

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 1, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
There hides a smiling face.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan God's work in vain  
God is his own interpreter,  
And God will make it plain.

~ *"Light Shining Out of Darkness (1773), by English poet and hymnist William Cowper, found at No. 73 in our hymnal. Cowper also wrote "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," No. 142.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Built on the Rock* arr. Anne A. Davis  
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Psalm 104: 1-6, 9a, 24, 31, and Galatians 1: 3-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**O Lord my God, you are very great.**

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped with light as with a garment.

**You stretch out the heavens like a tent, and set the tentpoles on the waters.**

You make the clouds your chariot, and ride on the wings of the storm.

**You make the winds your messengers, and fire and flame are your attendants.**

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the ocean as a garment, and set a boundary that it may not pass.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

**The earth is full of your creatures.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**May the Lord rejoice in all God's works.**

And grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Who gave himself for our sins, according to the will of our God and Father,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 4 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL John 3: 1-17 Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock  
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews, who came to Jesus by night.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds  
Mariamarta Conrad, *leader*, and Steve DeVane, *piano*

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky  
Lord I left Your name on high

SERMON *What If We Just Don't Get It?* Mr. Beddingfield  
(*Second in a Lenten Series, "What If?"*)

## RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* Houston/Crocker/Lighthelm

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail  
And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

And I will call upon your name, and keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace  
For I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed  
And you won't start now.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever you would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

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 *A Quiet Moment with "Amazing Grace"* Mary McDonald  
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

The Bread John 3: 14-15  
And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever  
believes in him may have eternal life.

The Cup John 3: 3, 5  
Truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God  
without being born from above, and no one can enter  
without being born of water and spirit.

The Promise John 3: 16-17  
For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that  
whosoever believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 73 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* ST. ANNE

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Recessional in a Gregorian Mode* Henry Kihlken  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Alice Thomas, David Avrette, Hilary Morrow, Ofelia Rockholt, Harriet Enzor, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, David & Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Nancy Metz (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Reese Meiggs; Mary Ann West (*mother of Ashley Nelson*); Flor Felix (*mother of Xiomara Felix*); Luz Mendoza (*sister of Ofelia Rockholt*); Mike Hodgkin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Jacob Blackwell (*cousin of Anne McClain*); Jimmy Allen (*friend of Steve DeVane*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

**Bethesda Health Care Facility (Eastover, NC):** Kay Hedgepeth

**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 March 2026:** Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough  
**Deacons for April 2026:** Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson

**Ushers Today:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong  
**Ushers March 8:** Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

**NO Kids' Church Today**  
**Kids' Church March 8:** Meredith Craddock

**Nursery Today:** Michele Phelps  
**Nursery March 8:** Carrie Royal

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

TODAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sunday School**

**Friends Class:** 9:00 a.m.

**Sarah's Open Door Class:** 9:00 a.m.

**Children:** 9:00 a.m. (Library)

**Youth:** 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**\* No Kids' Church**

WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

**Simple Supper - Ham, Sweet Potatoes and Cabbage:** 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)

THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting:** 6:30 p.m.

**MARCH 2026**

**8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**Sunday School**

**Friends Class:** 9:00 a.m.

**Sarah's Open Door Class:** 9:00 a.m.

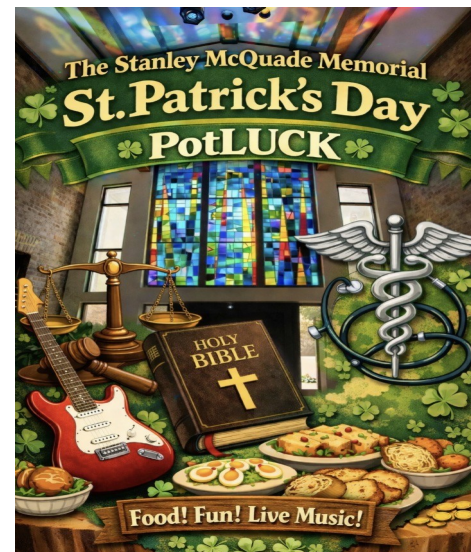
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**Youth:** 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)

**9 Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.



**Sunday, March 15th  
6:00 p.m.**

**Wear Green!**

**Bring your favorite dish to share!**

**Bring your greens!**

**We are collecting green canned  
veggies to honor the memory of  
our good friend, Dr. McQuade.**

**The canned food collected will be  
donated to the Nourish Market to  
help feed our community.**

**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 Memorial In Action Committee would like to thank those that came and supported the fundraiser for DUMA last Wednesday night!

With your contributions, we raised \$262.00!!

This donation will be especially helpful since they assist a large number of families on a regular basis.



For March, we will collect:

**Toothbrushes and Toothpaste**

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 March - - **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 new or 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  
Xiomara Felix, Custodian