

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Worship Series for Lent
The Seven Last Words of Christ;
“I thirst.”

March 10, 2024
Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Ask of your soul this question: What is strength?
Is it to slay ten thousand with the sword?
Bring down a temple on a heathen horde?
Or, in a garden drenched with evening dew
And bloody sweat, to pray beside a stone?
Bear up to Calvary a cross, alone?

~ Jessie Wilmore Murton (ad.), 1886-1973: Midwestern American poet especially known for her inspirational poems for children.

GATHERING

PRELUDE
Festive Prelude on BUILT ON THE ROCK
Anne McClain, organ

Gilbert M. Martin

GREETING and † INVOCATION
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 323
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
RESTORATION

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING EMPHASIS
Alice Thomas, Mission Committee
Week of Prayer: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Offering for Global Missions

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (responsively)
Psalm 69: 1-4, 6, 12, 17, 19-21, 29-34

Mrs. Craddock

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink deep in the mire, where there is no foothold.
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying, and my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

**O Lord God of hosts,
do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me.**

More in number than the hairs on my head are those who hate me without cause;
those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely.
I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make up songs about me.

O God of Israel, do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me.

Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.
You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor.
Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.
I look for pity, but there is none; and for comforters, but I find none.

**Instead they gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**

I am lowly and in pain; but let your salvation, O God, protect me.
I will praise the name of the Lord with a song;
I will magnify God’s name with thanksgiving.
Let the oppressed see it and be glad; those who seek God, let your hearts revive.
**For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise those who are in chains.
Let heaven and earth praise the Lord, the seas and all that moves in them.**

GOSPEL
John 19: 28-29
Randall Johnson, Deacon
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said
(in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine
was standing there, so they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch
of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

† SONGS OF TESTIMONY
There Is a Redeemer
Melody Green
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

(Chorus)
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till
The work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see his face
There I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (Chorus)

Oh How He Loves You and Me
Oh how he loves you and me, oh how he loves you and me
He gave his life, what more could he give
Oh how he loves you, oh how he loves me
Oh how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, his love for sinners to show
What he did there brought hope from despair
Oh how he loves you, oh how he loves me
Oh how he loves you and me.

** Following the Songs of Testimony, 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.*

SERMON
A God Who Suffers
Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

RESPONDING

ANTHEM
Untitled Hymn
Chris Rice/arr. Mark Hayes
Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;
O, raise your head, for Love is passing by.
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!
Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,
and precious blood has washed away the stain.
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!
Like a newborn baby, don’t be afraid to crawl,
remember when you walk, sometimes we fall.
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain,
so if your sky is dark and pours like rain,
then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

O, and when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
and when you can't contain your joy inside,
then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye,
then go in peace, and laugh on glory's side.
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
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
Wayfaring Stranger
Mrs. McClain

David Paxton

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP
Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 152
Christmas Has Its Cradle
PETHEL
stanza 1, choir; stanza 2, all;
stanza 3, all—read aloud; stanza 4, all

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY
Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION
Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE
The Promise of Salvation
Mrs. McClain

Edward Broughton

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mary Jane Marshbanks
by her family.*

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

Ushers Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers March 17: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Kids’ Church today: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Kids’ Church March 17: (need volunteer)

Nursery March 17: (need volunteer)

† The congregation is invited to stand.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Family of Lacy Massey (step-father of Jeff Pope); Family of Mary Jane Marshbanks; Family of Frances Lloyd; Nate, Suellen, Creed and Selwyn Leonard (friends of Johnnie Jackson); Steve Hammond (godfather of Charlotte Riewestahl); 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

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 10th

- 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)

MONDAY, March 11th

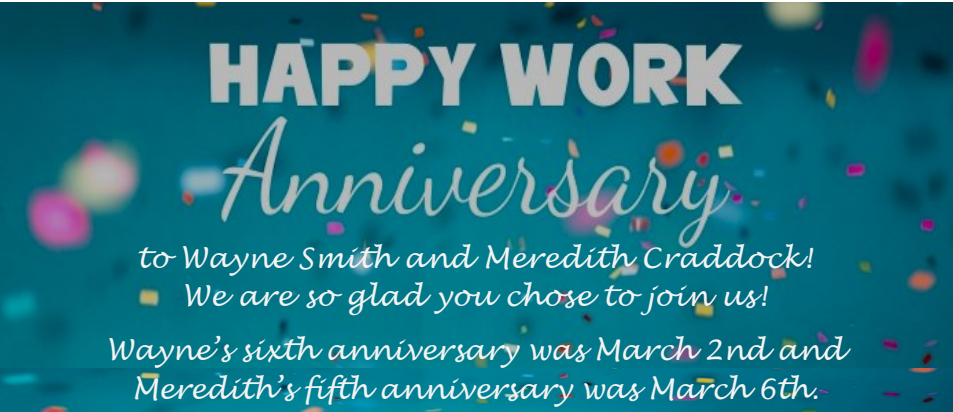
- Deacon’s Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

- 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)

MARCH 2024

- 17 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)
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Blood Drive at Memorial Baptist Church

Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sign up today at:
redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



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