

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love;  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate,  
That God at first did Man create;  
The next thing which to you I tell,  
Woman was made with Man to dwell.

Then after this 'twas God's own choice  
To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain from evil free –  
Except they ate of such a tree.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
For so a promise soon did run:  
God would redeem us with a Son.

And at this season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach,  
And many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

God grant to all within this place  
True saving faith – that special grace,  
Which to God's people doth belong –  
And thus I close my Christmas song.

~ "The Truth Sent from Above,"  
English trad. carol also known as *The Shropshire Carol* or *The Herefordshire Carol*, selected stanzas. Collected in Cecil J. Sharp, *English Folk-Carols* (London: Novello & Co., Ltd., 1911), pp.46-47.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Diane Bish  
Anne McClain, organist

† OPENING SENTENCE Isaiah 9: 2, 6 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the  
light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name  
shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

† INVOCATION and WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

CONFESSION OF SIN and Mr. Beddingfield and  
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (antiphonally) Mrs. Craddock, with Congregation  
Psalm 25: 1-9 and Isaiah 40: 28, 31

**Leader:** Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame, O Lord.

**People:** For you are the God of our salvation, and for you we wait all the day long.

## WAITING

Of the Father's Love  
*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*  
Words by Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th c.,  
Tr. John M. Neale & Henry W. Baker  
Music by Joel Raney

FIRST SUNDAY: *Wonderful Counselor* Scarborough families

† The congregation is invited to stand.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (please sing with choir as directed)

### Of the Father's Love

Congregational part:



em - man - u - el, em - man - u - el,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more, em - man - u - el.

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LITANY (responsively)

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in Scripture.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend  
what has been broken.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor**

CANDLE LIGHTING

ADVENT PRAYER

\* Following the Advent Prayer, 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.

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Mr. Beddingfield

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will  
fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time  
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
"The Lord is our righteousness."

SERMON *That'll Be the Day!* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Call to Advent* J. Jerome Williams

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  
*The King Shall Come* Edward Broughton  
Mrs. McClain

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING *My Lord, What a Morning* BURLEIGH

All: My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

Choir: You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Men: You'll hear the sinner moan, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Women: You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Edward Broughton  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Family of Ted Penny (*grandfather of Jeroen Stone*); Family of  
Elbert Hedgepeth, Jr. (*brother of Lloyd Hedgepeth*); 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 Elva Scarborough in the death of  
her brother, Don Bennett, on Monday, November 18th.

**Deacons for December 2024:** Charlotte Riewestahl and Olivia Scarborough  
**Deacons for January 2025:** Lisa Lanier and Tom Spainhour

**Ushers Today:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong  
**Ushers Dec. 8:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church Dec. 8:** (need volunteer)

**Nursery today:** (need volunteer)  
**Nursery Dec. 8:** (need volunteer)

TODAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**First Sunday of Advent**

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)

Chancel Choir Lunch and Cantata Rehearsal: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Breakfast for Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chrismon Tree Decorating: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

*Everyone is invited to attend!*

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 2024

8 **Second Sunday of Advent**

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)

Advent Dinners: 5:00 p.m. (Questions? See Olivia Scarborough today.)

"Radio J-O-Y!" Children's Christmas Musical: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

11 **\* No Children's Choir**

YOUTH COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Pizza and Salad: 5:45 p.m.

{Funds raised will go towards Youth Ministry}

Gingerbread House Decorating: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*This event is for ALL ages! The church will provide the gingerbread house. Please bring any of your favorite decorating candy to share.*

*Some candy, snacks & icing will be provided.*

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

15 **Third Sunday of Advent**

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)

Chancel Choir Cantata - Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**\* No Kids' Church Today**

Buies Creek Christmas Parade: 4 p.m.

**Fireside at Memorial**

Sunday, December 22 at 7 p.m.

*Here's your chance to showcase your talents . . . playing an instrument, singing, dancing, juggling, etc.*

*To contribute your own unique talent, see Dr. Morrow.*



**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.)*

**Missions Mailbox**

MBC Mission Kids are hosting their annual **Missions Mailbox** beginning TODAY, December 1st through Sunday December 22nd.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to be able to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation. The mailbox is set up in the narthex.

The cost to "mail" a card is still only **25¢** each.

All the money raised will go to support a mission project.



**A SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS**

A Musical celebrating Christmas at Campbell

Monday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 3  
7:00 p.m.

Ellis Theatre, Fine Arts Building

For FREE tickets, call 910-893-1495 or email [chodgins@campbell.edu](mailto:chodgins@campbell.edu).



**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 December - - **Peanut Butter**  
*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**

*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1, 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