

JANUARY 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday  
Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

**Christ Be Magnified**

Carnes

Were creation suddenly articulate with a thousand tongues to lift one cry,  
then from north to south and east to west we'd hear: "Christ be magnified!"

Were the whole earth echoing his eminence, his name would burst from  
sea and sky. From rivers to the mountain tops we'd hear: "Christ be  
magnified!"

O Christ, be magnified! Let his praise arise. Christ, be magnified  
in me. O Christ, be magnified from the altar of my life. Christ be  
magnified in me.

When every creature finds its inmost melody and every human heart its  
native cry, O then in one enraptured hymn of praise we'll sing: "Christ  
be magnified!"

I won't bow to idols. I'll stand strong and worship you, and if it puts  
me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause you're there too. I won't be formed by  
feelings. I hold fast to what is true. If the cross brings transformation,  
then I'll be crucified with you.

'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life, and if I join you  
in your suffering, then I'll join you when you rise. And when you return  
in glory with all the angels and the saints, my heart will still be singing  
and my song will be the same.

CCLI Song # 7121852

**OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS**

**MARK RECTOR**

**OFFERTORY READING**

**AMY HIRSCH**

Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV)

"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."

“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. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CONGREGATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(All children are invited to meet Mr. Mark 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 Mr. Mark in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MARK RECTOR**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

**ETHAN MCVAY**

Matthew 2:1-12

**\*WORSHIP THROUGH SONGS**

**CONGREGATION**

**We Three Kings**

Tenth Avenue North | Britt Nicole

We three kings of orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

*Chorus: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: “Alleluia, alleluia” sounds through the earth and skies. *Chorus*  
CCLI Song #7204354

**Behold**

Phil Wickham

Behold, the King has come; Divinity incarnate; Creator of the world, breathing our air; behold, what light has come. And the dark cannot contain it. The Savior of the world is finally here.

*Chorus: O come let us adore him. Come let us adore him, for he*

**MESSAGE****WAYNE SPLAWN****“God Revealed the Mystery of His Will”**

Ephesians 1:3-14

pg. 827 (pew Bible)

**\*TIME OF RESPONSE****CONGREGATION****Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Papa | Boswell | Blecker

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery. He the perfect Son of Man, in his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery. Christ the Lord upon the tree, in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold, bringing many unto glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery. Slain by death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord; he is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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**\*BENEDICTION****WAYNE SPLAWN**

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

\*Congregation standing

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