

OCTOBER 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday
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. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIBBY PHILLIPS

***WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

CONGREGATION

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Getty | Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong. Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

***Chorus:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.**

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore? The rock of Christ. ***Chorus***

Unto the grave what will we sing? "Christ he lives, Christ he lives." And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him. There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed. And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus

CCLI Song #7147502

OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS

MARK RECTOR

OFFERTORY READING & PRAYER

ETHAN MCVAY

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

***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.

(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. Guests with preschoolers attending Preschool Worship should meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to receive a security check-in label.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*EMILY MEGGINSON & 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG*CONGREGATION****He Will Be**

CityAlight | Ferguson | Maxwell

God is faithful to his word even when there seems no way. Though time may pass, his memory will not fade. His promises will never fail. Faithful he has been, faithful he will be. Time and time again, his Word returns complete. To his truth I cling: when the night is deep, faithful he has been, faithful he will be.

God is gracious when I doubt. He draws near though I retreat. Though I may wander through the wilderness, he goes with me and gives me peace. Gracious he has been, gracious he will be. What I don't deserve, the Father gives to me. Where he leads my feet, I shall not want or need. Gracious he has been, gracious he will be.

He is my provider, covenant protector. All my hope is in the Lord, my God. He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer. All my hope is in the Lord my God. *(repeat)*

Worthy he has been, worthy he will be. Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing: "Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty!" Worthy he has been, worthy he will be.

CCLI Song # 7253277

MESSAGE**WAYNE SPLAWN****Honor and Understanding"**

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

pg. 829 (pew Bible)

SONG OF RESPONSE**CONGREGATION****The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

Worship Initiative

The King of Love, my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth. And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, and yet in love he sought me. And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

Chorus: Sing praise for love that knows no end, to Christ who died for sin. For he will all your wrongs forgive. The King of Love, my Shepherd is.

CCLI Song # 7231540

THE COMMUNION OF CHRIST WITH HIS CHURCH**We Receive the Bread & Cup**

(Prepackaged gluten-free communion elements are available on the altar table.)

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

The Worship Initiative

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Chorus: Precious Jesus, Lord and Friend, I give everything to you.
Shelter, Shepherd, Savior, King, I give everything to you.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there. *Chorus*

CCLI Song # 7160193

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.")

BENEDICTION*WAYNE SPLAWN**

May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen. *(based on Philippians 1:9-11)*

*Congregation standing

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

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School classes on October 18? Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



If you are in need of prayer or have a prayer request today, members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be available by the baptistry following the service to pray with you.

Prayer List

BIRTHS

Baker Bryant Wells and Vivian Marie Wells (parents Cile & Fisher Wells, grandparents Elizabeth & Bob Baker)

DEATHS

Grace Etheridge (great-aunt of Debra Saunders)

Albert LoBuglio (grandfather of Morgan Self)

MBBC MEMBERS/REGULAR ATTENDERS

Ann & Don Adams, Walter Andrews, Claudette Bearden, Brad Berryhill, Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Tom Burns, Amye Carle, Dot Carroll, Colby Clark, Peggy & Ralph Coleman, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Chad Fooshee, Fran Gatch, Grady Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Karen Johnson, Nancy Kelley, Eddie Mae McDanal, Caroline Mears, Phyllis Mitchell, Ken Morgan, Jean Nunnelley, Lennie Pelton, Mallory Pritchard, Joyce Ratliff, Greg Robinson, Ann Sanders, Anita Skelton, Irene Stutts, Judy & Ron Taylor, Mark Tucker Jr., LuAnne Wall, Watty Wall, Laura & Jack Zarembo

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Norma Barron, Betty Bowen, Mary Kate Dyer, Peggy Lawler, Kay Merrill, Martha Miklic, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: OCTOBER 9-11

Joel Burks - (256) 347-5761

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

FOR PARENTS

Nursing Moms’ Rooms & Changing Stations

If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place to feed your child, we have two nursing moms’ rooms: one outside the Narthex and the other in Room 204. There are changing stations in the restrooms by the Sanctuary.

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.

To access our Wi-Fi network, choose MBBC Guest (password 803-3452).



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

This Week

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir | Chapel Music Suite
- 6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Student Ministry Area

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 356 2A

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm 356 2A
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 11:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Luncheon | Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

No Sunday School

- 10 a.m. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Mark Tucker, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Mrs. Wendy Calvert, Associate Children's Minister
- 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
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Family and Administrative Minister
- Mrs. Libby Phillips, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections
- Mr. Doug Steele, Director of Operations

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