

ORDER OF WORSHIP
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 21, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

We give you all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to you, O Christ our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement; one God who sustains us with your love and your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before you. Grace us with your presence, that we may learn of your way. 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 Cary Speaker

PRELUDE Prelude on *Resignation* Dale Wood

* **INTROIT** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let the people now say,

People: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

Leader: The flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

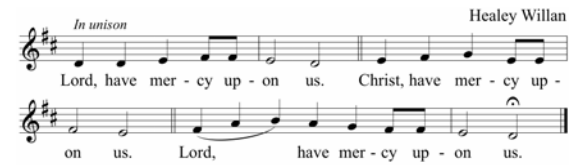
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us for allowing living water to be fouled. There are times when we blame you for all our troubles, and cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy; we tap your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we don't do your will. Cleanse us through Christ, in whose name we confess to you, and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope. Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)



DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **GLORIA** AMAZING GRACE, Hymn 280
(First verse only)

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children age 3 years through grade 6 and teachers gather at the chancel steps to go to their Sunday school classes.

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON Romans 12:1-8 (p. 986)
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Though I May Speak*

SECOND LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 850)
 Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 324** *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

SERMON Who do you say that I am? Alfred Rose

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Martha Madeline Miklic
 Parents, Margaret and Scott Miklic

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING
 Offertory Statement
 Offertory Prelude on *Holy Manna* Dale Wood
 * Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
 * Prayer of Dedication

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 372** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *O Jesus I Have Promised*

POSTLUDE Postlude on *McKee* Dale Wood

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel | ❖ Jane Long | ❖ Emil Menzel |
| ❖ Jon Horton | ❖ Calvin Long | ❖ Dot Clark |
| ❖ Lamar Osment | ❖ Dot McCraney | ❖ Ben McKinnon |

Christian sympathy to David Nichols and family for the loss of his father, Col. Offa S. Nichols.

Christian sympathy to the RJ Clarkson and family for the loss of his mother, Elizabeth Clarkson.

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).

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Amy Sasser Josey given by her sons.

MUSIC NOTE: The service music today is based on three American hymn tunes, each of which appears in the Presbyterian Hymnal. Each of these is a tune we have sung at some point in the past year or so. The congregation is invited to look these up in the index and find the specific hymns.

We welcome visitors who are worshipping with us today. We hope you feel and experience the love that makes Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church a unique and warm Christian family. If you are seeking a church home 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.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is offered at 9:30 and 11:00 for children age 3 through grade 6. During the summer all ages combine and use the *Live B.I.G.** One Big Room curriculum. Both the 9:30 and 11:00 classes meet in Room 109 (next to the nursery) in the Main Building.

On the first Sunday of each month there is no 9:30 or 11:00 Children's Sunday School. We encourage children to attend worship with their parents and join in the celebration of communion.

*LIVE B.I.G. curriculum helps children see, hear and live their Belief In God.

parenTeen Sunday School 9:30-10:30

This class for youth (grades 7-12) and their parents meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. Parents and their teens get to discuss and learn together in a friendly setting. The teachers are Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, Rosh Plugge, and Ralph Cook.

Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30

The Adventure Class meets in the Reception Room and is taught by Larry Harper. This summer they are studying the book of Genesis. Larry always welcomes the hard questions. They are using "The Mighty Acts of God" by Arnold Rhodes as a resource, but will go into more detail in their study.

If you enjoy thinking outside the box, join The Other Class taught by Rev. Cary Speaker. They meet in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building. This summer they are watching a video series: Saving Jesus - A revolutionary exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. The video features some of the most prominent religious voices of our day: Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg, John Shelby Spong, Matthew Fox, Walter Brueggemann, Rebecca Ann Parker and John Dominic Crossan . . . to name a few. After viewing the video the class discusses what has been presented.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 21 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
12:00 pm Pot Luck Lunch!

August Ushers
Bill Whitmer, head
David Copeland
Alexandria Parrish
Catherine Carter
(Alt) Julie Clark
Emil Menzel

Monday, August 22

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, August 23

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool Teacher Workday

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 am Body Works
12:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday, August 25

6:00 pm AA Meeting

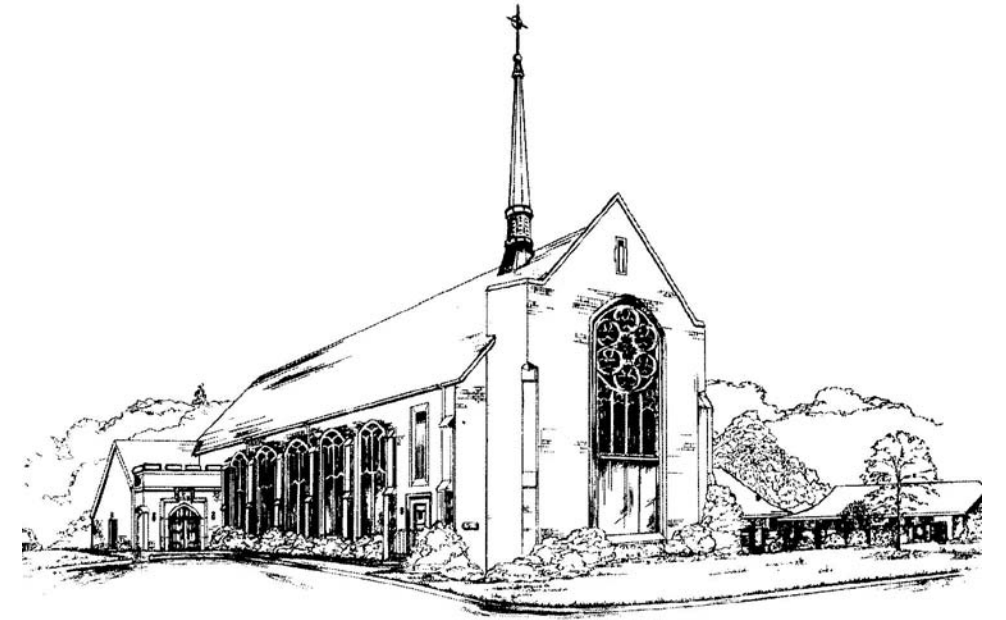
Friday, August 26

7:30 am Bible Study
8:00 am Body Works
7:00 pm Clark/Clark Wedding

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
5:30 pm First Light – MBPCY...G



Our Mission

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



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STAFF

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Director of Christian Education & Children's Music: Peggy Thompson	Director of Youth Ministry: Traci Finch	
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