

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Lullay, thou little tiny child
Bye bye, lully, lullay
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Herod the king, in his raging
Chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
“Bye bye, lully, lullay”?

Then woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting ne'er say nor sing,
“Bye bye, lully, lullay.”

~ “Coventry Carol,” one of three carols in a nativity play, *The Pageant of the Shearman and the Tailor*, from Coventry, England. Similar plays were performed by guilds in Coventry starting in 1392. This text, the oldest known, was included in a manuscript of the play copied by Robert Croo (Crowe), manager of the city's pageants, and dated 14 March 1534.

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* arr. Carol Tornquist
Phillip Morrow, *Minister of Music*

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Mrs. Craddock

As we gather for worship, O God, we remember today the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims everywhere; by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; incline our own thoughts and actions away from the defense of our own selfish interests, and in favor of those who are weak and defenseless; and preserve in all of us the hope for that day when there is no more death, or mourning, or crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. This we pray in the name of the One who once escaped death in order that he might grow up and die and rise again, even Jesus Christ our Lord; **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* FOREST GREEN
stanzas 1 and 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*) Psalm 124 Mr. Beddingfield

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let Israel now say,
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side –
When our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive;

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**When their anger was kindled against us,
then the flood would have swept us away;
then the torrent would have overwhelmed us;
then the raging waters would have covered us completely.**

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ANTIPHON *In the Eye of the Storm* Bryan Fowler/Ryan Stevenson
Mariamarta Conrad, *Soloist*

Solo:

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet
Between the dark skies and my crying eyes I can barely see
When I'm feeling like I've been let down by my friends and my family
I can hear the rain reminding me.

Refrain (congregation):

In the eye of the storm you remain in control
In the middle of the war you guard my soul
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

Solo:

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith
I see the future that I picture slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name.

Refrain

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31: 15-17 Mrs. Craddock
Rachel weeping for her children.

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 13-21 Mrs. Craddock
The flight into Egypt and the
Slaughter of the Innocents.

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

EPISTLE Revelation 21: 1-4 Theresa Batten, *Deacon*
For the former things have passed away.

ANTHEM *Savior, More Than Life to Me* arr. Stan Pethel

Savior, more than life to me, I am clinging close to Thee;
Let the precious blood applied, keep me ever near Thy side.

Refrain:

Every day, every hour, let me feel Thy cleaning power;
May Thy tender love to me, bind me closer, Lord to Thee.

Through this changing world below, lead me gently as I go;
Trusting Thee, I cannot stray, I can never lose my way. *Refrain*

Let me love Thee more and more, till this fleeting life is over;
Till my soul is lost in love, in a brighter world above. *Refrain*

SERMON *The Harsh Side of Christmas* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

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. Kristin Wilkinson

Brightest and Best
A Wing and a Prayer

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH 86 ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem
stanzas 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION *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 *My Savior's Love* arr. Marty Parks

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: Lacy Massey (*step-father of Jeff Pope*), Marshall Woodall (*father of Cindy Avrette*), Kinsley Griffio, David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*), Sandy Howard (*friend of Susan Cannady*), Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*)

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Laura Yarbrough in her death on Sunday, January 15th.

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.

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Katie Faye Lemmons,

born to Matt and Mary Kathryn (*Hardison*) Lemmons,
on January 16, 2023.

She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Al and Wanda Hardison are the proud grandparents!

TODAY, January 22nd

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 25th

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

Simple Supper - Spaghetti and Salad: 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)

SATURDAY, January 28th

Memorial Service for Virginia Blackwell: 2:00 p.m.

JANUARY 2023

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 - Quiche, Grits and Fruit: 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)



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

Ushers January 29: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor

Kid's Church Today: Meredith Craddock

thank you
We are grateful for the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy in the death of my mother. It made our difficult time a little easier. Thank you!
~ Jac and Kathy Whatley



Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us Wednesday nights as we discuss this together.

January 25: Bi-monthly business conference
February 1: *Bodies*

February 8: *Time*
February 15: *Place*
February 22: Ash Wednesday; Lent begins

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

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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