

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, he is bread;
If any be enslaved, he is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is he!
To those dead he is life, and the sick, health;
To the blind, sight, and to the needy, wealth;
A pleasure without cost, a treasure without stealth.

~ "Christ's Victorie and Triumph," Baroque poem (ad.) by
English clergyman Giles Fletcher the Younger, 1610.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Robert J. Hughes
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Psalm 24: 1-4, 10, 12 Associate Pastor

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the Living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest,
where she can lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

O Lord of hosts, happy are all those who trust in you.

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ELLACOMBE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

* *Following the Confession and Assurance, 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 Exodus 13: 1-2 Linda Lunney, *Reader*
Dedication of the firstborn.

Leviticus 12: 1-8
Purification of the mother.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 22-40 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Presentation of the Lord.

SERMON *The Truth Sometimes Hurts* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *Simeon's Song* Tommy Walker
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

Solo The day has come, my eyes have seen
your salvation laid before me
Which you've prepared, for all to see
Your light, Your glory here to set us free

Pre-chorus **Just as you promised, just like the prophets said
The hope of the world is here.**

Chorus **Jesus, Jesus, the wait is done
our King has come to us,
Jesus, Jesus, we can now give our praise to him
the promised One has come, has come.**

Solo As we behold, this One foretold
we see the face of God before us
Let us wait no more, to bow and to adore
our Lord, our God, our King forever

Pre-chorus
Chorus

**Hallelujah, hallelujah the promised one is here
Our savior now has come.**

Chorus

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
I Must Tell Jesus arr. Heather Sorenson
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 120 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* KINGSFOLD

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Ye Servants of God* Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Rex Pope, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Family of Andy Byrd (*former teacher at Coats Erwin Middle School*); Family of Linda Enzor-Manson (*sister of Harriet Enzor*); 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*); 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

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.

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

Ushers Today: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers Feb. 2: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Kids' Church Feb. 2: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Feb. 2: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, January 26th

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)

WEDNESDAY, January 29th

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)
***CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FEBRUARY 2025

2 **Commitment Deadline for Mission Trip**

Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
*** No Kids' Church**

5 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Roast Pork & Vegetables: 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)
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10 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.



MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

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

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Craddock.

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 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:
TODAY, 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.'*

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"**
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- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys' belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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



*Model reconstruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. According to Luke, Jesus' family came to the temple when the child was six weeks old for his dedication and his mother's purification (see insert).
(istock photo by Jerry Uomala.)*

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