

APRIL 28, 2024

## Fifth 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](http://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

*Scherzo from Organ Sonata No. 1*  
by René-Louis Becker

### Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

### \*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: **and also with you.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

People: **We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

People: **We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

People: **The law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

People: **Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

*(written by Rev. Mindi and inspired by Matthew 5:13-20, 22:36-40;  
Mark 12:30-31; Luke 10:27)*

### \*Hymn of the Resurrection No. 223

Congregation

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
DIADEMATA

### \*Invocation & Welcome to Worshipers

Mary Splawn

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

### \*Offertory Hymn No. 270

Congregation

*Christian Hearts, in Love United*  
CASSELL

**Offertory Reading****Mary Splawn**

Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

**Mission Partner of the Week & Prayer****Mary Splawn****Red Mountain Grace**

*Red Mountain Grace provides apartments to patients receiving long-term medical care at hospitals throughout Birmingham. In 2023, Red Mountain Grace served a record 171 families in one year, providing affordable and comfortable housing to families who otherwise may have had to sleep in their cars or in waiting rooms, or spend thousands of dollars on extended hotel stays. They currently have 19 apartments located throughout Birmingham, which are fully furnished and serve as an oasis for families in need of respite during medical treatments. Their goal is to meet physical needs by providing affordable housing while also meeting spiritual and emotional needs by providing support to families and showing them the love of Christ in their time of need. For more information, email Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).*

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

*The Doxology*  
Old 100th (altered)

*(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the front of the Sanctuary 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 Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**Children's Message****Sharon Howard****The Reading of God's Word****Mary Splawn**

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Choral Anthem****Sanctuary Choir**

*Beloved, Let Us Love*  
by Mary McDonald

God sent his only Son to the world that we might live through him. In this is love, in this is love, if God so loved.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of him; and God is love. Beloved, let us love one another

that we may abide in him, and he in us, and he in us, that he may abide in us.

There is no fear in love, there is no fear in love. His perfect love, his perfect love shall cast away all fear. By this we know we are his children, when we love God and keep his Word. For whosoever is born of God overcomes the world. There is no greater love, if God so loved the world.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of him; and God is love. Beloved, let us love one another that we may abide in him, and he in us, and he in us, that he may abide in us.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Mary Splawn 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**

**“Love One Another”**

1 John 4:7-21  
pp. 863-864 (pew Bible)

**Wayne Splawn**

**\*Hymn of Response No. 272**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*  
ST. BRENDAN'S

**Congregation**

**Closing Words**

**Wayne Splawn**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Proclaim the Good News!*  
by Kely Hatley

**Sanctuary Choir**

Go and tell the world that Jesus, the Lord, is risen, is risen from the dead!

**Organ Postlude**

*Toccata in F, BWV 540*  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

**Christopher Henley**

\*Congregation standing

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

*The flowers on the altar have been given in memory of Barry Austin  
and in honor of his parents, Shirley and Bill,  
by Wesley Young, Barry's college roommate.*

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 10 a.m.?

Scan the QR code below or visit [mbbc.org/smbc](http://mbbc.org/smbc) to view class options.



# Prayer List

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## BIRTHS

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

## DEATHS

F. Robert "Joey" Gleason

Joyce Ruffin Prater (sister of June Matsos)

## MBBC MEMBERS

Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Dot Carroll, Chris Clark, Kay Davidson, Sophie Claire Dixon, 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

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## MINISTER ON CALL: MAY 3-5

Sharon Howard – (205) 527-7641

## PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

**Sunday, April 28 - Saturday, May 4**

Please visit [mbbc.org/project119](http://mbbc.org/project119) for this week's readings.

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# This Week

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

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

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- 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

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

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- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Hudson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Narthex

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

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- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:15 p.m. 2's and 3's Preschool Choir Open House | Room 215
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

## **THURSDAY, MAY 2**

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- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Narthex
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers in the Community
- 1 p.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

## **FRIDAY, MAY 3**

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

## **SUNDAY, MAY 5 • GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

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- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10 a.m. Students | Senior Recognition Breakfast | Hudson Hall
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 12 p.m. Family Mission Trip Meeting | Heritage Hall
- 5 p.m. Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents | Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 5 p.m. VBS Meeting | Hudson 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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