

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2011

## ✂ GATHERING ✂

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

We do not need to lift our hearts far, O God, for you are always near us. You bring your greatness down to our level. Your marvel is manifest wherever we look. You calm our souls through the gift of your Spirit. Not a day passes without a reminder that you care for our needs. All we need do is be attentive to the signs of your righteousness and the bounty of your kingdom will pervade all that we do. Heed our prayers of praise and thanksgiving as we place ourselves before your throne of grace. 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** *Trumpet Voluntary* W. Goodwin

\* **INTROIT** *Once More My Soul* Shute

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you.

**People: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

Leader: I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people. I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

**People: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

### CALL TO CONFESSION


#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be servants of Christ and stewards of your mysteries, O God. Yet, we resist the basin and towel of discipleship and hesitate to wash others with the waters of our baptism. We shy away from the mysteries of the gospel and settle for comfortable truths. We know it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy, yet we are seldom worthy of the trust you place in us. Bring to light the things now hidden in darkness as in Christ you forgive us our sin.

*(A time of private 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.**

\* **GLORIA PATRI** *Hymn 579*

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**And also with you.**

*Children age 3 years through grade 6 gather at the chancel steps to follow the crucifer to their Sunday school classes.*

## ✂ THE WORD ✂

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 49:8-16 (p. 630)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *We Thank Thee Lord* Bortinansky

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 6:24-34 (p. 840)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN 333** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

**SERMON** Freedom From/Freedom For Cary Speaker

## ✂ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✂

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

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

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Smoke

\* 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

## ✂ SENDING ✂

\* **HYMN 300** *Down To Earth, as a Dove* PERSONENT HODIE

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* **RESPONSE** *Be Still and Know Me* McCormick

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue in A* Wm. Selby

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

At its retreat October 30, 2010, the session discussed possible ways to help the congregation with the discipline of prayer. We have extended the time for silent prayer following the prayer of confession and now give more direction for your prayers. We hope these small changes in worship will be helpful for you in your prayer life. For the Session, Cary Speaker

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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).



## What's In Your Trunk?

January Total: 387 Items  
Total Collected Thus Far: 1,667 Items  
Yearly Goal: 4,800 Items  
Items Remaining: 3,133

**We Can Do It!**

**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.

The *Other Class* meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is studying the parables of Jesus. The primary commentary for this is Robert Capon's book, *Kingdom, Grace, Judgment*. This class is led by Rev. Cary Speaker.

**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

**STAFF**

***Pastor:***

Cary Speaker

***Director of Music:***

Dewin Tibbs

***Organist:***

Gary Smoke

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

Peggy Thompson

***Director of Youth Ministry:***

Traci Finch

***Preschool Director:***

Kelly Huddleston

***Financial Assistant:***

Bernie Gregson

***Administrative Assistant:***

Bonnie Hartley

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School  
12:00 pm Youth Hand Bell rehearsal  
2:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony  
5:30 pm Youth Group

**February Ushers**  
Ed Covington – Head  
Steve Trueb  
Rosh Plugge  
Barbara Petzold  
(Alt) Lamar Williamson

**Monday, February 28**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, March 1**

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, March 2**

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 Choir  
Adult Study  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Menu**  
Chicken Tetrazzini  
Asparagus  
Applesauce  
Dinner Rolls  
Assorted Desserts

**Thursday, March 3**

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

**Friday, March 4**

7:30 am Bible Study  
9:00 am Preschool  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 231 meeting

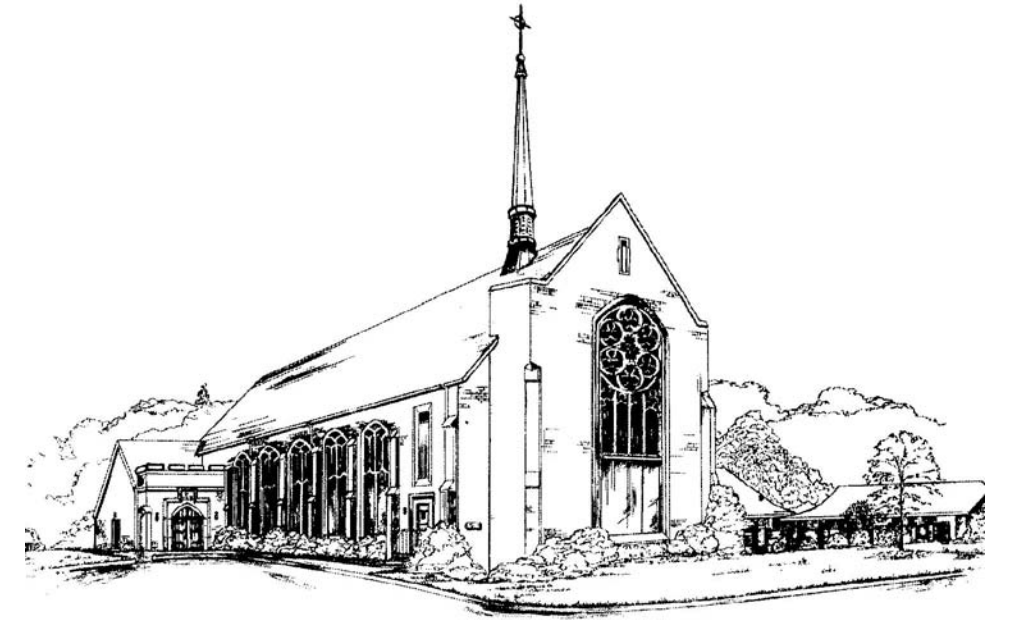
**Saturday, March 5**

8:00 am **CHURCH WORK DAY!!!**

**March Ushers**  
Harold Faught – Head  
Charles McKell  
Bob Dudelston  
Connie Bishop  
(Alt) Kathryn Barr  
Charlotte McClure

**Sunday, March 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord  
MBPC Teacher Appreciation Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship - Communion  
11:00 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Youth Group – Dinner & a Movie



**Our Mission**

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

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