

ORDER OF WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

This is indeed the day that you have made, O God, a day of gladness and rejoicing. You cause new life to burst forth with great beauty and fragrance. You adorn the creation with splendor and grandeur. You give your people a taste of your righteousness as we worship the Christ, the cup of new life. Be with us now as we enter the gates of your temple, and hear us as we give you thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Worship begins with the chiming of the hour.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

As the session gathers at the chancel steps to pray for our worship,
we invite you to join us in prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* G. Smoke

* *INTROIT* *I Will Arise* Shaw/Parker

* *CALL TO WORSHIP* Charles Foster

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* *PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123* *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have participated in those actions which sent Jesus to the cross. We have rejected Christ as out of date and impractical. We set our minds on things of the earth rather than on your will. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as resurrection people. Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison) Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: With the stone rolled away came emptiness

People: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to greater truth of God's love in spite of ourselves.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came questions

People: From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came light

People: To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety and insecurity; to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

Leader: With the stone rolled away comes a future

People: With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* *GLORIA PATRI*

* *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (p. 479)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *My Spirit Sang All Day* Finzi

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 864)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* *HYMN 119* *The Strife is O'er* VICTORY

SERMON Easter Cary Speaker

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

* *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* Apostles' Creed (traditional), Hymnal p. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Hallelujah* (Please remain seated.) Handel

* Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* Prayer of Dedication

✠ SENDING ✠

* *HYMN 108* *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

* *CHARGE AND BLESSING*

* *RESPONSE* *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* Bach

POSTLUDE *Toccata C. M.* Widor

*Those who are able, please stand. The Congregation stands with the choir.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel | ❖ Jon Horton | ❖ Emil Menzel |
| ❖ Betty Harrison | ❖ Calvin Long | ❖ Dot Clark |
| ❖ Ruth Kelly | | |

If you have requests for prayer for the Prayer Team or the congregation, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate or call Mary Frances Whitmer (967-8046) or the Church Office (967-5037).

We welcome visitors who are worshipping with us today. We hope you feel and experience the love that makes Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church and would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to membership. For more information please speak with our pastor after worship or call the church office 967-5037.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery is provided for birth to age 3 from 9:30 until noon.

Adult Sunday School (9:30-10:30)

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying world religions and comparing the beliefs of those religions to Christian beliefs. They are using the book, *World Religions at Your Fingertips* as a resource.

This class meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is led by Rev. Cary Speaker. The text is, *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, 2010.

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For youth and their parents, this class meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. The curriculum — *BLAY* (Bibles Lessons for Youth) covers the entire Bible in six years.

Children's Sunday School (9:30-10:30 and 11:00-noon)

Step x Step Kids Learn 2 Live B.I.G.

On the first Sunday of each month, there is no 11:00 Sunday school so that children may attend worship with their parents and join in the celebration of communion.

Children's 9:30 Session is for age 3 through grade 6. This session uses the *Live B.I.G.* One Big Room curriculum. They meet in St. Stephen Building Room 208.

Children's 11:00 Session uses the graded *Live B.I.G.* curriculum.

Age 3-grade 2 meets in St. Stephen Building Room 208.

Grades 3-6 meets in the classroom in the Administration Building.

THE SESSION

2011

Tom Barr
Katherine Brown
David Copeland
Ann Dudelston
Kelli Eshleman
Nancy Harper

2012

Suzanne Cook
Lloyd Gathings
Bill Hester
Dot McCraney
Charles McKell
Michael Melvin

2013

Joseph Bonatz
Margaret Nichols
Donna Speaker
Drew Spransy
Mike Terry

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Dewin Tibbs

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Kelly Huddleston

Financial Assistant:

Bernie Gregson

Administrative Assistant:

Bonnie Hartley

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24 – EASTER

8:30 am Sunrise Worship
9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Devotional & Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Worship

April Ushers
Danny Evans – Head
Cindy Montague
Dot McCraney
Catherine Carter
(Alt) Amy Howard

Monday, April 25

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Chancel Guild Meeting
12:00 pm Grief Group

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm AA Meeting
5:00 pm Blessed Yoga
5:15 pm Youth Handbells
6:00 pm Family Dinner
6:30 pm Grace Notes Choir
Youth Group
7:00 pm Jubilation Choir
Adult Studies
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Menu
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Rice w/mushrooms
Green peas
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

Thursday, April 28

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
3:00 pm Webelo's 320 meeting
6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, April 29

7:30 am Bible Study
8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool

May Ushers
Larry Harper, head
Lloyd Gathings
Eukie Woodall
Deanna Newman
(Alt) Mary Palmer Cook
Wilborn Vaughn

Saturday, April 30

Sunday, May 1 – PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN
BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR!**

At the Summit, Sunday, May 1, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Up to 20% of each purchase goes directly to PHFC Arts Program.
Shop online April 29 – May 3, bn.com/bookfairs
(use checkout code #10428753)



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He is Risen!



Our Mission

*We are a congregation filled with Christ's love,
nurturing and serving from God's abundance.*

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