

DECEMBER 7, 2025

## Second Sunday of Advent Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**MBBC PRAISE BAND**

**\*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

**CONGREGATION**

**Even So Come**

Passion | Tomlin

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let every nation shout of your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Every heart, longing for our king, we sing, "Even so, come. Lord Jesus, come. Even so, come. Lord Jesus, come."

There will be justice. All will be new. Your name, forever, faithful and true. Jesus is coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for you. God, we wait. You're coming soon.

CCLI Song #7036288

**OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS**

**MARK RECTOR**

**THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

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Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

**SADIE & HUNTER CHITTY**

**PEACE**

Leader: Today we continue our Advent journey towards Christmas, steadily moving closer to the birth of the Christ child, the source of our hope and the subject of our deep longings. In Christ we find our peace.

People: Our peace remains throughout each trial because our hope rests in Christ's love that lasts forever. We know what love is because God has loved us, sending his Son to live among us. God's love is our peace.

Leader: This peace is a response to God's love for us in sending Jesus to us in the child of Bethlehem. We have seen our God regard the humble and exalt the weak.

**People:** God, our Father, we open our hearts to your gift of peace in our lives. Meet us in our weaknesses and our humility and be our strength. Make us new and fill us with the peace that rests in your love which lasts forever and ever.

**ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE**

**CONGREGATION**

*Light the Light, the Fire of Life*

arr. David W. Music

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal his glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

*SOLO: Light the candle of his peace, light the light of angels singing. Light the candle of his peace, light the light that shone that night.*

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

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**\*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

**CONGREGATION**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

Reawaken Hymns

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say: News, news, Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in a manger now: Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy, joy, Jesus Christ was born for this. He hath op'd the heavenly door and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this. Christ was born for this.

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace, peace, Jesus Christ was born to save. Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save. Christ was born to save.

**OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE READING**

**AMY HIRSCH**

Proverbs 13:7 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

**\*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 Mrs. Sharon 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 Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SHARON HOWARD**

**MESSAGE**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**"Patiently We Wait"**

2 Peter 3:3-18

pg. 861 (pew Bible)

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

**CONGREGATION**

**I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day**

Reawaken Hymns

I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet, the words repeat, of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom had rolled along, the unbroken song, of peace on earth, good will to men.

'Til ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men.

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**\*CLOSING WORDS**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

Romans 13:11-12 (NRSV)

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

*The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of the marriage  
of Anne Peyton Baker and Donald John DeMetz III  
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church on December 6, 2025.*