

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Not in the pride of temples made with stone
God's pleasure lies, but in the piety
Of consecrated hearts and lives devout.

~ From *"The End of Being,"* by Seneca, Roman philosopher
and dramatist (8 BC – AD 65); tr. by H. C. Leonard.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *The Solid Rock* arr. Robert Hughes
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,

God of grace and glory, God of power and might, God of mercy and love:
You have built us, your Church, upon the foundation of the apostles and
the prophets, with Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;
grant us then to be so joined together by their teachings, that we may be
a temple holy and acceptable to you.

You are the protector and preserver of all who trust in you;
grant that by your mercy we may pass through this world of temporal things,
without losing sight of or hope for those things which are eternal.
This we pray in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 521 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* PROMISED LAND

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Psalm 27: 1, 3-6, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

Though war rise up against me, yet will I be confident.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek after:

**To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

The Lord will hide me and shelter me in the day of trouble;

**The Lord will conceal me as under the cover of a tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in the Lord's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy,
singing and making melody to the Lord.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord! Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Charlotte Riewestahl, Deacon, with Conrad and Garrett
Luke 21: 5-13a, 16-19, 25-28
Jesus said, The days will come when not one stone
will be left upon another; all will be thrown down . . .
Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and
raise your heads; your redemption is drawing nigh.

EPISTLE Romans 11: 14-13 Mr. Beddingfield
Salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first believed.

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Marianne Forman

** Following the Anthem, children from age 4 through 2nd 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.*

SERMON *Don't Worry, I Got You.* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† WITNESS IN SONG *Cornerstone* based on THE SOLID ROCK
Spencer Powell Phillips, Leader

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I still in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus twice.

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 *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Faye López
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH *I Want to Be Ready* traditional spiritual

Refrain I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Leader: O John, O John, what did you say?
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!**
Leader: That you'd be there on judgment day!
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!** *Refrain*

Leader: John said the city was just foursquare.
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!**
Leader: And he declared he'd meet me there.
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!** *Refrain*

Leader: Now sinners, mind how you step on the cross.
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!**
Leader: Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.
People: **Walk in Jerusalem just like John!** *Refrain*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield
2026 Budget Announcement Jeroen Stone, Chair, Finance Committee

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

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

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Hilary Morrow, Pam Jonas, Susan Cannady, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty
Wallace, Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*), Jeanne Barker,
Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Rob Satzger (*son-in-law of Julie Byrd*); Emily Caldwell (*niece of
Theresa Batten*); Henry Seem (*friend of Ofe Rockholt*); David Vess; International
teachers & families

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 November 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough
Deacons for December 2025: Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee
Turlington

Ushers Nov. 23: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
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Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Nov. 23: Carrie Royal

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Hannah Skye Spainhour

born to Matt & Kelley Spainhour
on November 6, 2025.

She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Tom & Lisa Spainhour are the proud grandparents.

Hannah's siblings Nolan, Luke & Bethany are elated as well as Uncle Nate!

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Scotlyn Ray Scarborough

born to Olivia and Becca Scarborough
on November 7, 2025.

She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Scotty and Tammy Scarborough and Phil and Tricia Scarboro
are the proud grandparents.

TODAY, November 16th

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)

TUESDAY, November 18th

Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, November 19th

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

BUDDY BACKPACK FUNDRAISER DINNER - Soup and Sandwich: 5:45 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

Elementary and Middle School Students: 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Class)

Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING / BUDGET PRESENTATION: 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

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

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Decorating for Advent: immediately following worship service
*All are welcome to stay and help get the church ready for the
Advent season!*

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.



CHURCH LIBRARY MINISTRY

Sharing stories...sharing God's love

Our church volunteers have been sharing stores and smiles with preschoolers at Stokes Child Care — a rewarding outreach that continues to bless both the children and our volunteers.

Be reminded the church library is open to all members for checking out books! You may do so by signing the register book by the door, and check off once returned.

We are deeply grateful for the generous donations of gently used and new books we've received throughout the year. To keep our shelves fresh and filled with a variety of books for preschoolers through middle school age readers, we encourage you to continue donating.

For more information, please see Donna Penny or Lalia Turlington.



Stones left over after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70. Photo credit: Yehoshua Halevi/Dreamstime.

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.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
Needed for November - - **Canned Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese and Peanut Butter**
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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Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music
Anne McClain, Organist
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian