

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### *Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 17, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The kingdoms of the Earth go by  
In purple and in gold;  
They rise, they triumph, and they die,  
And all their tale is told.

One Kingdom only is divine,  
One banner triumphs still;  
Its King a servant, and its sign  
A cross upon a hill.

~ *Godfrey Fox Bradby (ad.), English poet,  
novelist and literary critic, 1863-1947.*

## GATHERING

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* arr. Douglas Wagner  
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
*Ad. fr. The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), No. 721, "Christ the King."*

Almighty, and everlasting God:  
It is your will to reconcile and restore all things in your beloved Son,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords, whom you have appointed  
head of the church, firstborn of all things, and ruler of all creation.  
Mercifully grant that that we, the peoples of this earth,  
divided and enslaved and blinded by our own sin, may be set free and  
brought together under this gracious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ.  
May the worship we know here – the love we enjoy and the affection and respect  
we share, in spite of our differences – be for us a foretaste of glory divine,  
not only in the world to come, but also in this world, here and now.  
This we pray in the name and by the desire of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns forever and ever, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Mr. Beddingfield  
*Ad. fr. The Book of Services for Armed Forces (1974), p. 728.*

Now in the name of Jesus Christ may God grant to us pardon and peace,  
that we may be relieved of our guilt and serve God with quiet minds,  
and our fellow human beings with humility and joy. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

PSALTER (*responsively*) Psalm 146 Harriet Elizabeth Enzor, *Lay Reader*

Praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Put not your trust in princes, in human beings, in whom there is no help.  
Their breath departs, they return to the earth,  
and on that very day their plans perish.

**But happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord, their God –  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
and who is faithful forever.**

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed;

**The Lord gives food to the hungry;**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord watches over the foreigner;**

The Lord upholds the widow and the orphan;

**But the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever! - your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**Praise the Lord!**

EPISTLE Colossians 1: 15-20 Harriet Enzor, *Lay Reader*  
... So that [Christ] might come to have first place in everything.

† SONGS OF TESTIMONY Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*; Steve DeVane, *Piano*  
*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.

*He Is Exalted* Twila Paris

He is exalted the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

*\* Following the Songs of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may  
meet Mrs. Alice Thomas 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 Mark 13: 1-8 Mr. Beddingfield  
Then Jesus asked, "Do you see these great buildings?  
Not one stone will be left here upon another;  
all will be thrown down."

SERMON *Have It Your Way: You Rule!* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Jeffrey Honoré

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
all things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

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 Mr. Beddingfield  
and OFFERTORY James Southbridge  
*Breath of the Almighty*  
Mrs. McClain

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 587 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of our 1st wedding anniversary  
by Joe & Ofé Rockholt.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Family of Joan Lipsitz (*stepmother of Susan Morrow*); Ted Penny  
(*grandfather of Jeroen Stone*); John, Terry and Raina Barker (*son, daughter-in-law and  
great-granddaughter of Jeanne Barker*); 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 Sonya Godwin in the death of  
her uncle, Clifford Smith, on Thursday, November 7th.

*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 rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



**Campbell Eleanor Cummings**

born to Quentin and Sarah (Roberson) Cummings  
on November 11, 2024.

She weighed 5.6 lbs. and was 19" long.

John and Wendy Roberson are the proud grandparents!

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

**Ushers Today:** Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

**Ushers Nov. 24:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Kids' Church Today:** Alice Thomas

**Kids' Church Nov. 24:** (need volunteer)

**Nursery today:** Liz Stone

**Nursery Nov. 24:** Charlotte Riewestahl

**TODAY, November 17<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)

**WEDNESDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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)

**NOVEMBER 2024**

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**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**

**Financial Position as of 10/31/24**

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 10/31/2024	\$ 332,324
» Total expenditures	\$ (357,145)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (24,821)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	84%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 349,472
» Undesignated support received as of 10/31/24	\$ 286,479
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 10,150
» Budget support shortfall as of 10/31/24	\$ (52,843)

**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



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 today.

Check your email for a form to fill out for Advent Dinners.  
If you need help with this, contact Olivia.

**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 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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**MEMORIAL  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Reign of Christ Sunday*

*November 17, 2024*

*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