

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Memorial Baptist Church

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Buies Creek, North Carolina

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

~ Robert Herrick, English
poet and cleric (1591-1674)

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Lyndell Leatherman

Anne McClain, Organist

WELCOME

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O The Lamb

Campmeeting Melody

† INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,
Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Mr. Beddingfield

Almighty God, whose Son was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted:
Come quickly to help us when we also are assaulted by many temptations.
May this hour of worship and these weeks of Lent strengthen our resolve;
and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us,
may each one find you faithful to forgive and mighty to save;
through that very same Jesus Christ our Lord, who overcame temptation,
endured the pain and shame of the cross, and is now seated at your right hand,
interceding for us through all our struggles and sorrows; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

200

stanzas 1 and 2

DIADEM

201

stanza 3

MILES LANE

202

stanza 4

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

Psalm 32: 1-8, 10-11

*(When the Hebrew word “Selah” appears in the text,
a moment of silence and reflection shall be observed.)*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning, all the day long.

**For day and night your hand was upon me;
my strength was dried up as in the summer heat.**

Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, says the Lord;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O you righteous;

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 2: 15-17 and 3: 1-7
The temptation in the Garden.

Mrs. Craddock

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 1-11
The temptations of Christ.

Brittany Montgomery,
Supervised Ministry Student

† ANTIPHON

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
with Mrs. Craddock, *viola*

LONESOME VALLEY

Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by himself
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him
He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley
We have to walk it by ourselves
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial
You have to stand it by yourself
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you
You have to stand it by yourself.

** Following the Antiphon, children may meet Mrs. Meredith and
Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kid’s Church.*

SERMON

The Temptations

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† CHORAL PETITION

Take, Lord, and Receive

Bernard Sexton

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will, and all I have I call my own.

You have given all to me; to you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me your love, give me your grace: that is enough for me.

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

Tracey Craig McKibben

Through the Love of God, Our Savior

SENDING

† HYMNS OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH

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Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

AVON

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O, How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

stanza 1 only

† 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 in D

arr. Michael Ryan

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Al Upshaw, 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 Jimmy Coleman, Amanda and Melanie Alexander (*cousins of Gracie Jonas*), Marshall Woodall (*father of Cindy Avrette*), Aubrey Adams (*granddaughter of Donna Penny*), Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), Bethany Blosch (*great-niece of Ofelia Hoyle*), Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*), Lacy Massey (*step-father of Jeff Pope*), Kinsley Griffo


Deacons for February 2023: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros
Deacons for March 2023: Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan

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

Ushers March 5: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

Kid’s Church Today: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*



The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome

Marshall David Kornegay, Jr.

born to David and Ashlie Kornegay
along with big sister, Nova-Jean,
on February 3, 2023.

He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Marshall and Jeanie Kornegay are the proud grandparents!

TODAY, February 26th

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

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

Simple Supper - Soup/Chili and Grilled Cheese: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)

Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
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No Kids’ Church Today

Youth - Sunday School: 6:00 p.m. (Online)
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Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Break with Meredith:

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Creek Coffee)
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

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MARCH 24TH



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



For February, we will 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 as ‘Backpacks.’

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet:** Next Date TBD
- 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]
You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put ‘Buddy Backpack’ on the memo line.



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.

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“Christ in the Desert,” oil on canvas by Russian artist Ivan Kramskol (1872). The State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow.

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