

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Second Sunday of Advent*

## Something Old, Something New

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

December 7, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Because you belong to Christ Jesus,  
God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand.  
And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

~ *Philippians 4: 7 (CEV)*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      arr. Sharon Wilson  
   Anne McClain, *organist*  
   David Johnson, *trumpet*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION                      Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PASSING OF PEACE  
  
*Peace be with you.  
And also with you.*

## WAITING

† GATHERING HYMN 77    *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      HYFRYDOL

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CANDLE: *Peace*                      Das Families  
   Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
   A voice cries in the wilderness.

## PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM                      *The First Noel*                      arr. Dan Forrest

GOSPEL                      Matthew 3: 1-6, 11                      Joaquin Mills  
   John the Baptist

SERMON                      *Operation Peace: Mission (Im)Possible?*                      Mrs. Craddock

DRAMATIC READING                      John 3: 16                      Susan Morrow and Amos Royal  
   For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
   so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
   but may have eternal life.

SONG OF RESPONSE                      *O Come, All You Unfaithful*                      Clow/Kauflin  
   Mariamarta Conrad, *solo*

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable.  
Come, know you are not alone.  
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying.  
Come, see what your God has done.

Christ is born. Christ is born.  
Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken.  
Come, taste of His perfect love.  
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run.  
See what your God has done.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.  
His promise is peace for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing. Come, He is the offering.  
Come, see what your God has done.

## RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)                      Ms. Conrad

**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                      Mrs. Craddock  
and OFFERTORY                      *Mary, Did You Know?*                      arr. Mary McDonald  
   Mrs. McClain

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP                      Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING                      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*                      WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY                      Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION                      Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE                      *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*                      Roger C. Wilson  
   Mrs. McClain

## 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 December 2025:** Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour  
**Deacons for January 2026:** Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington

**Ushers Today:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong  
**Ushers Dec. 14:** Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

*No Kids' Church During Advent*

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Dec. 14:** Carrie Royal

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

**TODAY, December 7<sup>th</sup> - *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. - Please RSVP (see back for more details)

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

**WEDNESDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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)

**DECEMBER 2025**

**14 *Third 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**

**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)

**21 *Fourth 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)

**Chancel Choir Cantata:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**No Kids' Church During Advent**

**FIRESIDE AT MEMORIAL:** 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*To contribute your own unique talent, see Dr. Morrow today. Please bring a Christmas dessert or treat to share afterward.*

**24 *Christmas Eve Service:*** 5:30 p.m.

**Lessons and Carols, Candles and Communion**

**25 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday**

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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](http://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** through Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to 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 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 December - - **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 new or used men's or boys' belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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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