

MARCH 24, 2024

Palm 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. If this is your first time to worship with us via livestream, visit mbbc.org/guests to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude

Christopher Henley

Lift Up Your Heads
by George Frideric Handel

(Today we will utilize the Christ Candle in our service symbolizing our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, thus opening our Holy Week services. The Christ Candle will be extinguished at the close of the Maundy Thursday service, but it will emerge again lit and leading in Easter Sunday's procession symbolizing Christ's victorious resurrection.)

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Ride On!
by Mark Hayes

Ride on, ride on in majesty. Ride on in victory! Glory and honor be to the King of kings! Ride on in majesty! Sing "Hosanna" to David's Son, the Messiah, the King and Blessed One. He is Lord of heaven. He is Lord of earth. We proclaim his matchless worth! Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its red descent, let the name of the Lord be praised.

Ride on, ride on in majesty. Ride on in victory! Glory and honor be to the King of kings! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in victory! Ride on!

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

People: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Leader: Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

People: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. *(based on John 12:13)*

***Hymn of Worship No. 172**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

Congregation

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

Mary Splawn

Instrumental Message

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
arr. Michael Keller

Handbell Quartet

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn No. 505**

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
MAITLAND

Congregation

Offertory Reading and Prayer

Mary Splawn

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

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

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

Congregation

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K can meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the Sanctuary 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

King of Kings
by Geoffrey O' Hara

Sanctuary Choir

As I stood at the gates of Jerusalem, and heard a triumphant cry, I saw great multitudes spread green palms, for someone coming by. No soldiers were marching: no cymbals rang; and still the Hosannas grew, but then I saw the Master's face and I knew, I knew!

Refrain: Savior, Redeemer, Son of God, salvation the gift he brings. Hosannah and homage and glory, to Jesus, the King of kings! Savior, Redeemer, Son of God, Salvation the gift he brings. Hosanna, Hosanna and glory, to Jesus the King of Kings!

Humble and holy was my Lord, and lowly the colt he rode, but greater than any who wield the sword his life for our sins bestowed. **Refrain**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Mary Splawn 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

"Make Way for the Lord"
Isaiah 40:1-5 and Luke 19:28-40
pp. 511 and 743-744 (pew Bible)

Wayne Splawn

***Hymn of Response No. 95**

Congregation

Prepare the Royal Highway
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, I'm Coming Home
by William Kirkpatrick

I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home. The paths of sin too long I've trod. Lord, I'm coming home. Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam. Open wide thine arms of love. Lord, I'm coming home.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
arr. Dan Miller

*Congregation standing

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Prayer List

BIRTH

Ruffin William Jordan (son of Kalli & David Jordan, grandson of Jane & Mike Jordan, great-grandson of June Matsos)
Samantha Margot Sellers (daughter of Katie & Woodson Sellers, granddaughter of Michelle & Rodney Rushing, great-granddaughter of Norma Barron)

DEATHS

Bob Austin (brother of Bill Austin)
Dona Boone
Hewitt Lawrence “Sonny” Conwill (father of Leslie Corts)
William “Bill” Richard Hightower (grandfather of Sean McMillan)
Ellen Priscilla Nelson (mother of Karen Abney)
Ken Sanders
Ronald Dudley Stokes (father of Curt Stokes)
Bill Tolley (grandfather of Kyle Milling)

MBBC MEMBERS

Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Dot Carroll, Kay Davidson, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Mirian Habshey, Anna Lu Hemphill, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Ruffin Jordan, Nancye Lawrence, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Carolyn Nowlin, Walter Pittman, Missy Roper, Samantha Sellers, Anita Skelton, Glenn Slye, Irene Stutts, Judy Taylor, Bobby Trammell, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Marcella Zeigler

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Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: MARCH 29-31

Sharon Howard – (205) 527-7641

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, March 24 - Saturday, March 30

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week’s readings.

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.

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Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

This Week

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 • PALM SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 12 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Week Lunch | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 12 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Week Lunch | Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 12 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Week Lunch | Heritage Hall
- 7 p.m. Adult Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 • MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service | Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 • GOOD FRIDAY

- 12 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Week Lunch | Heritage Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Children & Families | Journey to the Cross | Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 • EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service | Mountain Brook High School Football Stadium
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Eddie Elliott, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- 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
- Mrs. Micaiah Kelly, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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