



The Raising of Lazarus, after Rembrandt, by Vincent van Gogh, oil on paper, May 1890. Amsterdam, Van Gogh Museum.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

GATHERING

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, *Organist*

WELCOME and OPENING PSALM *(responsively)* Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, then Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be worshipped.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel – and all God’s people! – hope in the Lord.
For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.
It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O The Lamb Campmeeting Melody

† INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent Associate Pastor

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant us your grace to love what you love, to desire what you promise,
and to do what you command;

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

so that, among the swift and tumultuous changes of the world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy and steadfast hope are found;
in the name of Jesus Christ, who gives healing to the sick and new life to the dead,
Amen.

† GATHERING HYMN

Hope of the World O PERFECT LOVE

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth’s wounds and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love thy mercy gave us,
Take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Derek Hogan, *Deacon*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(responsively)* Dr. Hogan
Romans 8: 5-6, 9-11 and 1-2

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ; but if Christ is in us, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you,
then the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through that same Spirit that lives in you.
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

ANTIPHON 457

Lord, Be Glorified BE GLORIFIED

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

John 11: 1-45 Mr. Beddingfield
The Raising of Lazarus. and Mrs. Craddock

** Following the Gospel Reading, children may meet Mrs. Meredith at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids’ Church.*

SERMON

When Jesus Gets Here Late Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

Yes, My Jesus Loves Me Mary McDonald

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 Thomas J. Williams
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

SENDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH PROMISE
Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

† 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

Palm Sunday David Paxton

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Susan Johnson, Shelby Stancil, Al Upshaw, David Price, Will and Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Grover and Holly Blackburn, Danny Thomerson *(former MBC organist)*, Beverly Bowers *(grandmother of Charissa English)*, Lacy Massey *(step-father of Jeff Pope)*, Christopher Hoyle *(son of Ofelia Hoyle)*, Bethany Blosch *(great-niece of Ofelia Hoyle)*, Amanda and Melanie Alexander *(cousins of Gracie Jonas)*, Marshall Woodall *(father of Cindy Avrette)*

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

TODAY, March 26th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)
Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kids' Church: 10:15 a.m. (Library)

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Spaghetti: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study - The Resurrection and the Life and The Way, the Truth and the Life: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, March 31st

Phi Delta Chi Lasagna Dinner Fundraise: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

APRIL 2023

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* No Kids' Church
Easter Children's Program: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

5 * No Wednesday Night Activities

6 Maundy Thursday Service: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Deacons for March 2023: Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan
Deacons for April 2023: Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough

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

Ushers April 2: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

Kid's Church: Meredith Craddock

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 1/1/23 - 3/9/23

» Total support, 1/1/23 - 3/9/23	\$ 72,868
» Total expenditures	\$ (62,424)
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$ 10,444
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$ 413,084
» Percent of year passed	19%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 76,958
» Support received as of 3/9/23	\$ 65,521
» Budget support shortfall as of 3/9/23	\$ (11,437)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 80,602

APPALACHIAN
CHRISTMAS
BACKPACKS

For March, we will collect age appropriate toys/fun items.

For the younger age groups (less than 15 years old) non-breakable toys would include: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, etc. *(NO toy weapons please.)*

For the older age groups (15-17 year olds) fun items would include:
for boys: flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kit, fishing gear, books, hunting/fishing/sports magazines, etc.
for girls: jewelry, books, earbuds, skin care products, hair accessories, small travel-sized hair dryer, etc.

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 March - - **Canned Sliced Peaches**
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



The Raising of Lazarus, Rembrandt, Oil on panel, c. 1630-1632.
Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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