

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Communion

April 3, 2011

✠ GATHERING ✠

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Shepherd God, you caused your Spirit to come mightily upon David. You promised your children your comforting presence and direction. You sent Jesus as the light of the world to remove the scales from our eyes. We behold your grandeur and offer the praise due your name. 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**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      arr. Kauffman  
Youth Handbells

\* **INTROIT**      *O Thou My Soul Return In Peace*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**      Frank Minter

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**

**Unison: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517**      *We Come as Guest Invited*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

**People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.**

Leader: Walk as children of light as you pursue what is good, right, and true.

**People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.**

Leader: Take no part in works of darkness but learn what is pleasing to God.

**People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.**

*(A time of silent 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: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of Christ be with you.**

**And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

**FIRST LESSON**      I Samuel 16:1-13      (p. 248)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      arr. Wright

Jubilation and Chancel Choirs, Elena Phillips, flute

**SECOND LESSON**      John 9:1-41      (p. 932)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* **HYMN 280**      *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*      AMAZING GRACE

**SERMON**      Who Sinned?      Cary Speaker

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

## OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory      *O World, I Must Leave Thee*      J. Brahms

\* Doxology      Old Hundredth

**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.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

## COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

{ Congregational response }

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS** (Choir)

{ Congregational response }

Healey Willan

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

**People:**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Seek Ye First*

Dent Davidson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ SENDING ✠

\* **HYMN 504**      *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*      UNION SEMINARY

## \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* **RESPONSE**      *Lord Make Me To Know Thy Ways*      Byrd

**POSTLUDE**      *God, Who Made Heaven and Earth*      J. G. Walther

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Christian sympathy to the family of Mildred Lee.

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).

**W**e 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.

**parenTeen Sunday School (9:30-10:30)**

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.

**2011**

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

**THE SESSION**

**2012**

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

**2013**

Joseph Bonatz  
Margaret Nichols  
Donna Speaker  
Drew Spransy  
Mike Terry

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship - **Communion**  
1:30 pm Magic City Harvest Board Mtg.

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

**Monday, April 4**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
3:30 pm Den 6 Meeting  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor Dinner

**Tuesday, April 5**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
9:00 am Prayer Team Meeting  
10:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, April 6**

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

**Menu**  
Barbeque  
Loaded Baked Potatoes  
Salad  
Ice Cream w/Choc Sauce

**Thursday, April 7**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm AA Meeting

**Friday, April 8**

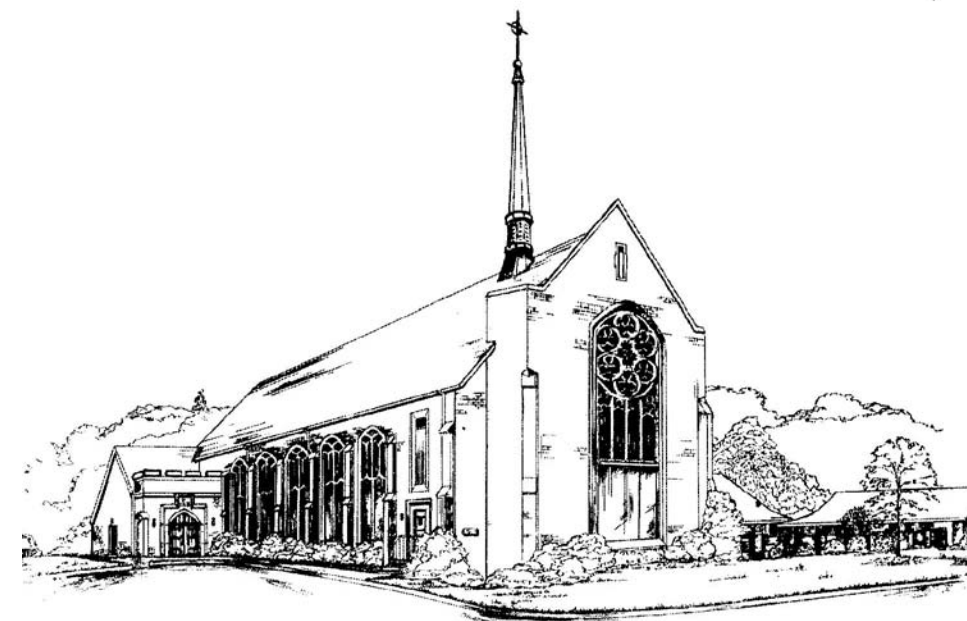
7:30 am Bible Study  
8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
3:00 pm Girl Scout 231 Meeting  
5:30 pm Gregory/Woolfall wedding rehearsal

**Saturday, April 9**

3:00 pm Gregory/Woolfall wedding

**Sunday, April 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
1:30 pm Crop Walk  
**5:00 pm Session Meeting**  
5:30 pm Youth Group  
**6:00 pm DIVE! movie and dinner**



**Our Mission**

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

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<b>Director of Christian Education &amp; Children's Music:</b> Peggy Thompson	<b>Director of Youth Ministry:</b> Traci Finch	
<b>Preschool Director:</b> Kelly Huddleston	<b>Financial Assistant:</b> Bernie Gregson	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Bonnie Hartley



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