THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

There is a peace which cometh after sorrow, A peace of hope surrendered, not fulfilled; A peace that worries not about tomorrow, But looks behind, on storms already stilled. It is the peace in sacrifice secluded, The peace that is from inward conflict free; 'Tis not the peace which over Eden brooded, But that which triumphed in Gethsemane.

~ "Peace after Sorrow," 1897 (ad.), by Jessie Rose Gates

GATHERING

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Anne McClain, organ

Thomas Chesterton

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE

Mrs. Craddock

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively) Psalm 116: 1-7

Lisa Lanier, Deacon I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,

who has bent down and listened to me;

Therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me, the pangs of the grave laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, God saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

II Corinthians 3: 17 - 4: 1 and 7-10 Therefore . . . we do not lose heart.

† PRAISE SONG

In the Eye of the Storm

Fowler/Stevenson

Refrain:

In the eye of the storm you remain in control In the middle of the war you guard my soul You alone are my anchor when my sails are torn Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet Between the black skies and my red eyes I can hardly see When I realize I've been sold out by my friends and my family I can feel the rain reminding me.

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith I see the future that I picture slowly fade away And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face I find my peace in Jesus' name.

* Following the Praise Song, children from age 3 through 4th grade may meet Mrs. Charlotte Riewestahl at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

OLD TESTAMENT

Adam English Ecclesiastes 2: 20-25 What do we get from all the toil and strain

with which we toil under the sun?

SERMON Surviving Burnout Dr. English

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

The Lord Will Be My Shepherd

Price/Besig

The Lord will be my shepherd, He knows my every need. He renews my faith each morning with the promise of His peace. As I rest in a guiet meadow, or beside a clear blue stream, the Lord will be my shepherd, I will follow where He leads.

Though the shadows of darkness surround me, I will never be afraid, for I know the Lord will protect me from the dangers I must face. When there's anger or trouble around me, and I want to run and hide, I will find Him near, to calm my fear always at my side.

The Lord will be my shepherd wherever I may go. He will fill me with His kindness, He will strengthen me with hope. When my day at last is over, He will come and take me home. The Lord will be my shepherd, I will never be alone.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Montgomery

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

I Surrender All

Gregg Sewell

SENDING

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 55 Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGARRE KAN INGEN VARA

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Dr. English

POSTLUDE Recessional on EIN FESTE BURG Michael Ryan

> We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Adam C. English, Chair of the Department of Christian Studies and Professor of Christian Theology and Philosophy at Campbell University. Dr. English is a member of Memorial Baptist Church where he is church clerk, has served as a deacon, and teaches a midweek missions class for children.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Carolyn Walker, Becky Thompson, Jeff Pope, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Family of Heather Giunta (death of grandfather); Family of Cathy McLamb and Donna Penny (death of cousin); Kathy Creed, Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English); Jan Bloom (aunt of Becca Scarboro); Mary McClain (mother of Greg McClain); Craig Ennis (husband of Evy Ennis - Buies Creek post office); Peggy Giunta (grandmother of Heather Giunta); James Stecher (great-nephew of Bob Cisneros); Randy Rambeau (friend of Earl and Diane Jones); Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed)

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

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Bob Loftis in his death on Monday, October 23rd.

In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.

Deacons for October 2023: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley

Deacons for November 2023: Dayna Scarborough and Earl Savage

<u>Ushers Today</u>: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and

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<u>Kids' Church today</u>: Charlotte Riewestahl

NO Kids' Church Nov. 5

<u>Nursery today</u>: Izzy Morrow <u>Nursery Nov. 5</u>: (need volunteer)

TODAY, October 29th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 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: during worship (Library)

TRUNK OR TREAT AND HOT DOG SUPPER: 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 1st

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

Simple Supper - BBQ Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Apples & Roll:

5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m.

Mission Kids will visit residents at Emerald Rehab and hand out soap

that was made as a mission project during VBS.

Questions? See Cherry DeVane or Adam English

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

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, November 3rd

Campbell University Choir Fall Concert: 7:00 p.m. (Scott Concert Hall) "American Poets and the Human Condition"

SATURDAY, November 4th

Appalachian Backpack Delivery to local collection site

Need volunteer with a truck or van to deliver backpacks to our

drop off location. Please let Meredith know if you can help.

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Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 9/30/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 9/30/2023	\$	292,630
» Total expenditures	\$	(296,547)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$	(3,917)
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$	413,084
» Percent of year passed	75%	
» Support needed to meet budget	\$	308,964
» Undesignated support received as of 9/30/2023	\$	273,704
» Budget support shortfall as of 9/30/2023	\$	(35,260)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$	71,182

CAPITAL DEBT CAMPAIGN

A generous donor has agreed to match, dollar-for-dollar, any donations made to our capital debt between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 up to \$20,000. That means every dollar we give will turn into two!

An opportunity like this doesn't come along very often. Thanks to the donor, and to all of you for your faithful giving to Memorial.

Goal		\$20,000.00	
Gifts Received as of 10-22-23		\$6,723.00	
34%			

Church

DO IT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Teachers are still needed for Kids' Church and Nursery on Sunday mornings.

The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

Your help is **much** needed and appreciated!

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet: Saturday, November 18, 2023
- Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
 Needed for October - Canned Fruit Cocktail
 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]

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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