JANUARY 22, 2023

Welcome to 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 — **Jim Dorroh**

Ave Maria
by J.S. Bach / Charles Gounod

Call to Worship — **Sanctuary Choir**

Sing and Praise His Wondrous Love
by Craig Courtney

For the joys of full salvation and the peace those joys afford: let our souls, and all within us, magnify and praise the Lord. Praise him, all ye floods of ocean; praise him, all ye stars above: praise him, every living creature; praise and sing his wondrous love.

***Opening Sentences of Worship** — **Kely Hatley and Congregation**

Leader: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.
People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.
People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.
People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.
People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.
People: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead. We offer to him our best and highest praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

- written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on www.bruceprewer.com

***Hymn of Worship No. 9** — **Congregation**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
GROSSER GOTT

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers** — **Amy Hirsch**

Children's Message — **Sharon Howard**

(Children 3K-5K meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the Sanctuary following the Children's Message to go to Preschool Worship.)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer — **Wayne Splawn**

Offertory Reading **James Flack**

Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for
me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.
11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be
content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and
I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in
plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer **Amy Hirsch**

IMPACT Family Counseling

IMPACT Family Counseling is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian counseling agency providing professional counseling services to "at-risk" youth and their families in Birmingham, Alabama since 1991. The programs that IMPACT offers help strengthen family relationships, reduce abuse and neglect, and teach positive coping skills to empower at-risk youth and families to make better life choices benefiting themselves and their communities. IMPACT began as a grass-roots initiative, led by community leaders, John A. Williamson and C. Molton Williams, to intervene and prevent youth from entering a life of crime. For more information about their ministry, contact Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).

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

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

Choral Anthem **Sanctuary Choir**

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace
arr. Robert Sterling
Serghei Tanas (violin) and Thomas Maternik-Piret (cello)

Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day. Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

***Affirmation of Faith** **Amy Hirsch 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**

"Blessed"
Matthew 5:1-12
pp. 683 (pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response No. 259** **Congregation**

Blest Are They
BLEST ARE THEY

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.)

Anthem of Distribution **Sanctuary Choir**

Gifts of Bread and Wine
by Ruth Elaine Schram

Spread before me now are the gifts of bread and wine, a reminder once again of the life you gave for mine. So in gratitude I come to the table you've prepared, as we share the gifts of bread and wine. Sustenance for my spirit; basic elements, yet divine; cleansing for my soul, in the gifts of bread and wine. A new covenant based on mercy, the Father's grace revealed. In communion with you, Lord, I am healed.

In your presence now, as I bow my heart in prayer, I can see the hands that broke the bread, and the scars that they will bear. So I thank you once again for these symbols of my faith, as I take the gifts of bread and wine. Sustenance for my spirit; basic elements, yet divine; cleansing for my soul, in the gifts of bread and wine. A new covenant based on mercy, the Father's grace revealed. In communion with you, Lord, I am healed.

We Receive the Bread and Cup

***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**

Go in Joy
by Joan Varner

Go in peace to share with all around you. Go with love to give to all the world. Go in faith, God's hand will surely guide you. Go in peace, go in love, go in faith, go in joy!

Organ Postlude **Jim Dorroh**

Trumpet Tune in E-flat Major
by David Johnson

*Congregation standing

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

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).

Prayer List

BIRTHS

Anne Grace Palmore – parents Lissy & Andrew Palmore, grandparents Sandy & Jack Brown Jr.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Barbara Edwards
Caroline Moon Head
Margaret Langston
Sarah Moreland
Dale Allen Salter – son of Dona Boone

MBBC MEMBERS

Mary Anderton, Travis Atkins, Anne Peyton Baker, Janie Barnes, Sally & Bob Berryhill, Betty Bowen, Buck Brock, Chris Burch, Dina Burnett, Dot Burnett, Nancy Capicik, Dot Carroll, Billie Cope, Kay Davidson, Greg Dobbins, Will Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Pat Fontaine, Chad Fooshee, Anne Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Spencer Hinson, Davis Holley, Larry Howard, Martha Isom, Anna Belle Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Furnie & Jo Johnston, Nancye Lawrence, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Martha Miklic, John Montgomery, Marjorie Randleman, Ken Sanders, Beverly McGill Shaffer, Holli Simon, Irene Stutts, John Lee Taylor, Judy Taylor, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Winford Yarbrough, Marcella Zeigler

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Johnnie Bell, Bob Compher, Jerry Edwards, Rachel Hubbard, Bill Johnson, Neal Moore, Earlene Mohon, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Nancy Stephens, Juanelle Strain

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: JANUARY 27-29

Joel Burks – (256) 347-5761

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, January 22 - Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 22	Genesis 14 | Abram and Melchizedek
Monday, January 23	Genesis 15 | "Abram believed God"
Tuesday, January 24	Genesis 17 | Circumcision
Wednesday, January 25	Genesis 21 | Birth of Isaac
Thursday, January 26	Genesis 22 | Testing of Abraham
Friday, January 27	Matthew 1:1-17 | Abraham's lineage to Christ
Saturday, January 28	Romans 4 | Abraham the heir of the world

This Week

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
5 p.m. Chapel Choir | Rehearsal

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

6 p.m. Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting | Conference Room
7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:45 a.m. Students | Jr. High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 321

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
5:30 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
6 p.m. Students | Sr. High Girls' Bible Study | Elizabeth & Bob Baker's Home
6:15 p.m. Children's Music Activities
6:30 p.m. Students | Sr. High Guys' Bible Study | Amy & Randy Roberts' Home
7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day
9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 321
10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Hudson Hall
11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Heritage Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day
3 p.m. Women's Ministry | Retreat Check-in Begins | Willow Point Country Club

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
5 p.m. Chapel Choir | Rehearsal
6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Heritage Hall

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
Mr. Larry Bearden, 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 Family Ministries
Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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