

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Sunday before Thanksgiving

November 24, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

We give you thanks, O Lord!
Not for the mighty, piling high the gold,
Not for a million trinkets, bought and sold,
Not for the arrogance of pomp and greed;
But for the working folk who plow the field,
Who build, or labor, day by day to yield
Their hard-won produce for our daily need:
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give you thanks, O Lord!
Not for the palaces that wealth has grown,
Where ease is worshipped, duty dimly known,
And pleasure dances on its flowery way;
But for the quiet homes where love's supreme,
And life is more than baubles, touched and seen,
And old folks bless, and little children play:
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

~ *Ad. fr. "Thanksgiving Day," Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930),
British poet, physician, and Poet Laureate from 1913-1930.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Joel Raney
Anne McClain, *organ*
Phillip Morrow, *piano*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, "For Fruitful Seasons"

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, and all that is in them:
During this season of Thanksgiving we humbly pray that your providence
may give and offer to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas,
and that you will bless and prosper all who labor to plant, and tend, and gather them;
so that we, who receive such good things from your hand, may give you thanks always.
May the worship we know here today spring forth from grateful hearts
and issue forth in acts of service and generosity,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who loved and served us generously,
even to the death. **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Mr. Beddingfield
*Based on "A Family Grace – Thanksgiving Dinner,"
in Katherine Marshall, ed., The Prayers of Peter Marshall,
McGraw-Hill, New York, 1949, pp. 84 and 190.*

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE Ephesians 5: 15-20 Meredith Lanier Craddock,
. . . Always and in everything giving thanks *Associate Pastor*
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

ANTHEM *Look at the World* John Rutter
Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel everyday.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above.

PSALTER (*responsively*) Psalm 136 Mrs. Craddock

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good: / **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

² O give thanks to the God of gods: / **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords: / **God's steadfast love endures forever;**

⁴ who alone does great wonders: / **God's steadfast love endures forever;**

⁵ who by wisdom made the heavens, / **God's steadfast love ...**

⁶ and spread out the earth upon the waters: / **God's steadfast love ...**

⁷ who also made the great lights, / **God's steadfast love ...**

⁸ the sun to rule over the day, / **God's steadfast love ...**

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night: / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁰ who struck Egypt through their firstborn, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹² with a strong hand and an outstretched arm: / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹³ who divided the Red Sea in two, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁴ and made Israel pass through the midst of it, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁵ but defeated Pharaoh and his army in the Sea: / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁶ who led the people through the wilderness, / **God's steadfast love ...**

and made water to flow from the rock: / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁷ who struck down great kings, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁸ and overthrew famous kings, / **God's steadfast love ...**

¹⁹ Sihon, king of the Amorites, / **God's steadfast love ...**

²⁰ and Og, king of Bashan, / **God's steadfast love ...**

²¹ and gave their land as a heritage, / **God's steadfast love ...**

²² a heritage to God's servant Israel: / **God's steadfast love ...**

²³ It is God who remembered us in our low estate, / **God's steadfast love ...**

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes: / **God's steadfast love ...**

²⁵ who gives food to all flesh: / **God's steadfast love ...**

²⁶ O give thanks to the God of heaven: / **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

† SONG OF TESTIMONY (*insert*) *Give Thanks* Henry Smith
Dayna Scarborough, *Leader*

** Following the Song of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may
meet Mrs. Lalia Turlington 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 Matthew 6: 25-33 Mr. Beddingfield
Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will
eat or what you will drink, or your body, what you will put on . . .
For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

† SERMON *Don't Worry. Give Thanks!* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

VOCAL WITNESS *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Martin/Gabriel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mrs. Craddock

**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
We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing Michael Thomas
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION and † HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 64 Mr. Beddingfield
God Will Take Care of You GOD CARES

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 MISSION AND MINISTRY PLAN
John Phelps, *Moderator*
Brandon Brown, *Finance Committee Chair*

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Flourish on COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME* Michael Ryan
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Family of Clifford Smith (*uncle of Sonya Godwin*); Rosa
Paquette (*friend of Susan Johnson*); 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 Jeroen Stone in the death of his
grandfather, Ted Penny, on Sunday, November 17th. Mr. Penny is also the cousin
of Cathy McLamb and Donna Penny.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Lloyd Hedgepeth in the
death of his brother, Elbert Hedgepeth, Jr., on Saturday, November 2nd.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Ushers Today: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers Dec. 1: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Lalia Turlington
No Kids' Church Dec. 1

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Dec. 1: (need volunteer)

TODAY, November 24th

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!

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

** No Wednesday Night Activities*

THURSDAY, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed for Holiday

FRIDAY, November 29th

Church Office Closed for Holiday

DECEMBER 2024

1 First Sunday of Advent
Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
** No Kids' Church Today*



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

An online form has been made for families to complete if planning to attend an Advent Dinner.

To find the form, click the link in your email or scan the QR code above. If you need help with this, see Olivia Scarborough today.



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 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.)



KEITH HILLS TURKEY TROT

WHEN: NOVEMBER 28TH
 TIME: 8:30 AM
 WHERE: KEITH HILLS PRO SHOP

Contact Olivia Scarborough with questions.

Instead of an entry fee, we request non-perishable food items for our local food bank or monetary donations to the Harnett Food Pantry. Thanksgiving costumes are encouraged. Strollers and pups are welcome.

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 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