

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Third in a Worship Series for Eastertide

Words of Assurance

from the First Letter of John;

today I John 3: 16-24.

April 21, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Love that is hoarded molds at last, until we know some day,
The only thing we ever have is what we give away;
And kindness that is never used, but hidden all alone,
Will slowly harden till it is as hard as any stone.
It is the thing we always hold that we will lose some day;
The only things we ever keep are what we give away.

~ by Louis Ginsberg (1873-1953), Russian-born
American rabbi, poet and scholar of Judaism.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, organ

EASTER GREETING (responsively) Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
Based on Luke 24: 34

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Ms. Montgomery

† HYMN OF PRAISE 216 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

CONFESSION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL John 13: 34-35 and 15: 12-15a, 16-17 Mrs. Craddock and Ms. Montgomery

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another.

As I have loved you, so also you ought to love one another.

By this will all people know that you are my disciples:

if you have love, one for the other.

This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

And you are my friends, if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends.

You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should last,
and that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 298 *My Lord, I Did Not Choose You* WHITFIELD

CHORAL WITNESS *Be Still and Know* Victor C. Johnson

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.
I will comfort you, keep and strengthen you; be still and know that I am God.

In your time of tribulation I will be your strength.
In your moments of loneliness, I will bring you peace, I will bring you peace.

* Following the Choral Witness, 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.

EPISTLE I John 3: 11, 16-18, 22-23 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son,
Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

SERMON *Transactional Analysis* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† WORSHIP SONG *Your Grace is Enough* Matt Maher
Charissa English, leader

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Chorus So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for us

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus

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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *In Christ Alone* arr. Richard Kingsmore
Mrs. McClain, organ

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH ST. BRENDAN'S

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME* Will Stockton
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Sarah's Open Door Sunday School Class
by the Linda Lunney.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jean Powers, Jimmy Jung, Donna Haynes, Jeanne Barker, Mary Joe Howard, Doris Eller, Lorrie Pope, Burgess Marshbanks, Linda Smith, Ofe Rockholt, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Anne Herring (sister of Al Upshaw); Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); Gabe and Bailey (foster children of Will and Christine Roberts); 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 Neil Stephenson in the death of his brother, Bobby Stephenson, last weekend.

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 April 2024: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley
Deacons for May 2024: Earl Savage and Dayna Scarborough

Ushers Today: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington
Ushers April 28: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Kids' Church April 28: (need volunteer)
Nursery April 28: Carrie Royal

TODAY, April 21st

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)

Wedding Shower for Elizabeth Godwin and Hannon Herring:
 2 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, April 24th

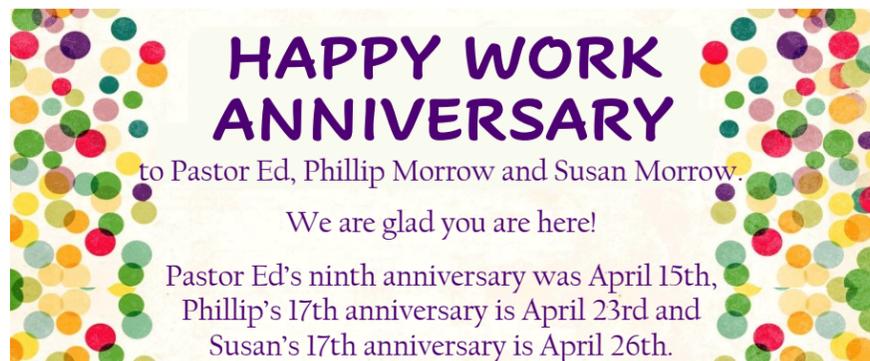
Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Brunch for Supper: Spiral Ham, Hashbrowns, Muffins and Fruit: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, April 27th

CLOTHES CLOSET: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
 Anyone willing to help sort clothes ahead of time, please contact the church office.

APRIL 2024

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Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)
Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
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Change of Address

<p>Doris Eller c/o Catherine Martin 3472 Henrietta Hartford Rd. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466</p> <p>To call Doris: (843) 287-9799 {Ask for Doris Eller in room 2002}</p>	<p>Louise Taylor 3800 Shamrock Dr. (PT 229) Charlotte, NC 28215</p> <p>New phone number: (704) 532-7397</p>
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APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For April, we are collecting **Toothbrushes and Toothpastes.**

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:** Saturday, April 27, 2024
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
 Needed for April - - **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.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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