

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

It's the sixth century BCE, the capital city of Jerusalem has fallen, and the people have been forced into exile in Babylon. What does this mean for the people of Israel? What are they to do in this new, foreign place? Jeremiah exhorts the people to get busy living, right where they are. We receive what life offers us, even if we never would have chosen it, and build on it in some hopeful way. It requires openness to the circumstances at hand, wretched though they may be, leavened by an almost reckless nerve.

~ Maryann McKibben Dana, Presbyterian minister and author,
"In the Lectionary," *The Christian Century*, 142/10, Oct. 2025, p. 25.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Collect for the Sunday closest to October 12

Dear Lord, as we gather in worship we pray that your grace may always precede, and accompany, and follow us, so that we may be humble in success, hopeful in disappointment, and faithful in all circumstances; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

ANTHEM *In Jesus' Name We Pray* Jay Althouse

To you, O Lord, our thanks we give. You died for us, that we may live.
In Jesus' name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus' name we pray.
You are the rock, our life and light, our strength by day, our trust by night.
In Jesus' name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus' name we pray.
And, help us, O Lord, that we may see your light and your love that sets us free.
Lord, make us loving, make us whole. Be with us always in our soul.
O Lord, we ask that we may find your loving grace in heart and mind.
In Jesus' name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus' name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsively*) Psalm 66: 1-12, 16-17, 19-20 Mrs. Craddock
At the word "Selah" in the margin, pause for a moment of reflection at the words that have just been read.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.
Say to God, How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cower before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name. *Selah.*

Come and see what God has done, whose deeds among us are awesome.
God turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

Therefore we rejoiced in God, who rules in might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations,
so that the rebellious might not exalt themselves. *Selah.*

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard –
Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
You caught us in your net; you laid burdens on our backs;
You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water.
Yet you have brought us out to a safe and full place. *Selah.*

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
I cried aloud to God; I praised God with my tongue.
Truly God has listened, and has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE II Timothy 2: 8-13, 15 Randall Johnson, *Deacon*
Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:
that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of
being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

† WITNESS IN SONG *Trading My Sorrows* Darrell Evans
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen.

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed. I'm blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure and His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

* *Following the Witness In Song, children from age 4 through 2nd grade may meet Mrs. Charlotte Riewestahl at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.*

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Mrs. Craddock
But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you
into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf,
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SERMON *Yes-And* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE *Go Make A Difference* Angrisano/Tomaszek
Ms. Conrad
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

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 Mr. Beddingfield
and OFFERTORY *Lord of the Wind and the Sea* Lloyd Larson
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield
† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 568 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *With Praises All Unite!* arr. Geoffrey Edwards
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Duwayne Grimm, Sean Cunningham, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Hilary Morrow, Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*), Theresa Batten, Jeanne Barker, Michael Cogdill, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Brigid Edwards (*friend of Donna Penny*); Michelle Brugger (*niece of Lalia Turlington*); Johnny Rowe (*brother-in-law of Joyce Sills*); Mike Hodgin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); Shane & Stephanie Pattillo (*parents of Skyler Pattillo*); Tammy McNeil (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers & families

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

Deacons for October 2025: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson
Deacons for November 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough

Ushers Today: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers Oct. 19: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Kids' Church Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Kids' Church Oct. 19: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Carrie Royal
Nursery Oct. 19: Charlotte Riewestahl

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, October 12th

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)
Memorial In Action Committee Meeting: following worship

MONDAY, October 13th

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

WEDNESDAY, October 15th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Churchwide Mission Project: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Appalachian Christmas Backpacks Assembly night
All ages are welcome to participate!
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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19 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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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)

22 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nachos with Chicken: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

26 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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28 Phi Delta Chi Taco Dinner Fundraiser: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

29 * No Children's Choir
TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND HOT DOG SUPPER: 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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.



Wednesday, October 29
5:45 p.m.

Trunk or Treat



*We need volunteers to decorate trunks.
Please contact Meredith [today!!](mailto:meredith@memorialbcnc.org)*



Pack the Packs Time!

We will be packing the bags for the Appalachian Backpack ministry this Wednesday, October 15.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the CBF Global Missions Offering! We raised a total of \$847.02!

The Memorial in Action Committee would like to thank the offering counters for the multiple hours counting close to \$200 in change.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
Needed for October -- **Canned Fruit** (any kind)
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

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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