

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Welcome to Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

Andante Tranquillo from *Sonata III*
by Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Praise We Sing to Thee
by Franz Joseph Haydn

Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever; praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never. All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder working power. Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forever more. Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain, Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.

The Ordinance of Holy Baptism

Wayne Splawn

Robert Powell Flowers III

Leader: Congregation, what is your confession?

People: Jesus is Lord.

Leader: Powell, what is your confession?

Candidate: Jesus is Lord.

Leader: Upon your confession of faith, I baptize you, my brother in Christ, in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; for we are buried with him in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life.

People: Powell, now let your light so shine that all may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

***Hymn of Praise No. 354**

Congregation

Praise Him! Praise Him!
JOYFUL SONG

***Invocation and Words of Welcome**

Amy Hirsch

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn No. 629**

Congregation

Be Strong in the Lord

Offertory Reading**Ethan McVay**

John 6:27 (NIV)

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer**Anne Peyton DeMetz****Asociación Vida Para Niños**

Anne Peyton DeMetz, who grew up at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, has served as a missionary to the Dominican Republic with the Asociación Vida Para Niños (AVPN), serving as a clinical mental health counselor at Casa Monte Plata, located in one of the poorest provinces of the Dominican Republic. Through the partnership of the Casa Monte Plata and the Eva M. Russell School, AVPN serves orphaned and abandoned children and youth by teaching them about the richness of God's redeeming love and giving them tools to break the cycles of poverty and hopelessness. To learn more about Anne Peyton's ministry, reach out to her by email (apbaker29@gmail.com).

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

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(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****The Reading of God's Word****Mary Splawn**

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem**Sanctuary Choir**

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus
arr. Barlow Bradford

I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways. I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say. At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice, but I try to listen as the still small voice whispers, "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, for these are the things Jesus taught."

I'm trying to love my neighbor; I'm learning to serve my friends. I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again. I try to remember the lessons he taught. Then the Holy Spirit enters into

my thoughts, saying: "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, for these are the things Jesus taught."

***Affirmation of Faith**

Mark Rector 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

"Pursue an Imperishable Prize"

1 Corinthians 9:24-27
pg. 811 (pew Bible)

Wayne Splawn

Hymn of Response No. 637

Guide My Feet
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Congregation

***Choral Benediction**

May the Road Rise to Meet You
by Lee Turner

Sanctuary Choir

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Chaconne
by Louis Couperin

Debbie Smith