

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

October 27, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Who You are I know not, but this much I do know:  
You have set the Pleiades in a silver row;  
You have sent the trackless winds loose upon their way;  
You have reared a colored wall between the night and day;  
You have made the flowers to bloom, and caused the stars to shine;  
And hid rare gems of richest ore deep in the tunneled mine.  
But chief of all Your wondrous works, most gracious on Your part,  
You have put an upward reach in the human heart.  
~ *Harry Kemp, American poet, 1883-1960 (ad.)*

## GATHERING

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

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

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

If anyone would be encouraged in Christ, or comforted in love;  
if any would participate in the Spirit, or show to each other compassion and sympathy;  
**Then let us have the same mind among ourselves that was in Christ Jesus:**

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not consider equality with God  
something to cling to, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself,  
and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him,  
and given him the name that is above every name:

**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 198 *At the Name of Jesus* WYE VALLEY (*abr.*)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL 1 Matthew 16: 13-26 Steve and Cherry DeVane  
Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,  
he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

† SONG OF TESTIMONY Brian Doerksen

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*  
Mariamarta Conrad, leader

(*Refrain*) Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God . . . Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still a great treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now. (*Refrain*)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength  
We gladly choose you now. (*Refrain*)

*\* Following the Song 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.*

GOSPEL 2 Matthew 24: 3-14 Mr. Beddingfield  
Many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah  
and they will lead many astray.

SERMON *Who Do You Say that I Am?* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Sixth in a series: "Divine Questions.")

## RESPONDING

† SONG FOR REFLECTION *You Say* Lauren Daigle  
Ms. Conrad

## SENDING

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  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Robert J. Hughes  
Mrs. McClain

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 337 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *A Celebration of Praise* arr. James Denton  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Isla Brown, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker, Jeanne Barker,  
Lorrie Pope, Betty Wallace

**Family and Friends:** Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry and Betty Wallace*); Mary  
McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Melody Mcgee (*director of Coats Senior Center and  
friend of Linda Lunney*); Lee Lanier (*father of Meredith Craddock*); Tom Patton (*neighbor  
of Ed Beddingfield*); International teachers and their families; 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 October 2024:** Steve DeVane and Tammy Scarborough  
**Deacons for November 2024:** Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Nov. 3:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki  
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**Kids' Church Today:** : Meredith Craddock  
**No Kids' Church Nov. 3**

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Nov. 3:** (*need volunteer*)

**TODAY, October 27<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. (Family Life Center)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)

**TUESDAY, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\* No Children's Choir**  
**TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND CHILI & BAKED POTATO SUPPER:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Funeral Service for Catherine King:** 2:00 p.m.  
(Butler Chapel - Campbell University)

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**  
**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
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**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Breakfast for Supper:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Mission Kids - Visit Campbell University Food Pantry:** 6:30 p.m.  
Mission Kids will deliver breakfast items to the Campus Pantry at CU.  
Please consider donating breakfast items, perishable or non-perishable (they have a fridge).  
For more info, or to donate items, see Cherry or Adam  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Bible Study - Serving Grace:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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**CLOTHES CLOSET:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)  
*Anyone willing to help sort clothes ahead of time, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Position as of 9/30/24**

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 9/30/2024	\$ 300,206
» Total expenditures	\$ (328,315)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (28,109)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	75%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 313,951
» Undesignated support received as of 9/30/24	\$ 257,685
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 7,650
» Budget support shortfall as of 9/30/24	\$ (48,616)

**Ways to Donate to MBC:**

- **Offering plates** during the Offertory portion of our service.
- Our website at [www.memorialbcnc.org](http://www.memorialbcnc.org) by clicking the *Donate* tab.
- Mailing a **check** payable to: *Memorial Baptist Church*  
P.O. Box 485  
Buies Creek, NC 27506
- Scanning the **QR Code** shown here on your mobile device.  
*(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)*



**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

- **Clothes Closet:** Next date: TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
*\*(Egg cartons are no longer needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for October -- **Canned Corn**  
*Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Food Pantry.'*
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers "nabs"**  
*Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Buddy Backpack.'*
- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys' belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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Other Staff: By Appointment



**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  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian