

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Last Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reign of Christ Sunday  
The Sunday Before Thanksgiving*

November 23, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Poor soul! God's goodness hath been great to thee:  
Let never day nor night unhallow'd pass,  
But still remember what the Lord hath done.

~ William Shakespeare (1564-1616),  
*King Henry VI, Part II, Act II, sc. 1 (Henry speaking).*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE AND INTROIT *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Joel Raney  
Anne McClain, organ  
Phillip Morrow, piano

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 39 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

## GIVING THANKS

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING (responsively) Psalm 136 Mrs. Craddock  
Congregational response: **Whose mercy endures forever.**

“THE BIG THANKS”  
*Persons with food bags for the DUMA food pantry in Dunn  
may place them around the altar table at the front of the church.*

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Give Thanks* Henry Smith  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)  
Give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION David Johnson, DUMA Volunteer

† Worshippers are invited to stand.

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 23: 3-8 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

*\* Following the Old Testament, 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 *Giving Thanks Requires the Long View* Mr. Beddingfield

MUSICAL WITNESS *Gratitude* Lake/Bowe/Hastings  
Mariamarta Conrad, vocalist

All my words fall short; I got nothing new.  
How could I express all my gratitude?  
I could sing these songs, as I often do,  
but every song must end and You never do.

*So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again,  
'cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
except for a heart singing, "Hallelujah, hallelujah."*

I've got one response, I've got just one move:  
with my arms stretched wide I will worship You.

Come on, my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me.  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.  
Get up and praise the Lord.

## RESPONDING

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Mr. Beddingfield  
Mrs. McClain arr. David Lasky  
David Johnson, trumpet

## SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 587 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

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

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. David Lasky  
Mrs. McClain  
Dr. Johnson

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Harriet Whiteman; Roberta Blackwell (sister of Anne McClain); 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:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Nov. 30:** Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church Nov. 30:** No Kids' Church During Advent

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Nov. 30:** Michele Phelps

**TODAY, November 23<sup>rd</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)

**Decorating for Advent:** immediately following worship service

**Illuminare - by Elaine Hagenberg:** 4:00 p.m. (Butler Chapel)

A beautiful 32-minute choral work based on texts by early Christian writers/theologians (Ambrose, Hildegard von Bingen, Prudentius, Pope Gregory). Featuring the Campbell University Choral Society and Anastasia Bryant, collaborative pianist. **FREE ADMISSION!**

**WEDNESDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

\* No Wednesday Night Activities

**THURSDAY, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Thanksgiving** - Church Office Closed for Holiday

**FRIDAY, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Closed for Holiday

**NOVEMBER 2025**

**30 First Sunday of Advent**

- Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
- Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
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- Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
- Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
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**DECEMBER 2025**

- 3 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Breakfast:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Churchwide Chrismon Tree Activity:** 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**7 Second Sunday of Advent**

- 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 During Advent**

**Advent Dinner:** 5:30 p.m. (see back for more details)

**"Light of the World" Children's Christmas Musical:** 7:00 p.m.

**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.



The Floral Committee invites you to join them **TODAY** to decorate the church for the joyous Advent season.

**Missions Mailbox**

MBC Mission Kids are hosting their annual **Missions Mailbox** beginning next Sunday, November 30th through Sunday, December 21st.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to be able to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation. The mailbox will be set up in the narthex. The cost to "mail" a card is only **25¢** each. *All the money raised will go to support a mission project.*



**MBC Advent Dinner**

**Sunday, December 7**

5:30 p.m.

MBC Fellowship Hall



*To RSVP: scan the QR code or complete the Advent Dinner card on Narthex table & place in offering plate.*



**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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**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