

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany 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. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude

Jesus, Lead Thou On
arr. Paul Manz

Christopher Henley

Call to Worship

With a Voice of Singing
arr. Martin Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, "Alleluia!"
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, "Alleluia!"

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Mark Rector and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: **and also with you.**

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness!

People: **We will enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; only the righteous shall enter through it.

People: **We will give thanks to the Lord; God has become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.** (based on Psalm 118:19-27; 1 Peter 2:7)

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

Congregation

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Mary Splawn

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn**

Congregation

Blest Are They
BLEST ARE THEY
(Stanzas 1-4 only)

***Offertory Reading**

Kely Hatley

Proverbs 13:7 (NIV)

⁷ One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer

Kely Hatley

Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary

The Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary (PBTs) exists to train God-called and church-affirmed men and women for Christian ministry. Kely Hatley recently visited as the keynote speaker for their 55th Lide/Walker Bible Conference. Over 800 were in attendance with 762 official registrants. Kely preached and taught on the topic of "Music in Worship" for pastors and music volunteers from all over South Asia. The work of this seminary is crucial for Filipino pastors and leaders. For more information about their ministry, contact Mary Watkins (mawatkins2445@gmail.com).

***We Present Our Offerings to God**

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 lobby to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Children's Message

Sharon Howard

The Reading of God's Word

Joel Burks

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Beatitudes Hymn
by Timothy Paul Banks

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult and persecute you, saying all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. In the same way they persecuted the prophets before you. Amen.

***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

*Hymn of Response

Congregation

Blest Are They
BLEST ARE THEY
(Stanzas 5 only)

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

In Your Love, Dear Lord
by David Justice

In your love, dear Lord, dismiss us, and your wings our shelter be. Let your Spirit dwelling in us bind and keep us close to thee. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley







Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
arr. Charles Callahan

*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 at 10 a.m.?
Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Matthew Ames Green (parents Caroline & Trenton Green)
Piper Jane Henley (parents Haley & Christopher Henley)
Heidi Lyn Hills (parents Claire & Chris Hills, grandparents Natalie & Lee Smith, great-grandmother Louise Gore)
Thomas James Sterling (parents Janie & Matthew Sterling, grandparents Elisabeth & Chuck Branch)

DEATHS

Shirley Austin
Sue Ralls (mother of Diane Burns)
Willie Fleming (father of Debbie Chandler)

MBBC MEMBERS

Bill Austin, Bob Baker, David Bell, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Christopher Brown, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, David Ehrhardt, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Tallulah Hargrove, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Lauren Johnston, Judy Long, 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 Zarembo

HEALTH CARE CENTERS/INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: FEBRUARY 7-9

Amy Hirsch – (205) 704-3500

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, February 2 - Saturday, February 8

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

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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, FEBRUARY 2 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 12 p.m. Preteens & Parents | Parenting the Transition Lunch & Meeting
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 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, FEBRUARY 5

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Discover MBBC Welcome Breakfast | Room 236
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 12 p.m. Chapel Choir Lunch & 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

For the full list of our church staff, please see mbbc.org/staff.