# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sunday after All Saints' Day

November 5, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Oh, though oft depressed and lonely, All my fears are laid aside, If I but remember only Such as these have lived and died.

> ~ fr. "Footsteps of Angels," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1838/39

#### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lani Smith

Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,

Mr. Beddingfield

LAUDA ANIMA

"Of a Saint," p. 250

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, and made us one with all your saints in heaven and on earth.

Grant that during our own earthly pilgrimage we may be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer; so that we may be encouraged by the good example of those who have gone before, and sustained by the presence of the living Christ who, through the Spirit, dwells in us; and that we may persevere in the race that is set before us,

until at last we, too, enter into the joy of your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.** 

† HYMN OF PRAISE 32 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven stanzas 1, 3 and 4

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Psalter Reading (responsively) Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Psalm 24: 1, 3-6 and 116: 15

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The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

The world, and all who dwell therein.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, who do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive a blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Naming of the Saints and Lighting of the Candles

Mr. Beddingfield with Mrs. Craddock

Frances McQuade (September 21, 2022)

Tammy Pentony (November 3, 2022)

Cindy Avrette
Virginia Blackwell (January 2, 2023)

Mrs. McClain

Jimmy Coleman (February 15, 2023)

Mrs. Craddock

David Price (June 12, 2023)

Melody Price

Mary Lou Ellen (July 3, 2023)

Bob Loftis (October 23, 2023)

Juanita Loftis

Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern* 

Anthem Savior, More than Life to Me

arr. Stan Pethel

Ms. Montgomery

Mr. Beddingfield

Savior, more than life to me, I am clinging close to Thee; Let the precious blood applied, keep me ever near Thy side.

Every day, every hour, let me feel Thy cleansing power; May Thy tender love to me, bind me closer, Lord, to Thee.

Through this changing world below, lead me gently as I go; Trusting Thee, I cannot stray, I can never lose my way.

Let me love Thee more and more, till this fleeting life is o'er; Till my soul is lost in love, in a brighter world above.

† Affirmation of Faith (unison) Hebrews 12: 1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.

#### **PROCLAIMING**

EPISTLE Philippians 1: 1-6 Mr. Beddingfield
To all the saints in Christ Jesus . . .

I thank my God whenever I remember you.

SERMON The Communion of Saints Mr. Beddingfield ("I believe in the communion of saints,"

from The Apostles' Creed)

SONG FOR REFLECTION Goodness of God Shout Music

Ashley Nelson, soloist

#### RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

Invitation to the Table I Corinthians 11: 23-25 Mr. Beddingfield

Do this in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Consecration Mrs. Craddock

The Bread Hebrews 10: 10 Mrs. Craddock

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified and made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus, once for all.

The Cup Ephesians 2: 19 Mr. Beddingfield

So then we are no longer strangers or wanderers, but fellow citizens with all the saints and members of the family of God.

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 Mr. Beddingfield

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River

Dayna Scarborough, piano

Lowry

# **SENDING**

 $^{\dagger}$  HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING FORTH  $_{3}8_{7}$ 

Blest Be the Tie

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† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE Fanfare of Praise Jason W. Krug

The flowers on the piano are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Olivia and Becca on November 4, 2023 by Scotty and Tammy Scarborough.

# PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<u>Members</u>: Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker, Becky Thompson, Jeff Pope, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Family of Bob Loftis; Caroline Upshaw; 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); Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed)

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

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

† The congregation is invited to stand.

#### TODAY, November 5<sup>th</sup>

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)

\* No Kids' Church

# WEDNESDAY, November 8<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) Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

# THURSDAY, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Mission's Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**

**12** 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)

**Library Committee Meeting**: immediately following service

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

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

Simple Supper - Pasta and Salad: 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)

**18** Clothes Closet: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

<u>Deacons for November 2023</u>: Earl Savage and Dayna Scarborough <u>Deacons for December 2023</u>: Ron McLamb and Joe Turlington

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and

Siu-Ki Wong

<u>Ushers Nov. 12</u>: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and

Miles West

NO Kids' Church today

Kids' Church Nov. 12: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: (need volunteer)
Nursery Nov. 12: Carrie Royal

# 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

# RESTRUCTION TAKE COURAGE

### **CAPITAL DEBT CAMPAIGN**

A generous donor has agreed to match 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 10-31-23 \$8,505.45



# **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 November - Peanut Butter
   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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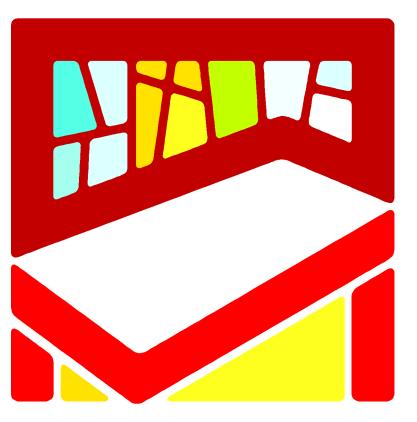
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# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday after All Saints' Day November 5, 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
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian