

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see. ~ Hebrews 11:1

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Aria
Jason Schodt, organ

Craig Phillips

GREETING and † INVOCATION

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
(see insert)

SLANE

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jeremiah 31: 3
I have loved you with an everlasting love.

Brittany Montgomery,
Ministry Intern

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Be Thou My Vision
Mrs. Craddock, viola

arr. Katrina Burnett

PROCLAIMING

PSALM OF PRAISE (responsively)

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 23-24

Ms. Montgomery

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
**You know when I sit down and when I stand up;
you know my thoughts from far away.**
You know where I am going and when I lie down;
you are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you already know it.**
You hem me in from the front and from the back;
you lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, more than I could ever achieve.**

You even formed my inward parts,
knitting me together in my mother’s womb.
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are your works!**
You know me completely; my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret, carefully formed in the depths of the earth.
**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
in your book were written the days that you had in mind for me,
every one of them, before that was a single one of them.**
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
**If I could count them, they would be more than the sand.
Then, when I come to the end, I would still be with you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
examine me, and know my thoughts!
**And see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

ANTHEM

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

GOSPEL

John 1: 43-51

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Nathaniel: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
Jesus: “Look at that! An Israelite without any guile.”
Nathaniel: “Wait. How do you know me?”
Jesus: “When you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

SERMON

Knowing and Trusting

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† SONG OF FAITH

Open My Eyes, Lord

Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face,
open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice,
open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Refrain: And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened,
and we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face
in places we’ve never known.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love. Refrain

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

Derek Hogan, Lay Leader

**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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Harold DeCou

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

We welcome Mr. Jason Schodt as our guest organist today.
During the week, Jason is employed as a supply chain analyst in the
pharmaceutical industry. He is a graduate of the East Carolina University
School of Music and a member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Pat Stiller, Jerry Smith, Jac Whatley, Susan Cannady, Ofe Rockholt,
Catherine King, Frances Lloyd, Burgess Marshbanks, Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker,
Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Amanda Alexander (cousin of Gracie Jonas); Angie Ward
(grandmother of Liz Stone); Joseph Boughton (friend of Pastor Ed); Christine Johns
(wife of a friend of Steve DeVane); Grace Avrette (mother of David Avrette); Residents of
Emerald Health & Rehab with covid; Bill Swan (great-uncle of Heather Giunta);
Madilyn & Evelyn Smith; Lacy Massey (step-father of Jeff Pope); Wayne McLamb
(brother-in-law of Jeff Pope); Mary McClain (mother of Greg McClain); Aaron Bowers
(brother of Charissa English); Tonya Taylor (sister-in-law of Carrie Royal)

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

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

Deacons for January 2024: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly
Deacons for February 2024: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough

Ushers Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers Jan. 21: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and
Lee Turlington

Kids’ Church today: Erin Turlington
Kids’ Church Jan. 21: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Jan. 21: Cherry DeVane

† The congregation is invited to stand.

TODAY, January 14th


- 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)

WEDNESDAY, January 17th


- Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Roast Pork w/ Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans: 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)

JANUARY 2024

- 21 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)
- 24 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Menu: TBD: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
- Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)




Adam English, Cherry DeVane and the Wednesday night Mission Friends kids appreciate the new colorful cushion pillows for their classroom. Thanks to those that donated fabric and to Becky Thompson for sewing the pillow covers.



A huge thank you to each one of you who provided help Sunday taking down the wreaths, bows, tree, and Chrismons. Decorating our church for the Advent season is a huge job and taking down all the Advent decorations is another huge job, but oh how true the statement of "many hands make light work"!

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing to stay after the service to help accomplish the task which I might add, we finished in less than an hour! Again, thank you for your willingness to serve!

~ Lisa Spainhour



Missions Mailbox

The Mission Kids would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Missions Mailbox**. With your help, we collected \$740.25, which will go to World Vision.


With this money the children chose to purchase 7 fruit trees, a water purifier, a goat, 4 chickens, bed nets for 5 families, a share of dairy animals, life-saving healthcare and made a contribution to the Clean Water Fund.

We also gave \$100 for school supplies which will be multiplied to a total value of \$1,600 thanks to corporate donations to World Vision.

We appreciate your generosity!

~ MBC Mission Kids

*** Please check the table in the narthex to see if you have Christmas cards left.*



Kids’ Church resumes today for children **ages 3 through 3rd grade**.

Worship packets with activities to aid children with their worship experience are available in the narthex/foyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** February 10, 2024
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons** Needed for January - - **Applesauce**
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.’

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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