

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The best preacher is the heart,  
say the Jews of faith.  
The best teacher is time.  
The best book is the world.  
The best friend is God.

~ Carl Sandburg (1878-1967)

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Gilbert M. Martin  
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING and † INVOCATION Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*  
*Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,*  
*Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Almighty and everlasting God:  
By your authority you govern all things in heaven and on earth;  
by your mercy you hear the prayers of faltering and penitent people;  
and by your grace you offer hope both for this world and in the life to come.  
Guide us in your way, forgive us of our sins, and lead us to life abundant and everlasting,  
in Jesus' name we pray; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 27 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Meredith Lanier Craddock,  
*Associate Pastor*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*) Psalm 111 Mrs. Craddock

Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart;  
**In the company of the upright, in the congregation, I will praise the Lord.**  
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.  
**Full of honor and majesty is work of the Lord,  
whose righteousness endures forever.**  
The Lord is recognized and remembered by his wonderful deeds;  
**The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
The Lord provides food and sustenance for those who fear him;  
**The Lord is ever mindful of his covenant.**  
The Lord has shown his people the power of his works;  
**The Lord gives to them their promised heritage.**  
The works of the Lord are faithful and just, and all the words of the Lord are trustworthy;  
**They are established forever and ever, to be kept faithfully and carefully.**  
The Lord has sent redemption to his people, establishing his covenant forever;  
**Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.**  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
**All those who practice it gain a good understanding.**  
The praise of the Lord endures forever.  
**Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

## † SONGS OF TESTIMONY

Gracie Jonas, *leader*  
*Awesome God* Rich Mullins

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.

*Blessed Be Your Name* Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

(*Chorus*) Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name  
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, (*Chorus*)

You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

\* *Following the Songs of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Mrs. Meredith at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.*

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Mark 1: 21-28 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
They were astounded at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority,  
and not as the scribes.

SERMON *By Whose Authority?* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield  
**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  
*Just As I Am/Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* arr. Mike Sharp

## SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMNS OF SENDING FORTH  
602 *Jesus Was a Loving Teacher* STUTTGART  
557 *People Need the Lord* PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield  
Rise Against Hunger Emphasis Missions Committee

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Douglas E. Wagner

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Lorrie Pope, Mary Jane Marshbanks, Joe Turlington, Jac Whatley, Pat Stiller, Jerry Smith, Susan Cannady, Ofelia Rockholt, Catherine King, Frances Lloyd, Burgess Marshbanks, Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Jim Young (*father of Stacie Hogan*); 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*); 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

*In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.*

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

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Feb. 4:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

**Kids' Church today:** Meredith Craddock

**Nursery today:** Trinity Kelly

**Kids' Church Feb. 4:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery Feb. 4:** (*need volunteer*)

**TODAY, January 28<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)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)  
**Library Committee Meeting:** following worship service (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Baked Chicken, Creamed 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)

**SATURDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

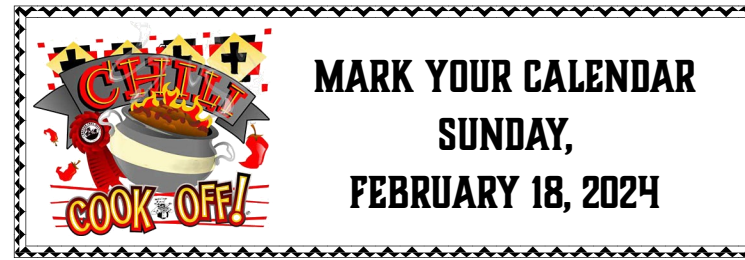
**FEBRUARY 2024**


**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 - Pancakes:** 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)

**10** **CLOTHES CLOSET:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)  
Anyone willing to help sort clothes before Saturday,  
please contact Ashley at the church office.

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 **Change of Address**  
Burgess and Mary Jane Marshbanks are staying with their daughter, Alice, in Raleigh while they are in physical therapy.  
You can send them a card or a letter to:  
5334 Collingswood Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 27609

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



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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