

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Hope we cling to, friend we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior come from heav'n above;  
O how oft your eyes, offended,  
Gaze upon the sinner's fall!  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You did bear the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see you, wounded, bleeding,  
See your thorn-encircled brow!  
Yet your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace and rest;  
Only what your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

~ Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1498), Italian Dominican friar  
and preacher in Renaissance Florence (adapted translation).

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on OLD HUNDREDETH* Kevin Uppercue  
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*

† INVOCATION Ms. Montgomery

† HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* NETTLETON

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 130: 1-6 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

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 revered.**  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;  
**My soul waits for the Lord more than the lookouts watch for the morning,  
more than the lookouts watch for the morning.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mr. Beddingfield

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsively*) Psalm 130: 7-8 Mr. Beddingfield

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with God is great power to redeem.  
**It is the Lord who will redeem God's people from all their iniquities.**

SONG OF TESTIMONY *Where Could I Go?* James B. Coats

Living below in this old sinful world; hardly a comfort can afford;  
Striving alone to face temptation sore, where could I go but to the Lord?

Where could I go, o where could I go, seeking a refuge for my soul?  
Needing a friend to save me in the end, where could I go but to the Lord?

Neighbors are kind, I love them every one, we get along in sweet accord;  
But when my soul needs manna from above, where could I go but to the Lord?

### PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Mark 5: 24b-34 Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*  
She [the woman with the hemorrhages] had heard about Jesus,  
and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his robe;  
for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

MUSICAL REFLECTION *I Quietly Turned to You* Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red  
from *Celebrate Life!*  
Susan Morrow, *vocalist, with*  
Phillip Morrow, *piano, Bob Cisneros, bass,*  
Ed Beddingfield, *guitar, and Will Roberts, drums*

SERMON *Last Resort* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mrs. Craddock  
and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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. Mark Hayes  
*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

HOLY COMMUNION  
Invitation to the Lord's Table Mrs. Craddock  
Words of Institution and Prayer Mr. Beddingfield  
I Corinthians 11: 23-25  
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

The Bread John 6: 35 and 37b Mrs. Craddock  
Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me  
will never hunger; and whoever believes in me will never thirst;  
and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

The Cup John 6: 56 and 54-55 Mr. Beddingfield  
Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
abide in me, and I in them; and they have eternal life,  
and I will raise them up at the last day; for my flesh  
is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."

The Commission I Corinthians 11: 26 Mr. Beddingfield  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMNS OF SENDING FORTH  
Hymn 63 *Abide with Me* EVENTIDE  
stanza 1

Chorus *He Touched Me* HE TOUCHED ME  
Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* James Mansfield

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Pat Steegar  
and in honor of our grandchildren: Hunter, Hannah  
and Holland Rensink; and Sorcha Delaney-Steegar  
by Dave Steegar.*

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### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Lisa Spainhour, Jeff Pope, Cathy McLamb, Martha Womble, Donna Penny, Pauline Calloway, Jac Whatley, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Family of David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*); Clark Barber (*great nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Aaron Bowers (*brother of Charissa English*); Jeroen and Liz Stone; Rusty Armstrong, Wanda Sims, Rhonda Rockholt (*friends of Ofe Hoyle*); Proctorville Baptist Church; Michael Warren (*brother of Donna Haynes*); Ernest and Linda Savage (*brother and sister-in-law of Earl Savage*); Lacy Massey (*step-dad of Jeff Pope*); Wayne McLamb (*brother-in-law of Jeff Pope*); Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Josephine Simpson (*neighbor of Pastor Ed*); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson (*Sylva, NC*); Maurice Johnson (*brother of Randall Johnson and Shelby Stancil*); Noah Rayon (*student from CFCA*)

**Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

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

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**TODAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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**

**MONDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday**

**WEDNESDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Nacho Bar:** 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) - **"Equally Called"**  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

**10 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m.  
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**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)

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

**13 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Hot Dogs:** 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) - **"Equally Called"**  
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**14 Nominating Committee Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*From the Finance Committee*  
Budget season is upon us! The Finance Committee will soon be preparing their budget proposal for our 2024 fiscal year. If you have any budgetary requests for the coming year, please reach out to anyone on the committee. If you serve/chair on a committee and know of any budgetary concerns for your respective committees, please let us know!  
Thanks!  
Brandon Brown, MBC Budget Director  
Finance Committee Members: Cindy Avrette, Brandon Brown, Julie Byrd, Jim Cannady, Al Hardison, John Phelps, Beth Savage, Dave Steegar and Jim Sills

**Deacons for September 2023:** Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson  
**Deacons for October 2023:** Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley  
**Ushers Today:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong  
**Ushers Sept. 10:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**No Kids' Church today**

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS**  
For September, we are collecting **FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY** (no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products because of potential allergies) **and POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS** (such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)  
We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as **'Backpacks.'**

**MAUI WILD FIRES RELIEF**  
Wild fires have become a life threat in Maui, Hawaii. We pray for those that have lost loved ones as well as property; for the first responders & their families; for the churches that have become the hands & feet of Christ. As brother & sisters in Christ, we are called to solidarity & show our love through support. They ask for our prayers & financial support. Please give generously at: [www.cbf.net/hawaii](http://www.cbf.net/hawaii) & write "Hawaii fires" in the comment field.

**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**  
• **Clothes Closet:** Date TBD  
• **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons** Needed for September - - **Corn** Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as **'Food Pantry.'**  
• **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **"nab crackers"** [cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter] Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as **'Buddy Backpack.'**

**BUDDY BACKPACK MINISTRY**  
Once again this year, we will be collecting **"nab crackers"** [either cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter] for Buddy Backpacks.  
Feel free to bring your donations to the church during the week or on Sundays.  
If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers who pack and deliver, please call Ashley (893-4162) or Alice (893-8210). We will start this month.  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity! This project runs solely on donations and we feel we will have more children to serve every year.

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Other Staff: By Appointment



**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  
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian