

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday of Easter

First in a Worship Series for Eastertide
from the First Letter of John:

Words of Assurance

I John 1: 1-2: 2

April 7, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Times without number have I prayed, "This only once forgive,"
Relapsing when Thy hand was stayed, and suffered me to live: –
Yet now the kingdom of Thy peace, Lord, to my heart restore;
Forgive my vain repentances, and bid me sin no more.

~ Hymn-writer Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY* arr. Phil Lehenbauer
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 and † INVOCATION *Based on the Collect for Friday of Easter Week, The Book of Common Prayer* Mrs. Craddock

Almighty God, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our new life,
Grant us grace to see ourselves honestly, that we may repent sincerely;
and to put away all malice and wickedness, that we may serve you purely.
This we pray in the name of the One who knows the deepest secrets of our hearts,
and yet who loves us with an everlasting and life-changing love. **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 408 *This Is the Threefold Truth* ACCLAMATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and WORDS OF ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock
I John 2: 1b-2
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (responsively) Psalm 32 (NRSV ad.) Jac Whatley, Deacon

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted under my groaning all the day long.

**For day and night your hand was upon me;
my strength drained away as in the summer heat.**

Silence

† The congregation is invited to stand.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.** Silence

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the flood shall not overwhelm them.
**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.** Silence

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Do not be stubborn, like a horse or a mule,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or else it will not stay close by.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you who would be righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

† SINGING OUR FAITH Mariamarta Conrad, Leader

Worship Song *Lord I Need You* Nockels/Carson/Reeves/Stanfill/Maher

Lord I come, I confess: Bowing here I find my rest
And without you I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need you, oh, I need you, Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness, O God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep your grace is more
Where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free, Holiness is Christ in me
Where you are, Lord, I am free, Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

Hymn 135 *Nothing but the Blood* PLAINFIELD
stanzas 1, 2 and 3; refrain after 2 and 3 only.

* Following the Worship Song and Hymn, 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 1: 1 - 2: 2 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SERMON *Confession + Repentance = Self-awareness* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

TESTIMONY IN SONG *There Was Jesus* Smith/Beathard/Williams
Ms. Conrad, vocalist

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 *Just As I Am / The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Marsha Kelsey
Donna Penny, piano

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN 310 *Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night* JESUS, I COME
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Alleluia!* arr. Mark Hayes
Mrs. McClain

*The sanctuary flowers are given in praise of our Risen Savior
and in remembrance of my dad, Carlie McLamb,
on the anniversary of his 114th birthday
by Ron and Cathy McLamb.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); Gabe and Bailey (foster children of Will and Christine Roberts); Nate, Creed and Selwyn Leonard (friends of Johnnie Jackson); Steve Hammond (godfather of Charlotte Riewestahl); 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

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

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers April 14: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock

Nursery today: Cherry DeVane

Kids' Church April 14: (need volunteer)

Nursery April 14: (need volunteer)

TODAY, April 7th

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, April 8th

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

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Hotdogs: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
"Understanding the Trinity": 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Dr. Adam English's Christian Theology class
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, April 11th

American Red Cross Blood Drive: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)

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14 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

17 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
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Wedding Shower for Elizabeth Godwin and Hannon Herring:
2 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

27 CLOTHES CLOSET: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

 Wednesday April 10 and April 17: Understanding the Trinity
Campbell University students from Dr. English's *Introduction to Theology* class will lead both the adult group and the children's group in an engaging conversation about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The adult group will be spiritually enriched and the kid group will be activity-filled! Please welcome and get to know these students as we encourage one another in the faith.

 *Dear Church Family,*
We want to thank you so much for remembering our work anniversary and honoring us last Sunday. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It is a privilege to work with such a wonderful congregation. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry!
~ Meredith Craddock and Wayne Smith

 **American Red Cross Blood Drive**
at Memorial Baptist Church
Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Register today at: redcrossblood.org or at 1-800-RED CROSS.
If you need help signing up, call the church office.

 **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:** 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

Second Sunday of Easter
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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