



The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, unearthed in 1867 and considered by some Protestants to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. The tomb is north of the city wall and dates from the 8th-7th Cent. BCE. Catholic tradition since the 4th Cent. favors the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, located inside the city wall. (Photo: Asheville Citizen-Times.)

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church

Buies Creek, North Carolina

For Christians the central truth of existence is captured in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Without Good Friday, there is no Easter; without Easter, there is no deliverance from evil; without deliverance from evil there is no victory of light over dark, of love over hate, of life over death.

~ Historian and author Jon Meacham, *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus on the Cross*, Convergent Books (Random House), New York, 2020, p. 6.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Crown Him Lord of All

Mary McDonald

Anne McClain, organ

OPENING SENTENCES

Matthew 28: 5-7 (ad.)

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

and Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 164

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

GREETING and INVOCATION

Mrs. Craddock

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Collects for Easter Day and Tuesday in Easter Week

Creating, redeeming and sustaining God, who through your only-begotten Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of eternal and abundant life: We gather in your house to celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection. Grant that we also, being raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, may in these moments and forever more abide in your presence, serving you with gladness and rejoicing in the hope of eternal glory; by the power and for the sake of the Risen Christ we pray, **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF THE EASTER FAITH (responsively)

Colossians 1: 12-22 and 3: 1-4

Brittany Montgomery,

Supervised Ministry Student

Let us now give thanks to God,
who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of all the saints in light:
Rescuing us from the power of darkness and transferring us into the reign of God’s beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, visible and invisible.
Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers, all things have been created through him and for him.
Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church, and he is the beginning,
firstborn from the dead, so that he might have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace through the blood of his cross.
And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death,
So that he might present us holy, blameless and irreproachable before God.
So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not on things that are on earth;
for you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
And when Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then we also will be revealed with him in glory.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Wren/Haas/Hayes

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18

Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

“I have seen the Lord.”

RESURRECTION WITNESS

Living Hope

Brian Johnson/Phil Wickham

Mariamarta Conrad, soloist

(Chorus – please join in as directed)

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

SERMON

What Happened?

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

The Lord Is Risen Today

Lloyd Larson

The angel greeted the women who came to the tomb in dismay.

“Do not be afraid,” said the angel, “but hear the words I say:

He is risen!” Alleluia! “The Lord is risen today! Go quickly and tell the good news. The Lord is risen today! The Lord is risen today!”

The women ran from the graveside rejoicing in what they had heard.

They proclaimed the message the angel had shared of their risen Lord!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Fantasy on EASTER HYMN

Franklin Ritter

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 161

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

stanzas 1, 2 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Ad. fr. John Claypool

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah, Christ Arose!

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Brass Ensemble

Bryson Crump, Trumpet

Mark Doerffel, Trombone

Josh Ellington, Trumpet

Ryan Godwin, Horn

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: Family of Beverly Bowers (grandmother of Charissa English), Grover and Holly Blackburn, Danny Thomerson (former MBC organist), Lacy Massey (step-father of Jeff Pope), Christopher Hoyle (son of Ofelia Hoyle), Bethany Bosch (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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Tom McClay in the death of his father, Thomas Claude McClay, on Wednesday, April 5th.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

TODAY, April 9th
Easter Sunday
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

MONDAY, April 10th
EASTER MONDAY—Church Office Closed for Holiday

WEDNESDAY, April 12th
* No Wednesday Night Activities

APRIL 2023

- 16 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)
- 19 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper : 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Mission Kids will deliver activity packets to the hospital and visit with residents of Emerald Health and Rehab Center.
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 23 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)
- 26 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper: 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)
- 27 Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Break with Meredith:
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Creek Coffee)

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

Ushers Today: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler
Ushers April 16: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor

No Kids’ Church Today

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to convey how appreciative we are of the outpouring of love and support shown to us on Wednesday night! We were very surprised and overwhelmed by your expressions of gratitude. We felt affirmed in our calling to ministry and we’ll be forever grateful for the encouragement you gave us when we needed it. It is a joy to serve such an amazing congregation.

~ With love,
Meredith Craddock, Anne McClain, Brittany Montgomery, Susan Morrow and Ashley Nelson

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.

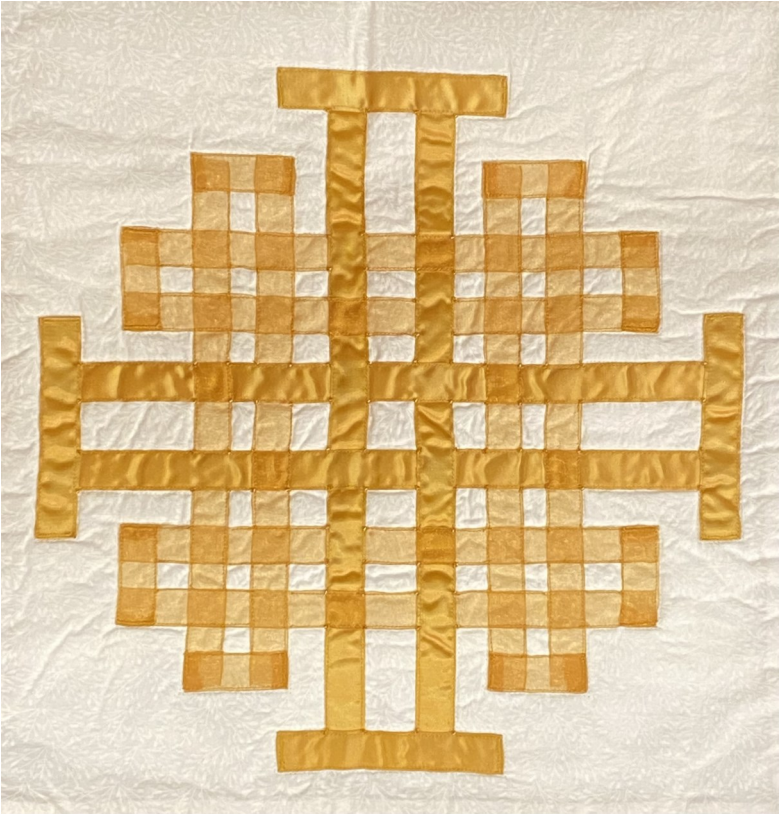
CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **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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MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday
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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