

JANUARY 18, 2026

Welcome to Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

Sarabande on LAND OF REST
by Gerald Near

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Let God Be Praised and Glorified
by John F. Wilson
(Guest Conductor: Libby Phillips)

Let every instrument be tuned for praise, let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, and may God give us faith to sing always, Alleluia! Let God be praised! Let God be praised! And in our music may his name be glorified! Let God be glorified!

***Opening Sentences of Worship**

Libby Phillips and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. —*Psalm 47:1-2; 5-6 NRSV*

***Hymn of Praise No. 306**

Congregation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

***Invocation and Words of Welcome**

Amy Hirsch

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

Offertory Reading and Prayer

Mark Rector

Matthew 19:21 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

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

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex 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

Sanctuary Choir

Purer in Heart
arr. Richard Huggins

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be; may I devote myself wholly to thee. Watch thou my wayward feet, guide me with counsel sweet; purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be; until thy holy face one day I see. Keep me from secret sin, reign thou my soul within; purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be; teach me to do thy will most lovingly. Be thou my Friend and Guide, let me with thee abide; purer in heart, help me to be.

***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.

Message

Wayne Splawn

"Is It Helpful?"
1 Corinthians 6:9-20
pg. 809 (pew Bible)

Hymn of Response No. 494

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord
LANGLEY

The Communion of Christ With His Church

(If you have gluten allergies, a tray of gluten-free wafers has been placed in the Narthex. Please take one to your seat so you may participate.)

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.")

***Choral Benediction**

Go Out and Tell
by Keith Christopher

Sanctuary Choir

Go out in peace, go out in joy; go out and tell the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Go out in peace, go out in joy; go out and tell the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. That all may know the difference that he will make by trusting in his Word. Go out in peace, go out in joy, go out and tell!

Organ Postlude

Final from Suite for Organ
by Gerald Near

Debbie Smith

*Congregation standing

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