

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 8, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Let me be a little kinder,  
Let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me;  
Let me praise a little more;  
Let me be, when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery;  
Let me serve a little better  
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver  
When temptation bids me waver;  
Let me strive a little harder  
To be all that I should be;  
Let me be a little meeker  
With somebody who is weaker;  
Let me think more of my neighbor  
And a little less of me.

~ Author unknown, in James Dalton Morrison, ed.,  
*Masterpieces of Religious Verse*, Baker Book House,  
Grand Rapids, MI, 1948, No. 1170.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Lyndell Leatherman  
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† CALL TO WORSHIP FROM THE PSALTER (*responsively*) Mrs. Craddock  
Psalm 95: 1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!**  
For the Lord is a great God,  
**And a great King above all Gods.**  
In God's hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains.  
**The sea is the Lord's, who made it, and whose hands formed the dry land.**  
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.**

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† GATHERING HYMN 144 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

## PROCLAIMING

THE LAW Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17a, 18, 33-34 Mr. Beddingfield  
Love your neighbor, welcome the stranger.

THE PROPHETS Isaiah 56: 1-8 Tammy Scarborough, Reader  
A house of prayer for all peoples.

ANTHEM *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Victor C. Johnson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.  
Jesus prayed, there in the garden, he had to pray all by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could pray there with him, he had to pray all by himself.

Jesus died way out on Calv'ry, he was pierced and crucified  
oh, nobody else could die in his place, he had to die all by himself.  
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

THE GOSPEL John 4: 3-30, 39-42 Mrs. Craddock and  
The Woman at the Well. Mr. Beddingfield

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

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

## RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *All Who Are Thirsty* Brown/Robertson  
Spencer Powell Phillips, leader

All who are thirsty, all who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Come Lord Jesus come (4x)

Holy Spirit come (4x)

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 *Reflections of the Cross* Paula C. Carl  
Mrs. McClain

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 572 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *The Call to Commitment* Lani Smith  
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sarah Beddingfield  
for her birthday, March 9,  
by Meghan, Shannon and Ed.*

## 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:** Xiomara Felix; Nancy Metz (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Reese  
Meiggs; Flor Felix (*mother of Xiomara Felix*); Luz Mendoza (*sister of Ofelia Rockholt*);  
Mike Hodgin (*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:** Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers March 15:** Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe  
Turlington

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church March 15:** Meredith Craddock

**Nursery Today:** Carrie Royal  
**Nursery March 15:** Charlotte Riewestahl

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

**TODAY, March 8<sup>th</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)

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

**MONDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Simple Supper - Breakfast:** 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)

**MARCH 2026**

**15 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)

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

**St. Patrick's Day PotLUCK:** 6:00 p.m.

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

**Simple Supper - Nacho Bar:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Elementary and Middle School Students:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Class)

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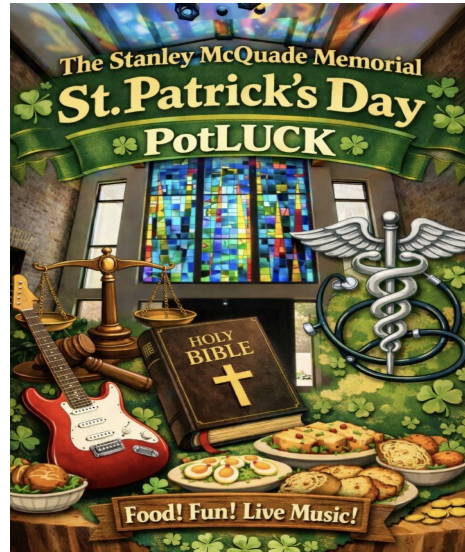
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**Ways to Donate to MBC:**

- **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.



**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.



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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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