

JANUARY 26, 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Christopher Henley

Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit
by Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Glory Be to the Father
arr. Duane Blakley

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Opening Sentences of Worship**

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: **and also with you.**

Leader: Something awakened us this morning—perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sound of an alarm on the shelf, or a newspaper thudding at the door.

People: **And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others our God and Father, the creator of all things.**

Leader: Something awakened us this morning—we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

People: **And now we gather in this place to worship Jesus Christ who moves among us and to follow the Holy Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.**

All: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve and worship our God.

***Hymn of Worship**

Congregation

O Worship the King
LYONS

***Invocation and Words of Welcome**

Ethan McVay

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn**

Congregation

Footsteps of Jesus
FOOTSTEPS

Offertory Reading and Prayer

Ethan McVay

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

We Present Our Offerings to God*Congregation***The Doxology*
OLD 100th (altered)

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the gym 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 lobby to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Affirmation of Faith*Ethan McVay 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.

Preparation for Ordination and Installation**Wayne Splawn****Deacons to Be Installed for Term of Service Beginning 2025:**

David Bell, Lowell Broom, Meredith Cale, Charlene Chestang, Chris Cooper, Baker Crow, Chad Fooshee, Douglas Grant, Jason Harkins, Jane Hauth, Angie Jones, J.K. Keith, Eric Kelley, Don Moore, Charlie Nowlin, Dan Pickett, Chuck Redden, Marshall Rivers, Bobby Trammell, Tripp Watson

Deacons to Be Ordained for Term of Service Beginning 2025:

Russell Cunningham IV, Claire Hills, Sarah Rich, Amy Scofield, Mike Vaughn

Deacons for Life Term of Service:

Alan Dean, John Holcomb III

Ordination Message**Wayne Splawn**

"Follow Me"
Matthew 4:12-22

Anthem of Service**Sanctuary Choir**

Christ, You Call Us All to Service
by Anna Laura Page
(Daniel Saunders, timpani)

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you; plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do. Fire a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace: Help us heal the broken-hearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side; equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old; help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife; seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

A Litany of Commissioning**Mark Tucker**
Deacon Vice-Chair

Leader: These are the people whom you have asked to be your servants in ministry. Do you have anything to say to them?

Congregation: We say to each one that we hold you and your office in highest esteem. We have chosen you carefully through prayer. We do not take lightly our desire to have you lead us with courage, conviction, compassion, and care.

Deacons: We are honored and humbled by your confidence in our ability to be servants of this congregation. We pledge to you that we will be responsible bearers of this trust.

Congregation: We charge you to give unselfishly to the well-being of our church. Be interpreters of our ministries to one another, to this community, and to the world. Be prophets, calling us back to the hard truth we would often forget. Be compassionate caregivers to us in our sickness and sorrow. Be friends to us in times of stress and indecision.

Deacons: By the grace of God, with your support and encouragement, we will do our best.

Leader: Are you, the family of God known as Mountain Brook Baptist Church, willing to give yourselves in cooperation and commitment to these Deacons and to all others who have special responsibilities in the church?

Congregation: We will work together as we work with God in the most exciting mission in the world: reaching souls for Jesus Christ and building up the Christian community.

All: Yes, and we pray for God to bless the work we will do together for his glory alone. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

**Wayne Splawn and
Deacon Executive Committee**

Ordination Prayer

**John Piede
Deacon Chair**

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

Wherever He Leads I'll Go
FALLS CREEK

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

We Go in Peace
by Keith Christopher

We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from the Lord above, to tell the world this very thing: that Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

Organ Postlude


Christopher Henley


Improvisation on "All Creatures of Our God and King"
by Christopher Henley


*Congregation standing


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Prayer List

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Thomas James Sterling (parents Janie & Matthew Sterling, grandparents Elisabeth & Chuck Branch)

DEATHS

Shirley Austin

Ralph Holley (brother of Elam Holley)

Nancye Lawrence

Patty Milton

Marilyn Reich (mother of Peter Reich)

Sylvia Bellot (mother of Chris Bellot)

MBBC MEMBERS

Bill Austin, David Bell, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, David Ehrhardt, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Tallulah Hargrove, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Lauren Johnston, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Phyllis Mitchell, Carolyn Nowlin, Jennie Pickett, 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, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: JANUARY 31–FEBRUARY 2

Sharon Howard – (205) 527-7641

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1

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

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

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 - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 (THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY) • DEACON ORDINATION SUNDAY _____

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 _____

- 12 p.m. Third Monday Book Club | Conference Room
- 6 p.m. Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting | Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting | Chapel Music Suite

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 _____

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 324 2A

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 _____

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Hudson Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 _____

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 324 2A
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Hudson Hall
- 6 p.m. Semi-Annual Church Conference | Gym

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY) _____

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Dr. John Piede, 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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