

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

A Worship Series for Lent
The Seven Last Words of Christ;
“Woman, behold your son.”

March 3, 2024
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

One wept, whose only child was dead,
New-born, ten years ago.
“Weep not; he is in bliss,” they said.
She answered, “Even so, –

“ – Ten years ago was born in pain
A child, not now forlorn.
But oh, ten years ago, in vain,
A mother, a mother was born.”

~ Alice Meynell (1847-1922), British writer, poet, editor,
critic and suffragist.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Marty Parks
Anne McClain, organ

GREETING Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,* Mr. Beddingfield
Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, with Psalm 36: 7.

Most gracious and ever-giving God,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread
which gives life to the world, and the true drink by which we never thirst:
Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him;
and this drink, that our sins should be forgiven and our longings satisfied.
And as he cared for his own mother in his hour of greatest need,
may we also find our refuge in the shadow of your wings and the abundance of your love.
In the name of Jesus we make our prayer and offer this time of worship, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 535 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 36: 5-10 Brittany Montgomery,
Ministry Intern

Your mercy, O Lord, extends to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
**Your goodness is as mighty as the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea;
people and animals alike fall under your providence and protection.**
How precious is your faithful love, O God!
All who desire it may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
**We feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give us to drink from the river of your delights.**
For with you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.
**O Lord, continue your unending mercy to those who know you,
and your salvation to all who come to you with penitent hearts.**

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Montgomery

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Matthew 19: 25-27 Cherry DeVane, *Deacon*
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus, were his mother,
and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing
beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he
said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple
took her into his own home.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *The Wonderful Cross* Watts/Tomlin/Walt/Reeves
Charissa English, *leader*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus: O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all *Chorus*

SERMON *The Human Side of God* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Seek the Lord* John Carter
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him, call while he is near;
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he, while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
and The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

**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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *Lamb of God* arr. Mark Hayes
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Consecration Mr. Beddingfield
I Corinthians 11: 23-25
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

The Bread John 6: 35, 51 Mrs. Craddock
Jesus said to them, “I am the Bread of Life . . .
Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the
bread that I give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Cup John 6: 56 Mrs. Craddock
Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me, and I live in them.”

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 Mr. Beddingfield
Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup
proclaims the Lord’s death till he comes again.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 291 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

LENTEN MISSION EMPHASIS Adam English and Anne McClain,
Mission Committee

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ST. DUNSTAN’S* Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Angie Ward (*grandmother of Liz Stone*); Carol Barefoot (*sister of
Linda Lunney*); Rachel Ennis (*coworker of Charissa English*); Terry Barker (*daughter-in-
law of Jeanne Barker*); Linda Yarborough (*wife of former Music Minister of Ed’s childhood
church*); Mark Quakenbush; 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. A graveside service is scheduled for March 23th at
2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow at MBC.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Mary Jane Marshbanks in
her death on Sunday, February 25th. A memorial service will be held March 9th
at 2:00 p.m. at MBC with a reception to follow.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Jeff Pope in the death of
his step-father, Lacy Massey, on Thursday, February 29th.

Deacons for March 2024: Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson
Deacons for April 2024: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers March 10: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

NO Kids' Church today

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Kids' Church March 10: (need volunteer)

Nursery March 10: (need volunteer)

TODAY, March 3rd

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**

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

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)

MARCH 2024

10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

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 hallway bucket between now and March 6.



Thank you!
Adam and Cherry and Mission Friends!



For March, we are collecting full-sized containers of **Shampoo** and **Body Wash** as well as **Soap**.

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 March - - **Boxed Mac & Cheese**
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