

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent

A Worship Series for Lent  
*The Seven Last Words of Christ;*  
*“With Me in Paradise”*

February 25, 2024  
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The first person through the gates of heaven on the heels of Jesus was not Simon Peter, not James or John, not any of the disciples. It was not Mary Magdalene, not Joanna or Salome, not any of the women at the empty tomb. It was not Matthew, not Mark or Luke, not the Apostle Paul, not any of the great writers of the New Testament. The first person through the gates of heaven right on the heels of Jesus was the thief on the cross.

~ *Anonymous*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Marilyn Thompson  
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*

† INVOCATION Ms. Montgomery

† GATHERING HYMN 198 *At the Name of Jesus* WYE VALLEY

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 146 Meredith Lanier Craddock,  
*Associate Pastor*

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**

**on that very day their plans perish.**

But happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God:

**the One who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,**

**who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed,**

**who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free, the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous;**

The Lord watches over the stranger, the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow;

**But the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever; your God, O people of God, for all generations.

**Praise the Lord!**

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL I Matthew 7: 7-8 Tammy Scarborough, *Deacon*  
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks, receives;  
and everyone who seeks, finds;  
and to everyone who knocks, it will be opened.

† SONGS OF WORSHIP Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*  
Praise Song *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:* Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again – I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down you pick me up  
When I am dry you fill my cup  
You are my all in all. (*Chorus*)

Hymn 478 *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia.

*\* Following the Songs of Worship, children from age 3 through 3rd 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.*

GOSPEL II Luke 23: 32-33, 34b-43 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

SERMON *All You Have to Do Is Ask* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

SONG FOR REFLECTION *There Is a Fountain* Wm. Cowper/Early Am. Melody  
Ms. Conrad

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Mrs. McClain

## SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH *Seek and Ye Shall Find* Trad./arr. Shawn Phillips

*Chorus:* Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened  
Ask and it shall be given  
And the love come a-tricklin’ down.

My brother, the Lord has been here  
My brother, the Lord has been here  
My brother, the Lord has been here  
And the love come a-tricklin’ down. (*Chorus*)

My sister, the Lord has been here . . . (*Chorus*)

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* David Paxton  
Mrs. McClain

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Lorrie Pope, Burgess and Mary Jane Marshbanks, Linda Smith, Joe Turlington, Susan Cannady, Ofe (*Hoyle*) Rockholt, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Family of Nick Tasios (*nephew of Cornbread*); Terry Barker (*daughter-in-law of Jeanne Barker*); Linda Yarborough (*wife of former Music Minister of Ed’s childhood church*); Mark Quakenbush; Jim Young (*father of Stacie Hogan*); Joyce Harrelson (*mother of Tammy Scarborough*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Aaron Bowers (*brother of Charissa English*); Tonya Taylor (*sister-in-law of Carrie Royal*)

**Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Frances Lloyd in her death on Wednesday, February 21st.

**Deacons for February 2024:** Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough  
**Deacons for March 2024:** Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers March 3:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids’ Church today: Meredith Craddock

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Kids’ Church March 3: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery March 3: (*need volunteer*)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**TODAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Spaghetti and Salad:**  
5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Lenten Bible Study - led by Steve DeVane:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**MARCH 2024**

**3 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. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**\* No Kids' Church**

**6 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Breakfast for Dinner:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Lenten Bible Study - led by Meredith Craddock:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**10 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. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)

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

**13 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Ham and Sweet Potatoes:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Lenten Bible Study - led by Brittany Montgomery:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**Financial Position, 1/31/24**

» Total support, January 2024	\$ 43,731
» Total expenditures, January 2024	\$ (41,825)
» Support exceeds Expenditures	\$ 1,906
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	8%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 33,458
» Undesignated support received as of 1/31/24	\$ 32,640
» Budget support shortfall as of 1/31/24	\$ (818)

The Mission Friends kids will visit Campbell University's Campus Pantry Wednesday, March 6. We are collecting breakfast items to contribute to the pantry. Please drop off any items you wish to donate in the black hallway bucket between now and March 6.

Thank you!  
Adam and Cherry and Mission Friends!

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS** For February, we are collecting warm clothing which includes: **winter hats, gloves, scarves 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**

- **Clothes Closet:** Next date TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons Needed for February -- **Sliced Peaches** Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting "nab crackers" [cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter] Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Buddy Backpack.'
- **Belts for HCMS:** Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.

Check the bulletin board for community announcements.

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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  
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian