

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2011

5:00 p.m.

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### Prayer of Preparation (silent prayer)

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You welcome us when no one else has a place for us. Your gifts reach us amid life's deepest shadows, and your light shows us new paths. Free our voices to sing with angels and our feet to run with shepherds. Open our hearts to ponder great mysteries, and our mouths to glorify you. Make us zealous for good deeds. Amen.

### PRELUDE

**WELCOME** Cary Speaker

**LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH** The Gunn Family

### \* Lighting of the candles

(Tip the unlit candle towards the lit candle)

*Salvation Is Created* Tschesnekoff

### Extinguish candles

\* **PROCESSIONAL 41** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

**BIDDING PRAYER** Cary Speaker

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15 Frank Minter

**ANTHEM** *The Deceiver* G. Smoke

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18 Patrick Evans

**ANTHEM** *Behold A Star from Jacob Shining* Mendelssohn

\* **CAROL 9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-9 Kathryn Barr

**ANTHEM** *Springs In the Desert* Jennings Jr.

**FOURTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-38 Rebecca Barr

**ANTHEM** *Magnificat* Friedell

**FIFTH LESSON** Matthew 1:18-23 Bill Hester

**ANTHEM** *Queen of Heaven* Dunnhill  
Adrienne Price, mezzo-soprano

\* **CAROL 23** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-16 Alain Bouchard

**ANTHEM** *Ding Dong Merrily on High* Candlyn

**SEVENTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11 Cary Speaker

**ANTHEM** *Come to Bethlehem* Warlock

**OFFERING** *Winter Carol*  
James Wood, cello Keyton Carr, violin

\* **CAROL 60** *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

### COLLECT

### 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) Healey Willan  
{ Congregational response }

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

**People:**

Organ Congregation G. R. Smoke  
Christ has  
died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

### CHORAL RESPONSE

Leader: Open our lives to his coming in a scattering of starlight.  
Open now our minds –  
(sing to Hymn 43 – O Little Town of Bethlehem)

**People: O Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!**

*Response will be used twice.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *O Jesu, So Sweet*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* **RECESSIONAL 40** *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

### BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Nunc Dimittis* Friedell

**POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World* arr. Gary R. Smoke

\* Those who are able, please stand.

## Christmas Joy Offering

This offering began in the 1930s and was first called the Joy Gift in 1949. The original offering was used to supplement inadequate retirement and provide supplemental medical insurance for ministers, missionaries, church workers and their families. In 1960 the UPCUSA first received the White Gift offering at Christmas, which supported general missions and world relief. In 1974 racial ethnic education was added. In 1988 the PCUS and UPCUSA joined into one offering called the Christmas Offering Joy Gift, which was later renamed the Christmas Joy Offering. Since 1991 the offering has been evenly divided between support for the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

### THE CHOIR

#### Sopranos

Stephanie Andrews  
Sarah Green  
Sarah Mason  
Latasha McPherson  
Leslie Nichols  
Dot Reinhart  
Laura Semmes  
Molly Treub  
Anna-Liegh Tucker

#### Altos

Carol Barrett  
Jill Bonatz  
Mari Darley-USmar  
Valerie R. Harris  
Lynda Horton  
Alisa Long  
Sande McCord  
Sarah Moran  
Adrienne Price  
Lenora Ramsey  
Andi Tucker

#### Tenors

Tom Barr  
Keyton Carr  
R.J. Clarkson  
Richard Edwards  
Chris Griffin  
Ronnie McCall  
John Moran  
Dick Treub

#### Basses

Thomas Barr  
Bobby Horton  
Sam McCord  
Clay Morton  
Paul Newman  
Tom Reinhart  
Seth Tucker  
James Wood

**W**e 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**

There is no 9:30 Sunday school class for children

#### **2 and 3 Year Old Class** 11:00-Noon

This new class uses curriculum based on Godly Play by Jerome Berryman, but written specifically for our MBPC children. This class meets in Room 109 next to the Nursery.

#### **Step x Step Kids Learn 2 Live B.I.G.\*** 11:15-12-15

Following the Passing of the Peace in the worship service, children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to leave with their teachers for Sunday school. (*On the first Sunday of each month, there is no Sunday School for age 4 through grade 6.* Families are encouraged to worship together and join in the celebration of communion.)

Age 4 through Grade 2 meet in Room 201 St. Stephen

Grades 3 through 6 meet in Room 208 St. Stephen

\**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 curriculum (*BLAY* — Bible Lessons for Youth) focuses on how Scripture relates to our lives and covers the entire Bible in six years. The teachers are Ralph Cook, Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, and Rosh Plugge.

#### **Adult Sunday School** 9:30-10:30

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying the book of Genesis. They are using *The Mighty Acts of God* by Arnold Rhodes as a resource, but go into more detail in their study.

The *Other Class* meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is led by Rev. Cary Speaker. This class is studying *Year of Plenty: One Suburban Family, Four Rules, and 365 Days of Homegrown Adventure in Pursuit of Christian Living* by Craig L. Goodwin. In 2008, Pastor Craig Goodwin and his young family embarked on a year-long experiment to consume only what was local, used, homegrown, or homemade. In *Year of Plenty*, Goodwin shares the winsome story of how an average suburban family stumbled onto the cultural cutting edge of locavores, backyard chickens, farmer markets, simple living, and going green. More than that, it is the timely tale of Christians exploring the intersections of faith, environment, and everyday life.

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, December 25– CHRISTMAS DAY!**

No Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

#### **Monday, December 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 am Body Works

#### **Tuesday, December 27**

8:00 am Body Works

#### **Wednesday, December 28**

12:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday dinner & classes resume

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

#### **Thursday, December 29**

8:00 am Body Works

6:00 pm AA Meeting

#### **Friday, December 30**

8:00 am Body Works

#### **Saturday, December 31**

#### **Sunday, January 1, 2012– New Year's Day!**

No Sunday School

11:00 am Worship - Communion



Please recycle your bulletin, use the baskets in the narthex.



### 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

### STAFF

#### **Pastor:**

Cary Speaker

#### **Director of Christian Education & Children's Music:**

Peggy Thompson

#### **Preschool Director:**

Kelly Huddleston

#### **Director of Music:**

Dewin Tibbs

#### **Director of Youth Ministry:**

Traci Finch

#### **Organist:**

Gary Smoke

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Bonnie Hartley

#### **Our Mission**

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

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