

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Sunday, January 19, 2025

“There’s a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will.”

— Shakespeare, *Hamlet*.

THE PRELUDE AS WE GATHER

“Largo”
“Boundless Mercy”

A. Vivaldi
A. Giamanco

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP (congregation standing)

LEADER: In a world of competition and hard work,

PEOPLE: **It is good for us to come abide and rest.**

LEADER: In a world torn by anger and stress,

PEOPLE: **It is good for us to repose in God’s love.**

LEADER: In a world of war and division,

ALL: **It is good for us to worship together.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “God of Creation, All-Powerful” #48
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

A PRAYER (together, seated)

O God of mercy, you nourish our mortal bodies with life. Plant us now in good soil, that our lives may flower in righteousness and peace. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. Amen.

Sung Softly Together #295

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may move what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HYMN “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” #591
(vv 1 ,2, 4, 5)

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 (CEB)

A psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd.
I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;

He keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.

You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house
as long as I live.

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Music "A Pleasant Thought" Florence Price
Sung response

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

Offering Prayer

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN "Search Me, O God" #460

SERMON *A Pursuing Presence*

CLOSING HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" #530

THE BENEDICTION

THE GOING FORTH (together)

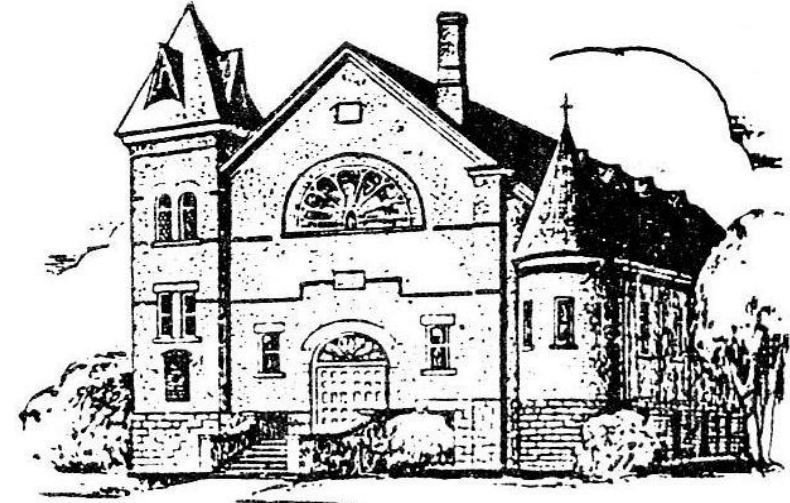
Saviour, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We give you thanks before our worship cease,
And now departing, wait your word of peace.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE "Festiva" Robert Hughes

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP IS ENDED: OUR SERVICE IN THE WORLD BEGINS

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Welcome to our service of worship today. Please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and refreshments. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH



***Since 1888, a church
Creating Hope, Changing Lives.
Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.***

Everyone is Welcome!

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