

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Sunday In Lent at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

If this is your first time at MBBC, please take a moment to fill out the "For Guests" card on the opposite page and drop it in the Narthex on your way out. If this is your first time to worship with us via livestream, visit mbbc.org/guests to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude

Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 3
by Herbert Howells

Christopher Henley

Call to Worship

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sanctuary Choir

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

People: Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Leader: Today, we continue to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

People: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Holy Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

(based on Mark 1:9-15 and Luke 4:1-13)

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*Hymn of Worship No. 37

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us
CWM RHONDDA

Congregation

*Invocation & Welcome to Worshipers

Mary Splawn

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

Offertory Reading**Mary Splawn**

Psalm 34:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Mission Partner of the Week & Prayer**Mark Rector****Spring Serve Day**

On Saturday, March 2 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., our church will partner with M-Power Ministries, Grace House Ministries, and Cornerstone School for our annual Spring Serve Day! We will also have on-site projects at MBBC—moving furniture and supplies to new Sunday School rooms and completing projects around the church as we prepare to begin the Renewal construction project. Please consider any of these service opportunities for you and your family. Childcare is available for preschool children, but please be sure to register them beforehand for planning purposes. You can register for Spring Serve Day online at mbbc.org/service or by emailing Mark Rector (mark@mbbc.org).

We Present Our Offerings to God No. 706*Congregation**

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K can meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Choral Anthem**Sanctuary Choir**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
by Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind: with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us, and lightens every load.

Affirmation of Faith*Mary Splawn and Congregation**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message**Wayne Splawn**

"A Righteous Branch"
Isaiah 11:1-9
pp. 491-492 (pew Bible)

Hymn of Response No. 88*Congregation**

Blest Be the God of Israel
MERLE'S TUNE

The Communion of Christ With His Church

(If you have gluten allergies, a tray of gluten-free wafers has been placed in the Narthex on the credenza. Please take one to your seat so you may participate.)

We Receive the Bread and Cup

Song of Distribution

Kely Hatley

You Thought of Us
by Kyle Matthews

The look on Judas' face, the torches set ablaze, the weapons drawn and raised, the chill of night; the friends who fled in fear, the sound of Peter's tears, the way the people cheered, "crucify!"; the nightmare coming true before your eyes, what was it that was going through your mind?

You thought of us, everyone of us. And all your love for us caused you to stay. You could have spared your life and still had paradise, but even when the pain we put you through became too much, you thought of us.

The hands that stripped you bare, the eyes that mocked and stared, the laughter everywhere, each stripe they made; the needles running red, the nails, the fight for breath, the gaping door of death, the awful taste; you raged against the silence in the sky, but when you asked for God to tell you why?

You thought of us, everyone of us. And all your love for us caused you to stay. You could have spared your life and still had paradise, but even when the pain we put you through became too much, you thought of us.

And on that Sunday bright, so full of love and life, when angels left and right to take you home, first, you had to find someone to share the joy in you. And who on earth should be the first to hear the news? You thought of us.

And all your love for us caused you to stay. We were the very ones who turned away your love, but even when the pain we put you through became too much, you thought of us.

***The Exchange of the Peace of Christ**

Wayne Splawn

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another saying: "The peace of Christ to you." / "And also with you.")

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, I'm Coming Home
by William Kirkpatrick

I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home. The paths of sin too long I've trod. Lord, I'm coming home. Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam. Open wide thine arms of love. Lord, I'm coming home.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley

Toccata from Organ Sonata No. 1
by Renè-Louis Becker

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Prayer List

MBBC MEMBERS

Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Dot Carroll, Richard Compton, Kay Davidson, Greg Dobbins, Will Dobbins, Mary Sue Durant, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Mirian Habshey, Anna Lu Hemphill, Ron Henderson, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Nancye Lawrence, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Walter Pittman, Missy Roper, Ken Sanders, Beverly McGill Shaffer, Anita Skelton, Glenn Slye, Irene Stutts, Judy Taylor, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, June Whitlow, Hoyt Wilson, Marcella Zeigler

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Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: FEBRUARY 23-25

Mark Rector – (205) 568-2743

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, February 18 - Saturday, February 24

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week's readings.

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.



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This Week

Offices are open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 12 p.m. 3rd Monday Book Club | Conference Room
- 6 p.m. Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting | Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men | Sharpen Up Breakfast | Heritage Hall
- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 3:45 p.m. Cooks On A Mission | Pick Up Food Orders
- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Hudson Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Heritage Hall
- 6:15 p.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Voces 8 Concert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • BAPTIST HERITAGE SUNDAY & SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 4 p.m. Baptist Heritage Sunday Lecture & Dinner | Sanctuary & Heritage Hall

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Eddie Elliott, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Dr. Kely Hatley, Minister of Music and ACTIVE Christian Living
- Mrs. Amy Hirsch, Associate Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care
- Mrs. Sharon Howard, Minister to Children and Families
- Mrs. Micaiah Kelly, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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