

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

These hands are shaped like God's, and so
Let them be careful what they do:
Let them be quick to lift the weak,
Let them be kind as they are strong,
Let them defend the silent meek
Against the many-languaged wrong.

These hands are shaped like God's. Take care
They catch the sparrow hurled through air:
Lest God look down from heaven and see
What things are wrought beneath the sun
By us, God's images, and be
Ashamed of what his hands have done.

~ "Warning," Sara Henderson Hay (1906-1987), award-winning American poet;
born in Anniston, Alabama, lived in New York City, died in Pittsburgh.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *The Solid Rock* Tom Birchwood
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,
Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ
and proclaim boldly to all people the Good News of his salvation,
that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of your marvelous works,
and that together we may rejoice in your generosity and mercy without measure;
this we pray in the name of your Son and in the spirit of his great love, **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED
(see insert)

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 62: 5-8, 11-12, 1-2 Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

For God alone my soul rests in silence, from whom is my hope.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge, is God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken, and twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God, and that love and mercy belong to you, O Lord;

For you repay to all people according to their work.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, from whom comes my salvation.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE I Corinthians 7: 29-31 Brittany Montgomery,
Ministry Intern

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on,
let even those who have wives or husbands be as though they had none;
and those who mourn as though they were not mourning,
and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing,

and those who buy as though they had no possessions,
and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it.
For the present form of this world is passing away.

† SONGS OF TESTIMONY

Standing in the Need of Prayer traditional
Charissa English, leader

Refrain It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.
(*Refrain*)

Not my father, not my mother . . . (*Refrain*)

Not the preacher, not the deacon . . . (*Refrain*)

Change My Heart Oh God Esoinosa

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

* Following the Songs of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet
Ms. Lisa Lanier 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 Jonah 3: 1-10 and 4: 1 Mr. Beddingfield

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did,
how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind
about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them,
and God did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah,
and he became angry.

SERMON *Off the Hook* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Shine On Us* Smith/Greer

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face, shine on us.
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face, shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand, fall on us.
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand, fall on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love, love with no end, come over us .
Lord, let Your love, love with no end, come over us .
That we may be saved, that we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your love come over us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Ms. Montgomery

**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.**

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY Mr. Beddingfield
Peace in My Soul Tom Birchwood

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH CWM RHONDDA
For the Healing of the Nations
(see insert)
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Fanfare of THE SOLID ROCK* arr. Frank Breazeale

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: Glenn Gregory (*friend of Cornbread West*); Melissa Kelly (*sister of Trinity Kelly*); Joyce Harrelson (*mother of Tammy Scarborough*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Angie Ward (*grand-mother 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 and Rehab with covid; Bill Swan (*great-uncle of Heather Giunta*); Madilyn and 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: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and
Lee Turlington

Ushers Jan. 28: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church today: Lisa Lanier

Nursery today: Cherry DeVane

Kids' Church Jan. 28: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Jan. 28: (*need volunteer*)

† The congregation is invited to stand.

TODAY, January 21st

- 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 24th

- 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)
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JANUARY 2024

- 28 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:** following worship service (Library)

- 31 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)
- Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FEBRUARY 2024

- 3 RISE AGAINST HUNGER Event:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
(see insert for more information)
- 4 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**
- 7 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)
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 **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

 Kids' Church is 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**

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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
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian