

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

Something Old, Something New

A Journey through Advent and Epiphany based on the Gospel of Matthew and the Prophet Isaiah

November 30, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

We cannot appreciate Matthew's broad theological vision unless we make sense of the dark places in his worldview. As strange as it may seem, the rough spots in the story are rooted in God's justice and the joy of God's promised future. What sounds at first so ominous and threatening, even repulsive, turns out, counterintuitively, to be very good news indeed.

~ Thomas G. Long, "Matthew's Parables," in *Proclaiming the Parables: Preaching and Teaching the Kingdom of God*, Westminster John Knox, Louisville, 2024, p. 104.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary on VENI EMMANUEL
Anne McClain, organist

Jaebon Hwang

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

WAITING

† INVOCATION

Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer

Mr. Beddingfield

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and to announce the coming of your Son for the salvation of the world:

As we begin these weeks of waiting and watching,

give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and to repent of our sins,

that we may greet with joy and thanksgiving the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;

in his blessed name we pray, **Amen.**

† ADVENT CAROL 78

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS'

THE PROPHETS' CANDLE: *Hope*

Linda Lunney and Constance Ramey

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot from the stump of Jesse.

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Matthew 1: 1-17
The Genealogy of Jesus.

Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Sandra T. Ford

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary. As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

SERMON

Women Behind the Manger

Mr. Beddingfield

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

Sing We Now of Christmas

Mrs. McClain, *piano*

Mrs. Craddock, *violin*

Mr. Beddingfield

arr. K.L. Phillips

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 198

At the Name of Jesus

WYE VALLEY (Abr.)

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

Postlude on GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. McClain

David Lasky

*The Advent altar arrangement is given to the glory of God
and in memory of Zelle Phillips
by Barbara Pounds.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Michael Cogdill, Joyce Sills, David and Trula Gray, Hilary Morrow, 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: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

Ushers Dec. 7: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: No Kids' Church During Advent

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Nursery Today: Michele Phelps

Nursery Dec. 7: (need volunteer)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

We welcome David Johnson as our guest music minster today.

TODAY, November 30th

First 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

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd

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)

SATURDAY, December 6th

Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 2025

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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)
No Kids' Church During Advent
Advent Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - Please RSVP (see back for more details)
"Light of the World" Children's Christmas Musical: 7:00 p.m.

10 No Children's Choir

Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Gingerbread House Decorating: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
This event is for ALL ages! The church will provide the gingerbread house. Bring your favorite candies/snacks to use for decorations.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
No Kids' Church During Advent
Buies Creek Christmas Parade: 4 p.m.

17 No Children's Choir

No Simple Supper
Churchwide Caroling: Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)



In planning year-end giving, please be reminded that all contributions need to be received in the church office by noon on **December 31, 2025** (or post-marked by December 31, 2025) in order to be reported as a 2025 gift.

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.



Missions Mailbox

MBC Mission Kids are hosting their annual

Missions Mailbox today 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 **25¢** per card.

All the money raised will go to support a mission project.



MBC Advent Dinner

Sunday, December 7th

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"**
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