

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 22, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Even such is time, that takes in trust  
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,  
And pays us with but age and dust;  
Who in the dark and silent grave,  
When we have wandered all our ways,  
Shuts up the story of our days.  
But from this earth, this grave, this dust,  
My God shall raise me up, I trust!

~ *Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)*, found in his Bible  
in the gatehouse at Westminster, and believed  
to have been written the night before his execution.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Voluntary on 'Ah, Holy Jesus'* David Lasky  
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE (*insert*) *Hope of the World* O PERFECT LOVE

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Romans 5: 2-5, 1 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

Through Jesus Christ we have obtained access to this grace in which  
we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance;  
and endurance, character; and character, hope;  
and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love  
has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit  
which has been given to us.

## PROCLAIMING

RESPONSIVE READING Lamentations 3: 17-24 Mrs. Craddock  
A lament in times of sorrow.

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is.  
**So I say, Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.**  
The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.  
**But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:**  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.  
Great is Your faithfulness!  
**The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore I will hope in him.**

† SONGS OF ADORATION

*My Life is in You*

Mariamarta Conrad, *leader*  
Daniel Gardner

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise You with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in You.

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Chorus* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

GOSPEL John 11: 1-8, 11-46, 53-54 Mrs. Craddock and  
Lazarus raised from the dead. 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 There's No Hope for Us?* Mr. Beddingfield  
(*Fifth in a Lenten Series, "What If?"*)

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM *My Song Is Love Unknown* Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day Hosannas to their king.  
Then "Crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores.  
Never was love, dear king, never was grief like yours!  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend,

My song is love.

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 *Jesus Paid It All* Mr. Beddingfield  
Mrs. McClain Mark Hayes

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*insert*) *Hymn of Promise* PROMISE

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'Come, Thou Almighty King'* Edward Broughton  
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Dr. Mike Cogdill  
for his birthday on March 26  
by his family.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Linda Lunney, Joe Rockholt, Will & Christine Roberts, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, 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:** Scott Barber (*nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Paul Bass (*friend of Susan Johnson*); Shirley Grimm (*mother of Duwayne Grimm*); Nancy Metz (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Reese Meiggs; Flor Felix (*mother of Xiomara Felix*); 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.*

**TODAY, March 22<sup>nd</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)

**WEDNESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**MEMORIAL IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER -**

*Meal TBD:* 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Children and Youth EASTER Activity:** 6:30 p.m.



**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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**29 PALM SUNDAY** 

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**\* No Kids' Church**

**APRIL 2026**

**1 Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**\* No Other Wednesday Night Activities**

**2 Maundy Thursday Service**  : 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**5 Easter Sunday** 

**Easter Sunrise Service:** 7:00 a.m. (Buies Creek Cemetery)

**Easter Sunrise Breakfast**—immediately following Sunrise Service  
(Fellowship Hall)

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

**Deacons for March 2026:** Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough

**Deacons for April 2026:** Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Ushers March 29:** Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe Turlington

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock

**No Kids' Church March 29 (Palm Sunday)**

**Nursery Today:** Cherry DeVane

**Nursery March 29:** (need volunteer)

**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.



**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS** 

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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

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