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THE WORSHIP OF GOD Second Sunday of Advent			GOSPEL I Luke 1: 57, 67-79 The Benedictus.		Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor		† BENEDICTION
Love		+ WORSHIP SON	RSHIP SONG Joyful (The One Who Saves) Brown and Ingram Mariamarta Conrad, leader		Brown and Ingram	POSTLUDE	
December 10, 2023Memorial Baptist ChurchTen O'clock in the MorningBuies Creek, North Carolina		Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love					
Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine; Love was born at Christmas,Love shall be our token, Love be yours and Love be mine; Love to God and everyone,		Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away Giver of eternal gladness, fill us with the light of day.					
Star and Angels gave the sign. Love our plea, our gift, our sign.			Giver of eternal gladness, fill us with the light of day.				PRAYER FOR
~ "Incarnate Love," by Christina G. Rossetti (ad.), Victorian English Romantic poet and writer (1830-1894).			<i>Refrain:</i> You are the One who saves, you are the One who saves You are the One whose hands lift us from the grave You are the Light of life, the everlasting Day				<u>Members</u> : Ofe (Burgess Marshba Jung, Pauline Ca
GATHERING			You are the One who takes all our sins away.				<u>Family and Frier</u> <i>Royal);</i> Madilyn S
	Prelude on GLORIA	de on GLORIA Jason D. Payne AcClain, organ		You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed Fountain of the joy of living, ocean depths of happy rest.			
AI	ine weelan, organ			Refrain			Aldersgate senio
GREETING	TING Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern					Emerald Health	
† INVOCATION	VOCATION Ms. Montgomery			* Following the Worship Song, 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.			
+ HYMN OF PRAISE 76 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel veni емм stanzas 1, 2 and 4		VENI EMMANUEL	GOSPEL II		Mark 1: 1-8 er appeared in the wilderr	Mr. Beddingfield	Saturday, Decen In order to keep our month we will remov period, please notify
	WAITING		pro	claiming a baptism of	repentance for the forgiv	eness of sins.	perioù, pieuse noujy
	Isaiah 40: 1-5 wilderness prepare the way of the the desert a highway for our God		SERMON		sn't Always Cuddly	Mr. Beddingfield	
-				RE	SPONDING		
CANDLE OF LOVE		David Steegar	† REFLECTION IN	SONG Bri	ghtest and Best	Trad., arr. Mattea and Mather	
NATIVITY FIGURE: Joseph		Harriet Enzor		•	Conrad, vocalist	,.	Deacons
PROCLAIMING			 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. 				Deacons Ushers T
 OLD TESTAMENT (responsively) Luke 1: 57, 67-79 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All the people are grass, no more permanent than the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion! Lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem! Lift up your voice, and do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold! Your God!" Look and see: the Lord God comes with might! – whose arm rules for him, who brings his reward with him, whose redemption goes out before him. The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd; 							Miles Wes <u>Ushers I</u> and Lee Tu <u>Kids' Chu</u>
			OFFERTORY	Reflection o	on an Ancient Plainson	g Michael Ryan	<u>Kids' Chu</u> Nursery
			+ INVITATION and HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 79 FOREST GREEN Blessed Be the God of Israel FOREST GREEN stanzas 1, 2 and 3 FOREST GREEN				Nursery
the Lord will gether the lambs in his arms, and carry them close to his breast; the Lord will gently lead the mother sheep who are with young.				S	ENDING		Te

Join the Triumph of the Skies

Douglas E. Wagner

DR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

fe (Hoyle) Rockholt, Catherine King, Frances Lloyd, Kathy Creed, banks, Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker, Jeff Pope, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Calloway, Linda Smith

iends: Joseph and Sarah Conner; Tonya Taylor (sister-in-law of Carrie n Smith; Caroline Upshaw; Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); (brother of Charissa English)

nior living center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor

th and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

mfort are extended to the family of John Rouse in his death on ember 2nd. His memorial service was yesterday.

our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one nove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer tify us and we will be happy to comply.

ns for December 2023: Ron McLamb and Joe Turlington ns for January 2024: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and /est

Dec. 17: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough Turlington

nurch today: Lalia Turlington nurch Dec. 17: Cherry DeVane

y today: Michele Phelps <u>y Dec. 17</u>: (need volunteer)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teachers are still needed for Kids' Church and Nursery. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Your help is **much** needed and appreciated!

TODAY, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

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)

Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal:

immediately following worship service

Advent Dinners: 5:00 p.m.

"Good King Wenceslas" Children's Christmas Musical: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 13th

* No Children's Choir

Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Gingerbread House Decorating: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

This event is for ALL ages! The church will provide the gingerbread house. Please bring any of your favorite decorating candy to share. Some candy, snacks & icing will be provided.

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

SATURDAY, December 16th

Chancel Choir Cantata Dress Rehearsal: 1:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 2023

Third Sunday of Advent 17

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) Chancel Choir Cantata-Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) **Kids' Church**: during worship (Library)

Fireside at Memorial: 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) To contribute your own unique talent, see Dr. Morrow. Please bring Christmas desserts or treats to share afterward.

20 * No Children's Choir

Simple Supper - Soup & Sandwich: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Church-wide Caroling: Time TBA **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24

* No Sunday School Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) * No Kids' Church Christmas Eve Service: 5:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Candles and Communion

* Year-End Giving: In planning your year-end giving, please be reminded that your contributions must be received in the church office by noon on December 29, 2023 (or post-marked by December 31, 2023) in order to be reported as a 2023 gift.

"Advent is a season to linger in longing. This poses a challenge in our 2023 tired, time-tabled culture. We are used to having what gratifies..."

> 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.

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

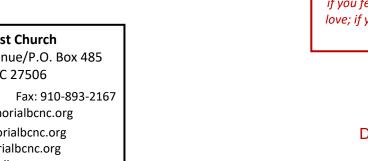
Goal \$20,000.00 \$17,895.45 Gifts Received as of 12-6-23

89%

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons Needed for December - - 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] Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as '**Buddy Backpack**.'



Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Other Staff: By Appointment

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Second Sunday of Advent Love

December 10, 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