

JANUARY 25, 2026

Welcome to Mountain Brook Baptist Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

MBBC PRAISE BAND

*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

CONGREGATION

Ancient Gates
Ligertwood

There is singing at the ancient gates. There's a melody of ceaseless praise. Age to age, the sound is only growing stronger. There's a throne beneath the Name of names. There is seated on it One who reigns. And his Kingdom now is here and getting closer.

Chorus: So praise him like we're there in glory. Here and now, he's just as holy. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all!

He exists in everlasting light. So, on heaven's streets, there is no night. Every tear is wiped away, we'll know no sorrow. Yeah, worship him with joyful sound. Oh, sing until your voice gives out. No matter where or who's around, release your worship. *Chorus*

Bring your song, he loves to hear it. Bring him every prayer soaked lyric. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all.

The One who was, the One who is, the One who is to come!

CCLI Song #7192505

OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS

ETHAN MCVAY

OFFERTORY READING

AMY HIRSCH

Matthew 25:14-15 (NIV)

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.”

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

ATHAR

AMY HIRSCH

Formerly known as Arab Women Today (AWT) and the Arab Center for Cultural Training and Service, ATHAR stands for Acts of love,

Transforming lives, Healed by grace, Anchored in Christ, and Reaching communities. Under the leadership and guidance of Ruba and Nabeeh Abassi, ATHAR will continue to equip church leaders, support church planting work, and foster discipleship particularly among young people in the Arabic-speaking world. For more information on ATHAR, please contact Sarah Rich (sopranosong@gmail.com).

***DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the pulpit during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message. 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.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARON HOWARD

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WAYNE SPLAWN

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

JOEL BURKS

Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***WORSHIP THROUGH SONGS**

CONGREGATION

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save, 'till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again. And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand. 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

CCLI Song #7126847

Sovereign Over Us

Aaron Keyes | Jack Mooring | Bryan Brown

There is strength within the sorrow; there is beauty in our tears. And you meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear. You are working in our waiting. You're sanctifying us. When beyond our understanding, you're teaching us to trust.

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper. You have not forgotten us. You're with us in the fire and in the flood. You're faithful forever, perfect in love. You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined. Who could understand your ways: reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace? You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind. You surround and you uphold me, and your promises are my delight.

Even what the enemy means for evil, you turn it for our good. You turn it for our good and for your glory.

CCLI Song #6011370

MESSAGE

WAYNE SPLAWN

“What Really Matters?”

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

pg. 810 (pew Bible)

*SONG OF RESPONSE

CONGREGATION

Abide

Dwell Songs

For my waking breath, for my daily bread, I depend on you. I depend on you. For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night, I depend on you. I depend on you!

Chorus: You're the way, the truth, and the life. You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch, and you are the vine. Draw me close, and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following, I depend on you. I depend on you. For the victories still in front of me, I depend on you. Yes, I depend on you! **Chorus**

Be my strength, my song in the night. Be my all, my treasure, my prize. I am yours forever. You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest, I depend on you. I depend on you. For eternal life, to be raised with Christ, I depend on you.

CCLI Song #7070345

***BENEDICTION**

WAYNE SPLAWN

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

—based on 2 Corinthians 13:13