

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, he is bread;
If any be enslaved, he is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is he!
To the dead, life he is; to the sick, health;
To the blind, sight, and to the needy, wealth;
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.

~ From "Christ's Victorie and Triumph" (1610) by English cleric, scholar and poet Giles Fletcher the Younger, ca. 1586-1623.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *The Solid Rock* arr. Gary McCoy
Anne McClain, Organist

WELCOME Ed Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer* Mr. Beddingfield
Collects for the Fourth and Fifth Sundays after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: In the fulness of time you sent your own Son, in whom you were well-pleased, to be born of a woman; to live in every respect as we do, yet without sin; to die and rise again for our sins and for our salvation; and even now to sit at your right hand, upholding the universe with his word of power. Set us free, we pray, from the bondage of our own sins, and fill us with the righteousness of Christ, so that we may know the joy of life abundant, and the hope of life eternal, that is ours in Jesus. These things we humbly ask in his name, Amen.

† GATHERING HYMN 338 *How Firm A Foundation* FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Minister

PROCLAIMING

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERVISED MINISTRY ASSISTANT Mrs. Craddock
with Brittany Montgomery

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING Mrs. Craddock

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively) Ms. Montgomery
Hebrews 1: 1-3a and II Corinthians 5: 14-15, 21

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God has appointed heir of all things, and by whom God also created the worlds.

This Son reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of God's nature, upholding the universe by his powerful word.

And the love of Christ compels us, because we are convinced that he died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

† HYMNS OF DEVOTION

HYMN 251 *Of The Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Stanza 1, choir; Stanza 2, with Congregation

CHORUS *Lord I Need You* Nockels, et. al.
Lord I need you, oh I need you, Ev'ry hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need you.

GOSPEL *Matthew 1: 1-17* Mr. Beddingfield
The geneology of Jesus

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

SERMON *Begat, Begat, Begat.* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *If You Search With All Your Heart* Craig Courtney

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. Mary McDonald
A Quiet Moment with "Amazing Grace"

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH Traditional
Jesus, the Light of the World

(Refrain)
Walk in the light, beautiful light;
Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Hark the herald angels sing
Jesus, the light of the world!
Glory to the newborn king.
Jesus, the light of the world!

(Refrain)

He's the lamp that lights our way,
Jesus the light of the world!
Step by step and day by day;
Jesus the light of the world!

(Refrain)

† 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 *Variants on "St. Anne"* Richard A. Williamson

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Al Upshaw, 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 Laura Yarbrough, 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

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.

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 and Brittany Montgomery

TODAY, January 29th

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, February 1st

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Quiche, Grits, 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)

FEBRUARY 2023

- 5** **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)
*** No Kids' Church Today**
Youth - Sunday School: 6:00 p.m. (Online)
- 8** **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 (Time): 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
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- 13** **Deacon's Meeting (OPEN):** 7:00 p.m. (This is an OPEN Meeting for anyone to attend.)
- 15** **Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
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- 22** **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**



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.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 12/31/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 12/31/22	\$ 399,299
» Total expenditures	\$ (379,372)
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$ (19,927)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal	\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	100%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 422,529
» Support received as of 12/31/22	\$ 399,299
» Budget support shortfall as of 12/31/22	\$ (23,230)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 85,076

Missions Mailbox Update

With the support we received from our church family, we will be able to provide the following for families in need: alpacas, goats, chickens, ducks, food aid for children in Africa, bed nets for 3 families, help for exploited girls and help for kids with disabilities (\$931.00 worth) via World Vision.

~ With much appreciation, MBC Mission Kids





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.

February 1: *Bodies* February 15: *Place*
February 8: *Time* 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 February- **PEANUT BUTTER**
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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Other Staff: By Appointment



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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