

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 18, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

God makes a path, provides a guide,  
And feeds a wilderness;  
God's glorious name, while breath remains,  
O that I may confess.

Lost many a time, without a guide,  
No house but a hollow tree!  
In stormy winter night no fire,  
No food, no company;

But in God I found a home, a bed,  
A table, and company;  
No cup's so bitter but's made sweet,  
Where God shall sweetening be.

~ "God Makes a Path," Roger Williams  
(c. 1603-1683), colonial Separatist  
preacher and founder in 1638 of the  
First Baptist Church in America,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* arr. Douglas Wagner  
Susan Simpson, *guest organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
*Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 216.*

Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks in all circumstances,  
to fear nothing but separation from you, and to cast all our cares on you,  
who cares for us:  
Preserve us, we pray, from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,  
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide us from your love that is eternal,  
and which you have made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom now we worship and in whose name we pray; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 20 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mr. Beddingfield

## PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*responsively*) from Psalm 27 Joe Turlington, *Deacon*

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 have I asked of the Lord, 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 worship in God's temple.**  
For the Lord will hide me and shelter me in the day of trouble;  
**The Lord will conceal me and cover me 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 God's sanctuary sacrifices and shouts of joy,  
singing and making melody to the Lord.**  
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
**Be gracious to me, and answer me!**  
"Come," my heart says, "and seek God's face."  
**Your face, O Lord, do I seek; do not hide your face from me.**

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**Do not cast me off or forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

**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, I say, for the Lord!**

† TESTIMONY IN SONG *Good, Good Father* Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett  
Charissa English, *leader*

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*Chorus* You're a good, good Father, it's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
but I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word. *Chorus*

You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways,  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us.

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think.  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still  
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. *Chorus*

*\* Following the Testimony in Song, children from age 4 through 2nd grade may  
meet Mrs. Michele Phelps at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.  
Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.*

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55: 6-11 Lalia Turlington, *Reader*  
Seek the Lord while He may be found;  
call upon Him while He is near.

GOSPEL Matthew 4: 12-17 Mr. Beddingfield  
From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

SERMON *Ordinary Time* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM *This Is My Father's World* arr. Patti Drennan

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, and He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is my Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done.  
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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 *Grace Alone* arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard  
Mrs. Simpson

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 551 KINGSFOLD (alternate tune)  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *When in Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick  
Mrs. Simpson

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Harriet Enzor, Jeanne Barker, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, David & Trula Gray, Hilary Morrow, Susan Cannady, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** James Blackwell (*brother of Anne McClain*); Coastal Virginia Recovery Team; Jacob Blackwell (*cousin of Anne McClain*); Jimmy Allen (*friend of Steve DeVane*); Mike Queen and family; Jerry Barber (*nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Ashley Nelson in the death of her mother-in-law, Betty Lockamy, on Tuesday, January 13th.

**Deacons for January 2026:** Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington  
**Deacons for February 2026:** Lisa Lanier and Dave Steegar

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

**Ushers Jan. 25:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Kids' Church Today:** Michele Phelps  
**Kids' Church Jan. 25:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Jan. 25:** (*need volunteer*)

## TODAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
**\*No Children - Sunday School**  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)

## WEDNESDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad:** 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)  
**Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## JANUARY 2026

**25 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)  
**College Student Luncheon:** *following worship* (Fellowship Hall)

**28 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - TBA:** 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:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## FEBRUARY 2026

**1 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)

**4 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Roast Pork & Veggies:** 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)  
**Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
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### 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.



### THANK YOU Mission Mailbox THANK YOU

The Mission Kids would like to thank everyone for supporting the **Mission Mailbox** last month. With your help, we collected \$635.00! The children used your gifts and were able to purchase the following items from World Vision:

2 chickens, 6 ducks, 2 rabbits, a shared alpaca, 7 fruit trees, bed nets for 2 families, a shared sewing machine & training, education for girls, help for children with disabilities, lifesaving healthcare, and a shared mechanized water system.

We could not have done this without you!  
Love, MBC Mission Kids



For January and February, we will be collecting warm clothing which includes:

### Winter Hats, Gloves and Socks

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as *'Backpacks.'*

### CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
Needed for January - - **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 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  
Xiomara Felix, Custodian