

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
And the ways and wisdom of woman and of man  
You were here before the world began.

~ Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche,  
"Above All" (ad), Integrity Music, 2000.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Robert MacDonald  
Susan Simpson, *guest organist*

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Ad. fr. Revelation 1: 4a, 8, 17b-18, and 5b-6

Grace to you and peace from the One who was and is and is to come, who says,  
"Do not be afraid: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,  
the first and the last and the Living One. I was dead, and look!

I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and hell."

**Therefore to him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood,  
making us to be a fellowship of priests serving his God and Father,  
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 36 *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Ephesians 1: 3a, 4, 7, 10 Mr. Beddingfield  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in love chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,  
that we might be holy and blameless before him.  
Therefore in Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches  
of his grace that he lavished upon us, as a plan for the  
fulness of time to gather up all things in him,  
both things in heaven and things on earth.

### PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*  
Colossians 1: 3, 9b-20

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will,  
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;

**that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God;**

that you may bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God;

**that you may be strengthened by God's glorious power,  
and prepared to endure everything with patience;**

and that in all things you may give thanks joyfully to God the Father,  
who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of all the saints in light.

**For God has rescued us from the power of darkness  
and has transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things were created, in heaven or on earth,  
visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers.

**All things have been created through him and for him;  
he himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

He is the head of his body, the church;  
and he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in all things he might be preeminent.

**In him the very fulness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to God all things,  
on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,  
in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God.

**Therefore let us continue in the faith, firmly established and steadfast,  
without abandoning the hope promised by the gospel that we heard,  
which is now being proclaimed to every creature under heaven.**

GOSPEL I John 1: 1-5, 10-14, 16-18 Mariamarta Conrad  
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word and Quino Mills  
was with God, and the Word was God.

TESTIMONY IN SONG (*insert*) Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood  
*What a Beautiful Name It Is*  
Ms. Conrad, *Leader*

\* *Following the Testimony In Song, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet  
Mrs. Lisa Lanier 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 II Luke 2: 21 Mr. Beddingfield  
After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child;  
and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel  
before he was conceived in the womb.

SERMON *From Start to Finish* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

ANTHEM *I Will Give Jubilant Thanks* Michael Barrett

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will be glad in the things He has done.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord, to God the ever glorious One.

All glory and honor belong to Him, I will rejoice and rejoice again.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant thanks.

For the beauty of the earth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

For the glory of the skies, I will bring Him all my praise.

For the joy which from our birth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

Over and around us lies. Christ our God to Thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful, jubilant praise.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord most high.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. Rejoice and lift my voice to the sky.

For God is the giver of all good things, I will rejoice, let His praises ring.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant praise.

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  
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. Robert MacDonald  
Mrs. Simpson

### SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 251 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
stanza 1: choir  
stanzas 2 and 3: all

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield  
Missions Committee: Puerto Rico Adam English

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Go Out With Joy!* Mary McDonald  
Mrs. Simpson

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Family of Debra Harvey (*sister of Darla Reed*); Paul Stiller (*father of Susan Morrow*); Tony Means (*friend of Jeff & Lorrie Pope*); Nate Lars (*step-father of Charissa English*); Shannon Farr & Melanie Anderson (*nieces of Darla Reed*); Jeff Claus (*friend of Ofe Rockholt*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers & 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 Harriet Enzor in the death of her sister, Linda Enzor-Manson, on Sunday, January 12th.

**Deacons for January 2025:** Lisa Lanier and Tom Spainhour  
**Deacons for February 2025:** Dayna Scarborough and Joe Turlington

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

**Ushers Jan. 26:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Kids' Church Today:** Lisa Lanier  
**Kids' Church Jan. 26:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Jan. 26:** (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, January 19<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, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Classroom)
- Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JANUARY 2025

- 26 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)  
 Mission Trip Informational Meeting: 2:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

- 29 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
 MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Soup and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
 Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Classroom)  
 Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
 Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Sunday,  
February 16, 2025  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Other Staff: By Appointment

**Ways to Donate to MBC:**

- **Offering plates** during the Offertory portion of our service.
  - Mailing a **check** payable to: *Memorial Baptist Church*  
P.O. Box 485  
Buies Creek, NC 27506
  - \*Our website at [www.memorialbcnc.org](http://www.memorialbcnc.org) by clicking the **Donate** tab.
  - \*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.)*



**MBC Puerto Rico "Music Camp" Mission Trip**  
**June 14-21, 2025**


All ages and abilities welcome! It's a music themed trip, but there will be plenty of ways for everyone, musical or nonmusical, to serve.



**Next informational meeting:**  
 Sunday, January 26  
 2:00-3:00, Fellowship Hall

**Commitment Deadline: Sunday, February 2**

Please see Ashley, Adam, or Anne, or come to the informational meeting, for a Commitment Form.



For January and February, we are collecting warm clothing which includes:  
**winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks.**

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as *'Backpacks.'*

**Missions Mailbox**



The Mission Kids would like to thank you for supporting our **Mission Mailbox** in December. With your help, we collected \$839.75! The children used your gifts and were able to purchase the following items from World Vision:

2 goats, 6 chickens, 11 ducks, 2 rabbits, 4 Bibles, 3 fruit trees, bed nets for 2 families, water access for 1 person, and \$100 worth of new clothing (that is matched by a sponsor 8 times, to become worth \$800 of clothing)!

We could not have done this without you!  
 Love, MBC Mission Kids

**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 January - - **Sliced Pineapple**  
*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.*



# 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