

ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday of Advent
COMMUNION
 December 4, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

O God of peace, your way is sure and leads to salvation. You send your Son, the promise of life eternal; your Holy Spirit guides us to truth. We hear your heralds proclaim the path of obedience, and receive your abounding grace, making firm our footsteps; we know that all is made ready to follow you faithfully. We praise you in thought, word, and deed. By your mercy, affirm your unending love for us, and in our worship make us alive in your promise. 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

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland D. Buxtehude

* **INTROIT**

Savior of the Nations, Come

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let me hear what you will speak, O God, for you will speak peace to your people.

People: Surely your salvation is at hand for those who fear you, that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Yea, God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: In God's righteousness let us worship, that we may walk in the Lord's way.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Andi Tibbs and Family

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ's peace. You open our eyes to his righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of his reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of your mercy, and in Christ hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)

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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

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 619)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Child Will Come Patterson
 Jubilation Choir

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 (p. 867)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 10**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
 WINCHESTER NEW

SERMON

What is the Beginning? Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

OFFERING

Offertory Statement
 Offertory *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*
 Praetorius/Haan

* 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) Healey Willan

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

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Christ has
 died, Christ is ris - en,
 Christ will come a - gain.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Mercy and Truth are Met Rorem

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 516**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor J. Pachelbel

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel
- ❖ Emil Menzel
- ❖ Calvin Long
- ❖ Lamar Osment
- ❖ Jane Long
- ❖ Jon Horton
- ❖ Dot Clark

Christian sympathy to Traci Finch for the loss of her grandfather.

Christian sympathy to Ray Swords on the death of his wife, and Margaret Semmes for the loss of her mother, Louise Swords.

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 (663-6813) or the Church Office (967-5037).

We welcome visitors who are worshiping 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.

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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 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 4— 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Advent Lunch

3:00 pm MBPCY...G Angel Tree Shopping

Monday, December 5

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Grief Group

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am	Body Works	Chicken Tetrazzini
8:00 am	Preschool	Autumn Salad
10:00 am	PEO Meeting	Rolls
12:00 pm	AA Meeting	Assorted Desserts
5:00 pm	Blessed Yoga	
5:15 pm	Youth Choir	
6:00 pm	Dinner	
6:30 pm	Godly Play (ages 4-6 th grade)	
6:30 pm	MBPCY...G	
6:45 pm	Adult Study	
7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir	
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	

MENU

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am CHURCH WORK DAY!

Sunday, December 11— 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School – Children
3:00 pm Harper Piano Studio Recitals
5:30 pm Session Meeting

December Ushers

Michael Melvin, head
Kathryn Barr
Mark Clark
Ev Gunn
(Alt) Charles Foster



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THE SESSION

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Our Mission

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

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