

ORDER OF WORSHIP
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

As we mention your name, O God, our hearts are glad. We dare come before you with praise and thanksgiving. You have been there for us during times of trial and hardship. You have brought us through many a crisis and care. We owe it to you each time we act wisely, for every thought that promotes goodness and each deed that helps others. Hear us now as we sing you our praises. Be pleased with our worship as we call on 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

Andante

E. Bloch

*** INTROIT**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Paula Cospers, *Liturgist*

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

People: We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises and tell of all your wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434**

Today We all Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You say to hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose some over others.

When it comes time to serve you we are not that zealous to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all. Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)

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.

*** 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

Exodus 3:1-15 (p. 47)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Are Your People

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28 (p. 851)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** HYMN 388**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

SERMON

Discipleship

Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (traditional), Hymnal p. 14

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lee Alden Carmichael,

Jennifer and Gilbert Carmichael, parents

Britton Gilbert Carter,

Catherine and Chris Carter, parents

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Adagio*

G. Smoke

* 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 272**

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** RESPONSE**

How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord

POSTLUDE

Allegro

J. Stanley

*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 floweres are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Jill and Cameron Clark.

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 - 12

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' 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.

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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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 29

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

8:00 am Body Works
10:00 am Preschool Open House
12:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

6:00 pm AA Meeting
9:00 am Preschool 1st Day

Friday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship – Communion

<u>August Ushers</u> Bill Whitmer, head David Copeland Alexandria Parrish Catherine Carter (Alt) Julie Clark Emil Menzel	<u>September Ushers</u> Frank Semmes, head Joe Spransy Jonathan Gathings (Alt) Chris Carter Jocelyn Bell
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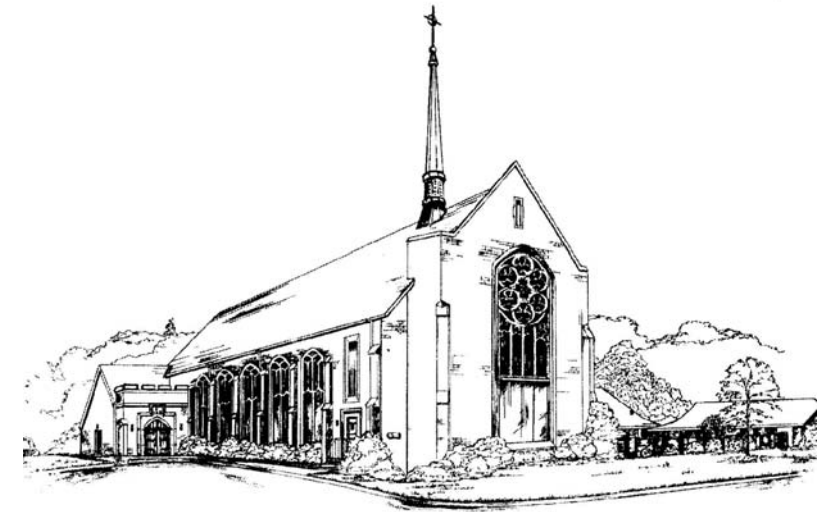
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