

# Worship Notes

## We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the lavender welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

## Epiphany and Its Message:

The primary message of Epiphany ("to make manifest") is the bold announcement of Jesus' divine mission to the world through his adoration by the magi, his baptism, his ministry, and his call to follow as disciples. On Transfiguration Sunday (February 26, 2017), the last Sunday after the Epiphany, questions about the origins and purpose of Jesus' ministry and the church's mission are answered by the awesome presence and voice of God, confirming that "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). For us, this means we are called to cultivate and nurture a Christian community whose life together reveals that it is listening to Jesus.

## Liturgical Color: **White**

White is generally considered a joyous and festive color and is used on special days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints and Reign of Christ. This color is virtually always used with weddings and funerals. White symbolizes divinity, purity, holiness, joy, innocence and victory.

## We Celebrate the Baptism of Colt Dylan Jackson



### Colt's Life Verse:

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

**- 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV**

## Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

## Children's Worship Leaders: Brent Jones and Debbie Sawyer

## Parents and Children:

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home.

## DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office. There is also a link to sermons on the website.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.  
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

# Calendar

## Sunday

Children's Choir	9:00 am - 9:40 am
Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Handbells Rehearsal	2:00 pm

## Tuesday

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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## Wednesday

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Staff meeting	4:15 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship	5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
Wednesday Program	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

## Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Gregg Mealor(919) 332-2696**

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## The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

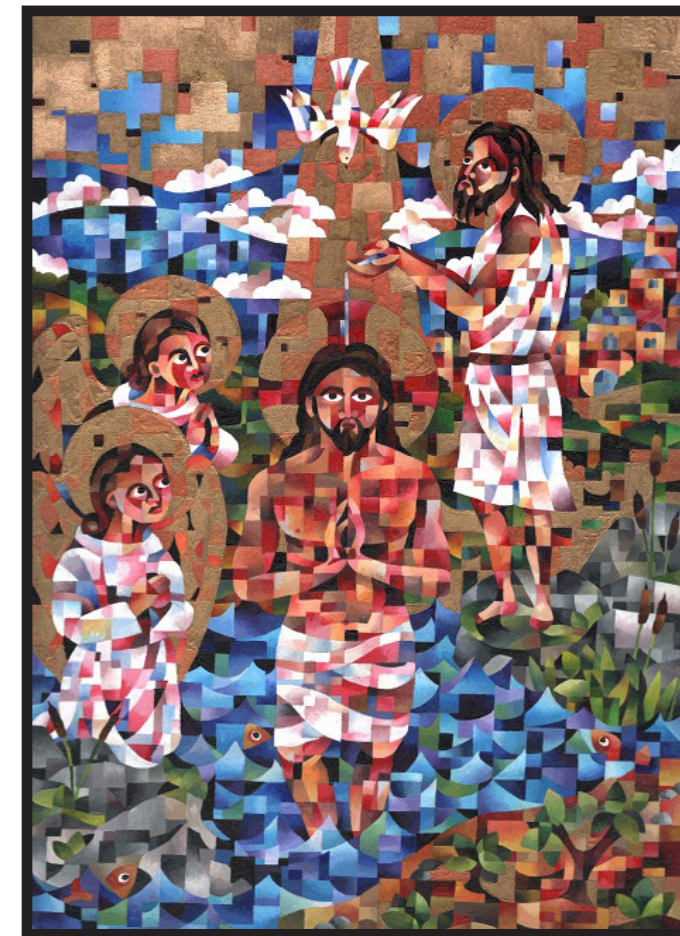
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# Millbrook Baptist Church

WELCOME

Season of Epiphany  
We Worship Our Lord



**Owen James Dobson**  
*Baptism of Christ 'Icon'*

*And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.*

*Matthew 3:16*

## GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Patti Lingafelt

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord in worship!**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

*Baptized In Water*

Lopez

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Ron Creasman

†Call to Worship

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:

I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

**We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.**

**By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.**

God takes us by the hand and leads us.

In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.**

**Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.

Listen for the new thing God declares.

**We remember that we have been baptized.**

**May we live as those with whom God is pleased.<sup>1</sup>**

†Hymn 87

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

FESTAL SONG

†Passing of the Peace

Andrea Dellinger Jones

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;**

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

Words of Assurance

## PROCLAIMING

Hebrew Bible Lesson Isaiah 42:1-3 (\*OT p.670)

Luke Jackson

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn 152

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

COMPLAINER

(Kindergarten-3rd Grade will go to the  
2nd floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Gregg Mealor

Offertory

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. Larson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the Trinity of Love.**

**Praise God, within, beside, above.**

**We praise You! We praise You!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Solo

*I Have Called You By Name*

Peters

*Jan Pender, soloist*

†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17 (\*NT p.3)

Gregg Mealor

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Words for the Journey

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

## GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response

*Down By the Jordan*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
Surely God's new day is rising!"**

**There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
judges and offers salvation."**

**Jesus, you went to be baptized with all of the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.**

**Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
Freed and forgive, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"  
Let's take the good news and share it! <sup>2</sup>**

Ordinance of Baptism

Colt Jackson

Baptism Litany

I present to you our new brother in Christ.

With what words will you send him from these waters?

**We welcome you into this family of faith at Millbrook  
Baptist Church. We will surround you in prayer and love.  
May you grow in the wisdom of the Lord, be a faithful  
witness as a Christian and, in all you do and say, live as  
an example of Jesus' love and grace to our world.**

†Blessing

*"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."*

†Postlude

*Postlude on LOBE DEN HERREN*

Viner

\* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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<sup>2</sup>Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.478 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"), *Stralsund Erneuernten Gesangbuch*, 1665.

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**If you desire membership in our church,**  
or would like to make a public profession of faith,  
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.  
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would  
welcome your inquiry.