baptism.

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. D. Hamilton
Phillip Morrow, Minister of Music

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† INVOCATION	<i>Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer</i> , p. 214, <i>Collect for The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
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O God, who reaches down to earth from highest heaven:
At the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him
your Beloved Son and anointed him with your Holy Spirit.
Grant now that all who are baptized into his Name
may rejoice in the grace that you have freely given;
may joyfully and boldly confess Jesus as Savior and Lord;
and may grow daily into the covenant that you have established with us,
until that day when we inherit the kingdom prepared for your children
since the foundation of the world;
this we pray in the Name of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

† HYMNS OF PRAISE *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG
Joseph Conner, *soloist*

(solo) O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

(all) **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

(solo) O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **(refrain)**

NO. 362 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

PROCLAIMING

RESPONSIVE READING *On Baptism* Temple Cannady, *Leader*
Romans 10: 13-15; Luke 24: 46-47; Matthew 28: 19-20

You have heard it said,
that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

**But how are they to call on the One in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in the One of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without a preacher?
And how are they to preach, unless they are sent?**

As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news! –
– **That the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
and that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be preached
in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

Go therefore and teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you;
And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

† ANTIPHON 457 *Lord, Be Glorified* BE GLORIFIED

GOSPEL Matthew 3: 13-17 — The Baptism of Jesus Mrs. Craddock

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,
to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying,
“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

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

SERMON *Whose Baptistry Is It, Anyway?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Redeemer of My Heart* Joseph Martin
Izzy Morrow, soloist

Search me, Lord, and know me, Redeemer of my heart.
 Search me. Know me. Reveal my inmost part.
 You are Light eternal. You are the Morning Star.
 Shine your love on me, O Lord, Redeemer of my heart.

When I rise to greet the morning, Lord, I find You there.
When I call in the night, You are with me. Lord, You hear my prayer.
When I turn my heart from heaven, when I fall and go astray,
Like a shepherd, Lord, You find me. You lead me back into the Way.
Search me, Lord, and know my heart today.
Cleanse me, Lord, and teach me to obey.

PSALTER READING	Psalm 68: 1-3, 5-6, 19	Mr. Beddingfield
	God gives the desolate a place to live; God leads out the prisoners into prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.	

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY arr. Keveren
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH 216 AZMON
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY	Mr. Beddingfield
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† BENEDICTION	<i>Ad. fr. John Claypool</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
<p style="margin: 0;">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.</p>		

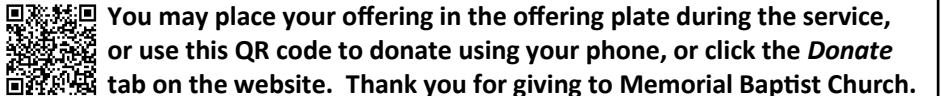
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on FOREST GREEN</i>	Lani Smith
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PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Family of Virginia Blackwell (*mother of Anne McClain*), Kinsley Griffio, David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*), Sandy Howard (*friend of Susan Cannady*), Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*), Laura Yarbrough

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



 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.

Deacons for January 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly
Deacons for February 2023: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor

Ushers January 22: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Kid's Church Today: Meredith Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, January 15th

- 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.
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Kids’ Church: 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Youth - Sunday School: 6:00 p.m. (Online)

WEDNESDAY, January 18th


- Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Breakfast for Dinner: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study - Materiality (Food): 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JANUARY 2023

- 22 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.
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Kids’ Church: 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Youth - Sunday School: 6:00 p.m. (Online)
- 25 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m.
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 28 Memorial Service for Virginia Blackwell: 2:00 p.m.
- 29 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.
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Kids’ Church: 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Youth - Sunday School: 6:00 p.m. (Online)

FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study - Materiality (Bodies): 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)




WINTER
MID-WEEK
DISCUSSION
GROUP

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

MATERIALITY:
*Five Ways for Real People to Be Moral
in the Real World.*

Join us on Wednesday nights this winter as we discuss this together. Below is our list of topics:

January 18: <i>Food</i>	February 8: <i>Time</i>
January 25: Bi-monthly business conference	February 15: <i>Place</i>
February 1: <i>Bodies</i>	February 22: Ash Wednesday; Lent begins



APPALACHIAN
CHRISTMAS
BACKPACKS

From the Appalachian Christmas Outreach program: “Because of the generous spirit of NC churches, 20,275 backpacks were collected in 2022! Praise the Lord! This ministry continues to make an eternal difference in so many lives! We would love for you and your church to be a part of this meaningful ministry in 2023. Our goal is 21,000 backpacks.”



Memorial Baptist collected 36 backpacks last year, exceeding our initial goal of 24. We would like to participate in this ministry again this year. For January and February, we would like to collect warm clothing which includes **hats, gloves, scarves and socks.**

Deliver your items to the church office during the week or place in the basket on Sunday mornings.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation for ‘*Christmas Backpacks.*’

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**
Needed for January - - **Canned Mixed Vegetables**
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.



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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