

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fourth in a Worship Series for Eastertide

Words of Assurance

from the First Letter of John;
today I John 4: 7-21.

April 28, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

If I am known by how much You love,
let my life reflect how much I love you, I love you.
Before you even ask oh my answer will be yes cause I love you, I love you.

~ "Send Me" by Bethel Music.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA
Anne McClain, organ

EASTER GREETING (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Based on Luke 24: 34

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

WELCOME Mrs. Craddock

† INVOCATION Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
From the Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son, Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth,
and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to
eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Benjamin Smith, Campbell Student
Romans 5: 8
But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners,
Christ died for us.

PROCLAIMING

KIDS PROCLAMATION MBC Kids

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34-40 MBC Kids

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Down to the River to Pray arr. Sheldon Curry

Amazing Love Chris Tomlin
Mariamarta Conrad, leader

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your sprit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You, in all I do, I honor You.

You are my King, Jesus You are my King.

EPISTLE I John 4: 7-21 Mrs. Craddock

SERMON *Know Knowing God's Love* Ms. Montgomery

RESPONDING

SONG OF TESTIMONY *Send Me* Johnson/Lake/Jobe
Ms. Conrad, solo

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION (*unison*) Ms. Montgomery
Ephesians 3: 16-21

We pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that we may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love. We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mrs. Craddock

OFFERTORY *I Love You, Lord with My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Don Wrytzen
Mrs. McClain, organ

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 282 *Living For Jesus* LIVING
stanzas 1 and 2

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Ms. Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. Robert Hughes
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jean Powers, Donna Haynes, Jeanne Barker, Doris Eller, Lorrie Pope, Burgess Marshbanks, Linda Smith, Ofé Rockholt, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Bobby Stephenson (*brother of Neil Stephenson*); 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

Universal Health Care (Lillington, NC): Jimmy Jung

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: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers May 5: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

No Kids' Church Today
Nursery today: Carrie Royal

No Kids' Church May 5
Nursery May 5: (need volunteer)

† The congregation is invited to stand.

TODAY, April 28th

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, May 1st

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Roast Pork: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

MAY 2024

5 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**

8 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

12 *Happy Mother's Day*
DEACON NOMINATION DAY
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)

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

15 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Spaghetti & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
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Congratulations to Dr. Adam English for receiving the D.P. Russ, Jr. and Walter S. Jones, Sr. alumni award for teaching excellence at Campbell University.

Adam is Chair of the Department of Christian Studies and Professor of Christian Theology and Philosophy.

This is the highest teaching award that the university bestows. We are proud of Adam and glad to call him one of our own.



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:** New Date TBD
- **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**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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