

JANUARY 4, 2026

# Epiphany Sunday

## Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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### Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* BuxWV223  
by Dietrich Buxtehude

### Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

*O Light of Light*  
by Richard Shephard

O Light of light, love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth; more bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company, the heavens above your glory named, the Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

### \*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord,

People: **for God has done wondrous things!**

### \*Hymn of Worship No. 158

Congregation

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
DUKE STREET

### \*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Mary Splawn

**Parent/Child Dedication**

**Sharon Howard and Wayne Splawn**

**John Fischer Simpson**  
Parents: Collier and Johnny Simpson

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Wayne Splawn**

**The Reading of God's Word**

**Ethan McVay**

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*Offertory Hymn No. 151**

**Congregation**

*We Three Kings*  
KINGS OF ORIENT

**Offertory Reading and Prayer**

**Mark Rector**

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."

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

**Congregation**

*The Doxology*  
Old 100th (altered)

*(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**

**Choral Anthem**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*Shine on Us*  
arr. Bruce Greer

Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us. Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us. That we may be saved. That we may have life to find our way in the darkest night. Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us. Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us. That we may have life to find our way in the darkest night. Let your grace fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us. Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us. That we may have life to find our way in the darkest night. Let your love come over us. Let your grace fall on us. Let your light shine on us.

**\*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**

**“God Revealed the Mystery of His Will”**

Ephesians 1:3-14

pg. 827 (pew Bible)

**\*Hymn of Response No. 156**

**Congregation**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE

**\*Closing Words**

**Wayne Splawn**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*Go Out and Tell*

by Keith Christopher

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**

**Debbie Smith**

*Festive Postlude*

by Paul Fey

\*Congregation standing

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