

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Something Old, Something New

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

December 21, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Come All Ye Faithful* arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace
Anne McClain, *organist*
David Johnson, *trumpet*

CALL TO WORSHIP Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*, and
Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

During Advent we listen for the wonder of God's Word.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent we reach beyond the noise and distractions of this world.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent we ponder the good news that is our great joy.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent we speak words of hope to those engaged in life's struggles.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent we offer words of peace to those overcome by life's fears.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

† PROCESSIONAL CAROL 88 *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

WAITING

ANTIPHON *The Wonder of Christmas* Joel Raney
A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

LIGHTING OF THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS' CANDLE: *Joy* Sean, Shea and
Luke 2: 8-14 Viktor Cunningham

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they
sing. O - come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and join us here.

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† Worshippers are invited to stand.

Let the Whole World Sing

A Christmas Musical

Joel Raney

Let the Whole World Sing
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High SUSSEX CAROL
GLORIA

Come, Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

In the Bleak Midwinter Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst
Still, Still, Still Austrian Carol

Christ Is Born, Sing Noel!
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Rise Up, Shepherd traditional Spiritual

Sleep In Heavenly Peace
Silent Night STILLE NACHT

Hear the News of Christmas
Go, Tell It on the Mountain traditional Spiritual
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing SUSSEX CAROL
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child IL EST NÉ
O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

Let the Whole World Sing (Reprise)

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 Mr. Beddingfield
What Child Is This? Austin C. Lovelace
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 102 *The Birthday of a King* NIEDLINGER

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Let the Whole World Sing

Raney

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Director: Phillip Morrow

Avery Browning	Izzy Morrow	Anne McClain, piano
Gail Cogdill	Hilary Morrow	Emma McCulloch, flute
Joseph Conner	Susan Morrow	Brett Phillips, bass
Sarah Conner	Donna Penny	
Mariamarta Conrad	Bruce Powers	
Joseph Das	Jean Powers	
Mary Joe Howard	Dayna Scarborough	
Betty Lynne Johnson	Olivia Scarborough	
David Johnson	David Steegar	
Greg McClain		

Narrator: Charlotte Riewestahl

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Joyce Sills, David & 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: Family of Derrell Sears (*aunt of Greg McClain*); Family of Dr. Michael Cogdill; Jerry Barber (*nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Harriet Whiteman; Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*); Emily Caldwell (*niece of Theresa Batten*); International teachers & families

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Dan Karlinski in the death of his father, Daniel Karlinski, on Saturday, December 13th.

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, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Ushers Dec. 28: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

No Kids' Church During Advent

Nursery Today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Dec. 28: (need volunteer)

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dr. Michael Cogdill
by Gail and family.

TODAY, December 21st - 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)

"Let the Whole World Sing"

with the **Choir and Chamber Ensemble**

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Fireside at Memorial: 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Please bring a Christmas dessert or treat to share afterward.

WEDNESDAY, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service: 5:30 p.m.

Lessons and Carols, Candles and Communion

THURSDAY, December 25th

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed for Holiday

FRIDAY, December 26th

Church Office Closed for Holiday

DECEMBER 2025

28 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)

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31 * No Wednesday Night Activities

JANUARY 2026

1 Happy New Year

Church Office Closed

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Financial Position as of 11/30/25

» Total support	\$ 419,138
» Total expenditures	\$ (433,122)
» Total expenditures exceed total support	\$ (13,984)
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	92%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 382,700
» Undesignated support received as of 11/30/25	\$ 331,828
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 10,200
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (40,672)

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.



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.

Mission Mailbox

MBC Mission Kids are hosting their annual **Mission Mailbox** through TODAY.



Mission Mailbox is offered for you 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.

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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**MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025*

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