

APRIL 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide 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 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

Christopher Henley

Meditation on ARLINGTON
arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Mellow Brook Singers

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord
arr. Joe Parks

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. I will sing. I will sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. *(Repeat)*

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

People: We are called to be Easter people.

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us!

People: Fear cannot bind us!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Amen! — *written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website*

*Hymn of the Resurrection No. 197

Congregation

We Welcome Glad Easter
ST. DENIO

*Invocation & Welcome to Worshipers

Ethan McVay

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Mark Rector

The Reading of God's Word

Mark Rector

John 17:20-23 (NIV)

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so

that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Offertory Hymn No. 71**

Congregation

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

Offertory Reading

Mark Rector

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Mission Partner of the Week & Prayer

Pat Ferguson and

Mark Rector

Mellow Brook Singers Mission Tour

The Mellow Brook Singers choir was formed in February 2013 with 13 people at the first rehearsal. The choir is for adults ages 55+ and is open to all who like to sing. No choral experience is necessary. The only requirement is to have a good attitude and to enjoy working with others to achieve musical goals that can't be attained alone. The Mellow Brook Singers exist to be a ministry arm for our church that goes out into the community to sing at local retirement centers, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes. We spread the love of Christ to all who will listen to us. For more information, email Kely Hatley (kely@mbbc.org).

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

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

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

Choral Anthem

Mellow Brook Singers

Power in the Blood
arr. Stan Pethel

Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain: There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide. There is wonderful power in the blood. **Refrain**

Would you do service for Jesus, your King? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you live daily his praises to sing? There's wonderful power in the blood. **Refrain**

***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

Ethan McVay

“Relationship Check”

1 John 3:16-24
pg. 863 (pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response No. 499**

Congregation

I Surrender All
SURRENDER

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.)

We Receive the Bread and Cup

***The Exchange of the Peace of Christ**

Mark Rector

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

Mark Rector

Organ Postlude


Christopher Henley


Rigaudon
by André Campra


*Congregation standing


Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see a greeter for assistance.





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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Maggie Jean Burks (parents Sara & Joel Burks, grandparents Tracy & Allen Spradling)

Marshall Graham Towns (parents Lilly Beth & Spencer Towns, grandparents Tracey & Perry Towns, great-grandmother Nancy Becker)

DEATHS

Barry Austin (son of Shirley & Bill Austin)

F. Robert "Joey" Gleason

Bryan Cooper Patton (brother-in-law of Barbara Patton)

Joyce Ruffin Prater (sister of June Matsos)

MBBC MEMBERS

Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Dot Carroll, Chris Clark, Kay Davidson, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Mirian Habshey, Anna Lu Hemphill, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Nancy Kelley, Nancye Lawrence, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Larry Moon, Bertha Noland, Carolyn Nowlin, Walter Pittman, Missy Roper, Samantha Sellers, Anita Skelton, Glenn Slye, Irene Stutts, Judy Taylor, Bobby Trammell, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Marcella Zeigler

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

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

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: APRIL 26-28

Mary Splawn – (205) 834-3205

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, April 21 - Saturday, April 27

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 – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Sharpen Up Breakfast | Heritage Hall
- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Hudson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Narthex

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

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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