THE WORSHIP OF GOD The Sunday before Thanksgiving

November 19, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Be our daily bread withheld or given, Thank you for the Bread from heaven; Though to us disease and pain come stealing, Thank you for the Spirit's healing.

Though we be cast off, unknown, alone, Thanks that we are still well known; And though our outward bodies may decay, The Spirit kindles day by day.

Thanks for faith that sees, beyond the snows, God's kindness and the lovely rose; Beyond the grave, these ruins and this waste, There waits a garden undisgraced;

And that each loss we own, each death we die, Calls out of heaven God's ministry. Thanks that the costly travail wrought on earth Destroys the old, and brings new birth.

~ "Thanksgiving" (ad.), by Amos Niven Wilder (1895-1993), American poet, Congregational minister, theology professor at Harvard and the University of Chicago, and older brother of writer Thornton Wilder.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Anne McClain, organ Phillip Morrow, piano

Joel Raney

GREETING

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Mrs. Craddock

Almighty, gracious and benevolent God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, for your generosity to us, and for all who labor for our care and well being. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name and after the example of the One who came not to be served, but to serve, even Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 638

Now Thank We All Our God

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CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

PROCLAIMING

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING (responsively) Psalm 65

Dayna Scarborough, Deacon

Praise is due to you, O God, and to you shall vows be performed,

O God who answers prayer; to you shall all flesh come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation.

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,

even the roaring of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water.

You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it: watering its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, blessing it with growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

the tracks of your wagon overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain.

All these things shout and sing together for joy!

Praise is due to you, O God, and to you shall vows be performed. Amen!

ANTHEM

For All That Is

Thornburg/Davis

Mrs. Craddock, violin

The peaceful stream, the dancing leaf, the breeze that rollicks in the grain, The warmth of sun, the tow'ring wave, the cool refreshment of the rain;

> We thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory, We fall to our knees in adoration. We thank you, O God.

The touch of grace, the hint of heav'n, the healing balm that eases pain, The broken bread, the saving cup, the sacrament we can't explain;

The birthing breath, the dying sigh, the holy cycle you ordain. For ev'ry second, for ev'ry instant, we give you thanks, O God.

* Following the Anthem, children from age 3 through 4th grade may meet Mrs. Lalia Turlington 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

Deuteronomy 8: 1, 7-10

Ms. Montgomery

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8: 11-18

Mrs. Craddock

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me all this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you the power to get wealth.

NEW TESTAMENT

II Corinthians 9: 6-8, 10-12

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

SERMON

It Depends

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

REFLECTION IN SONG

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son (twice)

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us (twice)

> (Repeat song) Give thanks.

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.

OFFERTORY We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing Michael Thomas

† INVITATION and HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 643

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Mr. Beddingfield

SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune **Anthony Giamanco**

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: David Avrette, Catherine King, Frances Lloyd, Burgess Marshbanks, Kathy Creed, Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker, Jeff Pope, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Family of Josephine (Simpson) Markiewicz; Tonya Taylor (sister-in-law of Carrie Royal); Emily Long (cousin of Ashley Nelson); Caroline Upshaw; 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)

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 John Rouse in the death of his mother, Peggy Rouse, on Wednesday, November 15th.

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

Ushers Today: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and

Lee Turlington

Ushers Nov. 26: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

<u>Kids' Church today</u>: Lalia Turlington and Grant Johnston

Kids' Church Nov. 26: Erin Turlington

Nursery today: (need volunteer) Nursery Nov. 26: (need volunteer)

[†] *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, November 19th

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)

Campbell University Choral Society presents a program of spirituals and music celebrating Christ's birth: 4:00 p.m. (Butler Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, November 22nd

* No Wednesday Night Activities

THURSDAY, November 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed for Holiday

FRIDAY, November 24th

Church Office Closed for Holiday

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Decorating for Advent: immediately following worship service

All are welcome to stay and help!

29 Children's Choir: 5:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR BUDDY BACKPACK - Soup and Sandwich:

5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)

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

Adult Bible Study—Thanks-Living: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 23rd 8:30 a.m.

at Keith Hills

Instead of an entry fee, we request non-perishable food items for our local food bank or monetary donations to the Harnett Food Pantry.

This is the largest food bank donation each year.

Thanksgiving costumes are encouraged. Strollers and pups are welcome.

This is a great way to help serve our neighbors.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 10/31/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023	\$	351,769
» Total expenditures	<u>\$ (</u>	(326,451)
» Support exceeds Expenditures	\$	25,318
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$	413,084
» Percent of year passed	83%	
» Support needed to meet budget	\$	344,048
» Undesignated support received as of 10/31/2023	\$	308,239
» Budget support shortfall as of 10/31/2023	\$	(35,809)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$	69.487



"Advent is a season to linger in longing. This poses a challenge in our tired, time-tabled culture. We are used to having what gratifies..."

This is the beginning phrase from our Advent devotional booklet, which begins on Dec. 3. Please take a devotion book & spend a few moments everyday praying, reading & reflecting. During this time of longing, as we wait for our Savior's birth, let's spend some time waiting with God.

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.

Thanks to the donor and to all of you for your faithful giving to MBC.

Goal	\$20,000.00
Gifts Received as of 11-12-23	\$14,417.45
72%	

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: New date TBD
- 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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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday before Thanksgiving

November 19, 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