

DECEMBER 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas 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 lobby 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

Christopher Henley

Prelude on "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"
by Clay Christiansen

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Sing We Now a Song of Christmas
by Gordon Young

Sing we now a song of Christmas, Noel, Noel! Sing we now a song of Christmas, Noel, Noel! "Jesus is born!" the angels do say, in Bethlehem, a Child on the hay! Sing we now a song of Christmas, Noel, Noel! Sing we now a song of Christmas, Noel, Noel!

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him.

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *(from John 1:1-5, 9, 14 NRSV)*

*Carol of Christ's Birth

Congregation

Angels From the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Ethan McVay

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Joel Burks

The Reading of God's Word

Ethan McVay

Galatians 3:23-4:7

***Song of Christ's Birth**

Micaiah Kelly and Congregation

This Is Jesus
arr. Darren and Heidi Mulligan

Night of wonder, still and silent, heaven's brilliance from above. Light of glory pierced the darkness. Mercy pierced my heart with love.

Refrain: This is Jesus, King of Glory, here to rescue from the fall; Son of God who comes to save us, Prince of Peace and Lord for all.

Oh, the mystery, who could fathom God would leave his holy throne for a manger, for a sinner, for us all to be his own? *Refrain*

Rejoice, he is with us. Rejoice, hope is here. *(repeat four times) Refrain*

For the hearts so prone to wander, for these feet so quick to flee, God is here and love is reaching for the lost and least of these.

***Offertory Reading**

Ethan McVay

Psalm 76:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; let all the neighboring lands bring gifts to the One to be feared.

***We Present Our Offerings to God**

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(All children are invited to meet Mr. Ethan 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 Ms. Stephanie in the lobby to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Children's Message

Ethan McVay

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning
by Kyle Pederson
Daniel Saunders, Clarinet

When Christmas morn is dawning, in faith help me to see the child there in the manger, a mirror, God, of thee; the child there in the manger, a mirror, God, of thee.

A gift of grace and mercy, of innocence and truth; the child there in the manger is making all things new; the child there in the manger is making all things new.

Oh, keep my gaze upon thee and may I ne'er forget that though the world is trembling Emmanuel lives yet; though the world is trembling Emmanuel lives yet.

So come this Christmas morning, when I first awake, draw my heart to you, Lord, and with each breath I take, fill my soul with wonder at the manger where you lay. Oh, make my heart the manger, the manger where you lay.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Kely Hatley 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

Joel Burks

“The Gift of Grace and Truth”

John 1:1-18

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

HARLAN

Closing Words

Joel Burks

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

People, Rejoice!

arr. Martin Shaw

Text by Matt Rich

People, rejoice! His love surrounds; peace a river now abounds. Christ in our midst, the promise true, hope fulfilled and all is new. Joyfully sing, with hearts sincere, Love, the Savior, Christ is here.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley

Joy to the World

arr. Matt Limbaugh

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the back of the gym. Please see a greeter for assistance.

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes in the new year? Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



Prayer List

DEATHS

Dr. Lee N. Allen

Sam Farlow (father of Bo Farlow)

Murray Hinkley (grandfather of Cam Hinkley)

Robert D. Howard (grandfather of Taylor McGuire)

Michael Wade (son-in-law of Judy & Ron Taylor)

MBBC MEMBERS

Shirley & Bill Austin, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Peggy Coleman, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Tallulah Hargrove, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Lauren Johnston, Nancye Lawrence, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Phyllis Mitchell, Carolyn Nowlin, Walter Pittman, Joyce Ratliff, Missy Roper, Ann Sanders, Irene Stutts, Mark Tucker Jr., Rachel Walton, Doris Wayman, Laura Zaremba

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compher, Mary Kate Dyer, Bill Johnson, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Charles Stevens, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: JANUARY 3-5

Micaiah Kelly – (912) 675-4969

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, December 29 - Saturday, January 4

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.



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

To access our Wi-Fi network, choose MBBC Guest (password 803-3452).

This Week

Offices are open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 (FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

- 9 a.m. Churchwide Fellowship Hour
- 10 a.m. Combined Worship | Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 & THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Offices Closed. Happy New Year!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 (SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)







- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym

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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