



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

# The Memorial Baptist Church

BAPTISM OF JESUS



# The Church in Worship

Deacon Ordination 2024



## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three Bells

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIPERS

Andy Roby

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Sandro Silva

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Roby

*There are days when we need to be reminded that we belong to God.  
Today, we speak and hear the truth: you belong to God; you are God's beloved.*  
**We believe that the God revealed in Jesus Christ is a God of love.**  
**We believe that God created us and delights in that creation.**  
**We believe the psalmist, who says for each of us,**  
**"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."**

*Just as God called Jesus "my beloved,"  
God extends that same term of endearment to us.*  
**We believe that no matter our earthly challenges and daily anxieties,**  
**nothing can take away that sacred title.**  
**We cling to this promise like a rock in the storm.**  
**We anchor ourselves with this good news,**  
**because we know where we belong.**  
**We are children of God. We are God's beloved.**

*Let us worship God who loves us.*  
**Let us worship God who calls us beloved. Amen.**

† HYMN OF ACCLAMATION 281

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

*During the last stanza of the Hymn of Acclamation, all children are invited  
to meet Dr. Roach at the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment in Worship.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT IN WORSHIP

Tyler Roach with TMBC Children

## WE SERVE AND GIVE WITH GENEROUS HEARTS

† HYMN OF STEWARDSHIP 667

*As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kaitlyn Jones, Deacon

*During the Offertory, all preschoolers through five years old (including K)  
are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing.  
Meet Mrs. Luisa Haynes at the front of the Sanctuary, piano side.*

CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Blessing*  
by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

O may the peace of God be with you ever more, and may the power of His great love your soul again restore,  
and may you feel His hand upon you day by day to strengthen and sustain you along your way.  
O may He be your guide as long as life shall last, and in the time of trial, may His strong arm hold you fast,  
and may you always know His never-ending care, and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere.

The one eternal God is King o'er all the earth, He made the universe so vast and gave to Man his birth;  
but through He reigns supreme, His love surrounds us all, and from His throne He tends His own; His creatures great and small.  
So may the peace of God be with you evermore, and may the power of His great love your soul again restore,  
and may you always know His never-ending care, and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise God, all creatures here below.  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## WE ARE FORMED BY GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22

Brad Smith

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**WE TRUST OUR BELOVEDNESS**

Brad Smith

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 649

*Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

NETTLETON

The lyrics of this hymn will be sung to the tune, NETTLETON,  
 to which we often sing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

*If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to move forward to be received  
 by the Pastor during the singing of the Hymn of Response. If you have been baptized as a follower  
 of Jesus, we will receive you based on your previous baptism. If you have not made a confession of faith,  
 we invite you to do so and to present yourself for Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time  
 to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.  
 The altar is open to all who wish to pray.*

INTRODUCTION OF DEACONS

Jay Surles, Deacon

SERVICE OF DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Brad Smith and TMBC Deacons

Pastor: Do you trust that you are truly called by God to the ministry of deacon in this church?

**Deacons: I do so trust.**

Pastor: Are you committed to ministering to those in need, where you are able?

**Deacons: By God's grace, I am so committed.**

Pastor: Will you seek to provide an upright example by your total life—your words, your  
 attitude, your behavior and your family life—that will point others to Christ?

**Deacons: I will by God's help.**

Pastor: Are you committed to upholding the fellowship of Christ's family in The Memorial Baptist Church, doing all  
 you can to support, affirm, and undergird its ministry through your presence, your possessions and your witness?

**Deacons: I am, the Lord being my inspiration and my helper.**

Pastor: These are the people you have elected. You have heard their declaration of their readiness to serve in the  
 office of deacon. I ask you, the church, to declare your affirmation by standing. (*Congregation, please stand*). We are  
 not sufficient in and of ourselves. Our strength comes from God. Do you affirm them in their roles as servant-leaders  
 in the life of this church?

**People: We affirm them and promise to pray for them as they serve to God's glory.**

ORDINATION PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Brad Smith and Deacon Ordinees

† BENEDICTION

Brad Smith

† POSTLUDE

*We Three Kings*  
 arr. Fred Bock

Fran Wilson



† All who are able, please stand

Please note that the nursery is available during today's Morning Worship service for infants and children up to three  
 years of age.

### Serving in Worship Today:

Mr. James Johnson, Mrs. Trish Johnson, Mr. Tony Godwin—Media Ministry Team



## 2024 DEACON COUNCIL

Jay Surles—Moderator

+ Griff Avin

Jimmy Bryant

Sherry Dendy

Scott Godefroy

Kaitlyn Jones

Sharon Lee

Tyler Lumley

Ed Porter

\*Amanda Richardson

\*Jay Saunders

+ Dave Taylor

\* being ordained today; + being installed today

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday, January 9

9:30 am—Women's Bible Study Resumes

1:00 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

#### Wednesday, January 10

6:15 pm—Growing in Grace Resumes

7:15 pm—Chancel Choir

#### Friday, January 12-Monday, January 15 Youth Ski Retreat

#### Sunday, January 14

9:45 am—Sunday School

10:55 am—Morning Worship

#### Monday, January 15

TMBC Office Closed in observance of  
MLK Jr. Day

We are grateful to these Deacons who completed their term of service at the end of December: Kelly Graham, Tammy Ivey, and C.J Messerli.

We also express appreciation to Robbie Taylor, who served as our Church Moderator during 2023.

**Growing in Grace  
Resumes  
Wednesday, January 10  
6:15 pm**

## First Time?

Please fill out  
our electronic  
Guest Form  
by scanning  
the QR code below.



## Thank you for visiting!

We are so glad you could join us  
in worship this morning!  
Want to know more? Reach out  
at [info@tmbc.org](mailto:info@tmbc.org) or  
(252) 756-5314 to get connected!



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Associate Pastor  
Music and Worship Arts

**Dr. Brad Smith**  
Senior Pastor

**Dr. Tyler Roach**  
Associate Pastor  
Families, Formation,  
Community Engagement

**Dr. Juan Carlos Cevallos**  
Hispanic Pastor

**Mrs. Emily Troyan**  
Communications & Admin  
Coordinator

**Mrs. Fran Wilson**  
Pianist

**Mr. Sandro Silva**  
Organist

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm**