

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Observing the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

November 10, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses  
move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you art,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.

Have you not bid us love you, God and King!  
All, all your own: soul, heart and strength  
and mind;  
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek you, and O let me find!

~ George Croly (ad.), Irish poet, novelist, historian  
and Anglican priest, 1780-1860.

## GATHERING

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,* Mr. Beddingfield  
*Proper 25*

Almighty, everlasting and all-loving God:  
Increase in us, we pray, the gifts of faith, hope and love.  
Give us faith in what you have done, hope in what you have promised,  
and love for what you have willed and asked of us,  
that by loving you with our whole hearts, and following you with our whole lives,  
we may offer you true and praiseworthy service.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ, who loves us with an everlasting love. **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Mr. Beddingfield

Call to Prayer (*responsively*) Psalm 116: 1-2  
I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**Because the Lord inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on the Lord for as long as I live.**

Prayer of Confession Alice Thomas, Layperson

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Psalm 116: 3-7  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
**The pangs of the grave laid hold on me.**  
I suffered distress and anguish!  
**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**  
Gracious is the Lord, and good;  
**Our God is merciful.**  
The Lord protects the simple;  
**When we were brought low, the Lord saved us.**

The Lord has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears,  
and our feet from stumbling.

**Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE 252 *Gloria Patri* Greatorex  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL John 21: 15-19 Randall Johnson, Deacon  
Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

VOCAL TESTIMONY *King Of Love* I Am They  
Mariamarta Conrad, solo

SERMON *Do You Love Me?* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Eighth and last in a series: "Divine Questions.")

## RESPONDING

† RESPONSE OF LOVE 212 *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein  
I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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  
*Because He Lives* arr. John Purifoy  
Mrs. McClain

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Bread I John 4: 10  
In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us,  
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The Cup I John 4: 11  
Beloved, if God so loved us, so also  
we ought to love one another.

The Promise

I Corinthians 11: 26  
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 DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 473 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

PRESENTATION OF 2025 BUDGET Brandon Brown, Chair,  
*Budget and Finance Committee*  
*The budget will be discussed at regular business meeting  
this Wednesday night and voted on in worship on November 24.*

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *With Praises All Unite!* arr. Geoffrey Edwards  
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Jeanne Barker  
in memory of Bob Barker on their 74th wedding anniversary.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Clifford Smith (*uncle of Sonya Godwin*); Karon Mathews (*friend  
of Lorrie Pope*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry and Betty Wallace*); Mary McClain  
(*mother of Greg McClain*); Lee Lanier (*father of Meredith Craddock*); Tom Patton  
(*neighbor of Ed Beddingfield*); International teachers and their families

**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 Susan Morrow in the death of  
her stepmother, Joan Lipsitz, on Wednesday, November 6th.

*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.*

† The congregation is invited to stand.

**TODAY, November 10<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)  
**\* No Kids' Church Today**

**MONDAY, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**YOUTH COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Spaghetti and Salad:** 5:45 p.m.  
{Funds raised will go towards Youth Ministry}  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING / BUDGET PRESENTATION:**  
6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**17 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)

**20 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Thanksgiving Simple Supper - Ham Supper:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Thanksgiving Service:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**24 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)  
**Decorating for Advent:** immediately following worship service  
*All are welcome to stay and help get the church ready for the Advent season!*

**27 \* No Wednesday Night Activities**

**28 Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed for Holiday**

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**Deacons for November 2024:** Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal  
**Deacons for December 2024:** Charlotte Riewestahl and Olivia Scarborough

**Ushers Today:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers Nov. 17:** Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

**No Kids' Church Today**  
**Kids' Church Nov. 17:** (need volunteer)

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Nov. 17:** Liz Stone

**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.)*



**ADVENT DINNERS**  
Sunday, December 8th  
5:00 p.m.

Advent Dinners have always been a special way to enjoy fellowship with church family during the Advent season.

If you would like to host an Advent Dinner this year, please contact Olivia Scarborough at (910) 890-0913.

**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

- **Clothes Closet:** Next day TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
*\*(Egg cartons are no longer needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for November - - **Canned Fruit Cocktail**  
*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