THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm and Passion Sunday

endured the cross, disregarded its shame, and is now seated at the right hand of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that we all may not grow weary or lose heart.

I hear the whisperings of many – terror all around! – scheming together against me, plotting to take my life. But I trust in you, O Lord. I say, "You are my God"; my times are in your hand. O Lord, deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Do not let me be put to shame. O Lord, for L call upon you.

April 2, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning	Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina	PROCLAIMING		Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord, for I call upon you. Love the Lord, all you saints, for the Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage,			
How could you ride on a donkey one day And hear the Hosannah's they cried, When you already knew some would turn on you And wanted you crucified? I don't understand how you kept loving them Over and over again, Till I look in the mirror and I see myself And remember – I'm just like them. ~ Anne Peterson (ad.)		LITURGY OF THE PALMS Psalter (responsively)	Psalm 118: 1, 19-29	Mrs. Craddock	all you who	wait for the Lord.	
		O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.		Gospel	Matthew 27: 15-23 "Let him be crucified!"		
		This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank God who has answered me, who has become my salvation. The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.			SERMON	Festivity and Foreshadow	Mr. Beddingfield
		This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.			RESPONDING		
GATHE	RING	Save us, O Lord, we beg you; O Lord, we beg you, give us the victory! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;			ANTHEM	Hosanna to the Son of David	Allen Pote
PRELUDE Palm Sunday	Procession Phil Lehenbauer	we bless you from the hous			PRAYERS OF THE PEOP	PLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison)	Mrs. Craddock
GREETING		The Lord is God, who has given us light! Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, and I will praise you.			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.		
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP O the La	mb Campmeeting Melody	O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good! God's mercy endures forever.			And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
+ INVOCATION Ad. fr. <u>The Book of Com</u> Collect for Passion/Palm Sund		Gospel	Matthew 21: 1-11 The Triumphal Entry.		OFFERTORY INVITATIO	ON Throned Upon the Awful Tree	Lyndell Leatherman
Everliving God, in your tender mercy you sent your Son to take upon himself our nature, to suffer death upon the cross, and to rise victorious from the tomb.		+ AFFIRMATION IN SONG Cornerstone Myrin, Morgan, Liljero, Bradbury, Mote My hope is built on nothing less		SENDING			
Beautiful Savior, we celebrate with joy your a we anticipate with grief the agony that is set and we await with hope your victory over de	before you, ath.	Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name. When darkness seems to hide his face I rest on his unchanging grace In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.			+ HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH 291 ST. CHRISTOPHER Beneath the Cross of Jesus		
Holy Spirit, grant that we may walk this journ not as participants in a capricious or apathet	ic crowd, but as faithful disciples.				+ LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield		
Triune God, we delight in your presence and Establish and strengthen us, we pray, in repe in Jesus' name, Amen.					+ BENEDICTION	Ad. fr. John Claypool	Mr. Beddingfield
	d 11	(Refrain) Chi	rist alone, Cornerstone		POSTLUDE	Hosanna to the Son of David!	Gilbert M. Martin
+ HYMN OF PRAISE 130 Hosanna, Lou and Procession of the Palms	d Hosanna Ellacombe		ade strong in the Savior's love he storm he is Lord, Lord of all.		PRAYER FOR OUR	FAMILY AND FRIENDS:	
CHILDREN'S TIME Me and Passing of the Palms	redith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor	When Christ shall come with trumpet sound Oh, may I still in him be found			Members: Susan Johnson, Shelby Stancil, Al Upshaw, David Price, Will and		
The children will pass the palm branches to the congregation. Please keep your palm during Holy Week as		Dressed in his righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)		Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway			
PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mr. Beddingfield Hebrews 12: 1-3 Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely,		LITURGY OF THE PASSION Ms. Montgomery Psalter (<i>responsively</i>) Psalm 31: 9-12a, 13-17a, 23a, 24 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress: my eye wastes away from grief; my soul and body, also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;			Family and Friends : Grover and Holly Blackburn, Danny Thomerson (former MBC organist), 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)		
who, for the sake of the joy		an object of dread to my acquaintances; people in the street flee from me.			<u>Prayers of Comfort</u> are extended to the family of Charissa English in the death of her grandmother, Beverly Bowers, on Sunday, March 26th. Her funeral will be		

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

+ The congregation is invited to stand.

her grandmother, Beverly Bowers, on Sunday, March 26th. Her funeral will be held in Missouri.



Palm Sunday Paraments

In gratitude to God for the provision of Pastor Ed Beddingfield and his service to Memorial Baptist Church, the deacon body is giving a parament set for Palm Sunday. As we celebrate eight years of Ed's leadership, the palm fronds have eight leaves each and the gold crown has eight sides. The church family remembers with love the many contributions of Ed's wife, Sarah, and the teamwork that added so much to a number of these years. Thank you, Pastor Ed! (The paraments were made by Jac and Kathy Whatley.)

TODAY, April 2nd

PALM SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, April 3rd

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 5th Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, April 6th

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

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Easter Sunday 9

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m.—Buies Creek Cemetery Easter Breakfast—immediately following Sunrise Service (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

* No Sunday School Today * No Kids' Church Today

10 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY—Church Office Closed

* No Wednesday Night Activities 12

Deacons for April 2023: Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough Deacons for May 2023: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunnev

Ushers April 9: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

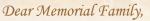
No Kids' Church Today

BACKPACKS

For April, we will collect full-sized containers of Shampoo and Body Wash as well as Soap.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as 'Backpacks.'

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



A big thank you for all the prayers, cards, and delicious treats you've shared with me while I'm recovering from my March 1st fall and surgery. I'm making progress and hope to be back at church soon.





CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

Clothes Closet: Next Date TBD

• Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons



Needed for April - - Canned Fruit Cocktail 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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Palm Sunday painting by Mark Jennings, 2009 (Fine Art America).

MEMORIAL **BAPTIST CHURCH**

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April 2, 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