

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Communion Sunday*

February 4, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

How happy are those born and taught  
Who do not serve another's will;  
Whose armor is their honest thought,  
And simple truth their utmost skill!

Who have their lives from rumors freed,  
Whose conscience is their strong retreat;  
Whose pride can neither flatterers feed,  
Nor ruin make accusers great;

Whose passions not their masters are;  
Whose souls are still, prepared for death;  
Not tied unto the world with care  
Of public fame, or private breath;

Those who are freed from servile bands  
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;  
Lords of themselves, though not of lands,  
And, having nothing, yet have all.

~ "Character of a Happy Life" (ad.), by Sir Henry Wotton (1568-1639),  
English author, diplomat and member of the House of Commons.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Fantasy on WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES* Dan R. Edwards  
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 147: 1-6, 8-11 Mrs. Craddock

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to God;

**For the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up all their wounds.**

The Lord determines the number of the stars, and gives them all their names.

**The Lord covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth;**

The Lord makes grass to grow on the hills, and gives to all creatures their food.

**Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.**

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, and casts the wicked to the ground.

**The delight of the Lord is not in the strength of the horse;**

**nor is God's pleasure in the speed of the runner;**

**but instead in those who fear him, who hope in his steadfast love.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, and make melody to God with songs of praise.

**For the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. Praise the Lord!**

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE 20 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

## PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE I Corinthians 9: 16-23 Brittany Montgomery,  
I have become all things to all people, Ministry Intern  
so that I might by all means save some.

GOSPEL Mark 1: 29-39 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
[Jesus] answered, Let us go on to the neighboring towns,  
so that I may proclaim the message there also;  
for that is what I came out to do.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* Martin Smith  
Mariamarta Conrad, leader

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me.

And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands,

For I will always sing of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

SERMON *Shed the Baggage, Spread the Message* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *Jesus, Friend of Sinners* West/Hall  
Ms. Conrad, leader

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Cindy Berry  
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION  
Invitation to the Lord's Table Mr. Beddingfield  
Words of Institution I Corinthians 11: 23-25 Mrs. Craddock  
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Consecration and The Lord's Prayer (unison) Ms. Montgomery  
Distribution of the Supper Deacons  
Anthem *Lord, I Give My Heart to You* Joseph M. Martin

Lord, I give my heart to you, heal me, fill me, make me wholly thine.

Lord, I give my heart to you, reach me, teach me, with your love divine.

In the breaking of the bread, break my heart of stone,

In the pouring of the wine, pour into me your grace alone.

Lord, I give my heart to you. I surrender all, Lord, I give my heart to you.

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Lord, I give my heart to you, take me, make me, all I need to be.

Lord, I give my heart to you, mold me, show me, how to live for thee.

As we hold the sacred bread, we're held in your embrace.

As we raise the cup of life, we're raised upon your wings of grace.

The Bread John 6: 35 Mrs. Craddock  
Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life.  
Whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

The Cup John 6: 37 Mr. Beddingfield  
Jesus said, All that the Father give to me will come to me,  
and whoever comes to me I will in no wise cast out.

Call and Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 Mrs. Craddock  
For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.

## SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 269 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD  
stanza 1 - women  
stanza 2 - men

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Gilbert M. Martin  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Lorrie Pope, Mary Jane Marshbanks, Joe Turlington, Jac Whatley, 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:** Mark Quakenbush; Dale Coats, wife of Harnett County Sheriff Wayne Coats (*friend of Cornbread*); Jeanna Bullard (*granddaughter of Jeanne Barker*); Jim Young (*father of Stacie Hogan*); Glenn Gregory (*friend of Cornbread*); Melissa Kelly (*sister of Trinity Kelly*); Joyce Harrelson (*mother of Tammy Scarborough*); 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*); 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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Jerry Smith in his death on Tuesday, January 30th.

**Deacons for February 2024:** Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough  
**Deacons for March 2024:** Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson

**Ushers Today:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

**Ushers Feb. 11:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church today

Nursery today: Michele Phelps

Kids' Church Feb. 11: Erin Turlington

Nursery Feb. 11: Charlotte Riewestahl

† The congregation is invited to stand.

**TODAY, February 4<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)  
**\* No Kids' Church**  
**Properties Committee Meeting:** following service (Fellowship Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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)

**FRIDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Jerry Smith Wake:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**CLOTHES CLOSET:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)  
Any help is appreciated. See Chad and Sonya with questions.  
**Jerry Smith Funeral Service:** 1:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**FEBRUARY 2024**

- 11** **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
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**Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)
- 12** **Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.
- 14** **Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
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**CHILI COOK-OFF:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- 19** **Finance Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*Today's flowers are placed by the Jimmy Jung family, remembering Patty Jung on the occasion of her birthday, and honoring the Choir and Music Ministry of Memorial, and all to the Glory of God.*



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



Memorial has participated in this ministry for the past two years. The first year we filled 36 backpacks and last year we packed 45! Our goal is 50 this year. We would like to participate again this year.

For February, we would like to collect warm clothing which includes: **winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks.**

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as *'Backpacks.'*

**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

- **Clothes Closet:** February 10, 2024
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**  
Needed for February - - **Sliced Peaches**  
*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.'*
- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.*

*Check the bulletin board for community announcements.*

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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