

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Mother's Day*

May 11, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

So if sometimes you have trouble hearing the voice of your shepherd, be patient with yourself – because some days it sounds like a whistle and some days like a cluck; some days it sounds like a love song and some days like a warning. It is not a voice that always speaks in words, much less complete sentences, but it can usually be heard somewhere between your getting up and your lying down each day, leading you beside still waters and restoring your soul.

~ *Barbara Brown Taylor, "The Voice of the Shepherd," The Preaching Life, Cowley Pub., Boston, 1993, p. 145.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* David Cherwien  
Anne McClain, *Organist*

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Isaiah 40: 9, 11

Get you up to a high mountain, you who brings good news to Zion!  
Lift up your voice with strength, you who bears good tidings to Jerusalem!  
Shout it out, do not be afraid; say to God's people, "Here is your God!"

**The Lord shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them close to his heart, and gently lead those who are with young.**

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter* Mr. Beddingfield

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people:  
As we gather in worship, grant that when we hear his voice we may know him,  
that when he calls us by name we may answer him,  
and that where he leads we will follow;  
for he is the one who feeds us with the words of eternal life,  
and gathers us in his arms, and keeps us close to his heart,  
now and forevermore; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 360 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS Dr. Adam English

## PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*in unison*) Psalm 23 Carrie Royal, *Deacon*, and Amos

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

ANTHEM *The Lord Will Be My Shepherd* Price/Besig

The Lord will be my shepherd, He knows my every need.  
He renews my faith each morning with the promise of His peace.  
As I rest in a quiet meadow, or beside a clear blue stream,  
the Lord will be my shepherd, I will follow where He leads.

Though the shadows of darkness surround me, I will never be afraid,  
for I know the Lord will protect me from the dangers I must face.  
When there's anger or trouble around me, and I want to run and hide,  
I will find Him near, to calm my fear always at my side.

The Lord will be my shepherd wherever I may go.  
He will fill me with His kindness, He will strengthen me with hope.  
When my day at last is over, He will come and take me home.  
The Lord will be my shepherd, I will never be alone.

GOSPEL John 10: 1-5, 11-16, 22-30 Mr. Beddingfield  
My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me.

SERMON *A Familiar Voice* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *The Lamb Has Overcome* Luke Morton  
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome  
The battle's done and the victory is won  
The Lamb has overcome.

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down  
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound  
No grave could hold him down.

*Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name.*

The table now is spread, the table now is spread  
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed  
The table now is spread. *Chorus (twice)*

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome  
The battle's done and the victory is won  
The Lamb has overcome  
The Lamb has overcome  
The Lamb has overcome!

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 *He Shall Feed His Flock* George Frederic Handel  
(from *Messiah*) arr. Lyndell Leatherman  
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield  
*Gluten-free elements are located in the center of each tray.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Consecration of the Supper  
I Corinthians 11: 23-25  
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Dedication

Song for Meditation *Goodness of God* Fielding/Johnson/Cash/  
Ms. Conrad, *Soloist* Ingram/Johnson

The Bread Luke 15: 3-4  
Which of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,  
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and  
go after the one that is lost until it is found?

The Cup Isaiah 53: 4-6  
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one  
to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.

## SENDING

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield  
and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 61 BRADBURY  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

NOMINATION OF DEACONS Trinity Kelly, *Chair of the Diaconate*

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Patricia Lou Harris  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Burgess Marshbanks, David Steegar, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Tricia Carr, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace

**Family and Friends:** John Barker (*son of Jeanne Barker*); Brayden Naquin (*student at Dunn Middle*); Lee & Margaret Lanier (*parents of Meredith Craddock*); Charles Davis (*brother of Debbie Appel*); Nathanne Sarita (*student at Coats Erwin Middle*); Teresa Roberts; Rob Gilchrist; Debbie Johnson (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers & families

**Aldersgate Senior Living Center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

**Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC):** Pat Stiller

TODAY, May 11<sup>th</sup> - *Happy Mother's Day*

**DEACON NOMINATION DAY**

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)  
*\* No Kids' Church Today*

MONDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
Simple Supper - Breakfast for Dinner: 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)

**MAY 2025**

18 **DEACON ELECTION DAY**

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)

21 Last Regular Wednesday Night Activities (until Fall 2025)

End of Year Celebration — Activities and Times TBD

25 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)

26 *Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday*

**JUNE 2025**

1 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)  
*\* No Kids' Church*

**Deacons for May 2025:** Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal  
**Deacons for June 2025:** Lisa Lanier and Charlotte Riewestahl

**Ushers Today:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers May 18:** Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

*No Kids' Church Today*  
*Kids' Church May 18:* Carrie Royal

*Nursery today:* Michele Phelps  
*Nursery May 18:* (need volunteer)

**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.)*



For May, we are collecting:  
**Brushes and Deodorant**  
*(for both men & women)*

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:** Date TBA
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
*\*(Egg cartons are not needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for May -- **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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Other Staff: By Appointment



**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