

ORDER OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION
 February 5, 2012

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)
 Eternal God of the covenant, you have clothed your people.
 Great God of the universe, you set the stars on course in the heavens; the earth radiates your glory and honor; the rain never falls without your knowing it. The fields produce their harvest according to your design. We admire the strength by which you rule the nations. We bow down in adoration at how you care for your children. We gather gladly to herald your encompassing acts of goodwill. Hear us as we respond by giving you praise. 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

Communion C. Wolstenholm

* **INTROIT**

Come, Let Us Gather Nichols
 Jubilation Choir

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alisa Long

Leader: It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

People: Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with the lyre.

People: You take pleasure in those who fear you and hope in your steadfast love.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 439**

In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we judge inferior, since they do not meet our standards. Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support. Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when our hearts are hardened against neighbors in need. Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)

Organ Congregation G. R. Smoke

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 40:21-31 (p. 620)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are The Messengers Mendelssohn

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:29-39 (p. 867)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 394**

There Is A Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

SERMON

The Miracle of Touch Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Kyrie* J. S Bach

* 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:

Organ Congregation G. R. Smoke

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 516**

Lord, We Have Come a Your Own Invitation

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**

Here I Am, Lord Schutte

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Minor Johann 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 Sarah Hartley and family for the loss of her dad, David Hartley.

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.

Please access the church website at www.mbpcusa.org to view the weekly order of worship, the scripture comments, the *Christian Ministry Guide*, and the monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*.

**ANNUAL MEETING following worship
 Sunday, February 19, 2012**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery is provided for birth to age 2 from 10:30 until noon.

Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying 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. February 5 they will begin a new study using the book, *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of THE LORD'S PRAYER* by John Dominic Crossan. The Lord's Prayer is one of the best known and most loved prayers in the world. Christians may disagree about a lot of things, but they all seem to find deep and abiding meaning, strength and spiritual sustenance in this prayer. Even though we recite this prayer weekly, do we truly understand what it is we are saying as we offer this prayer? In Crossan's new book, he invites readers through eight thought-provoking chapters, exploring one phrase in the famous prayer after another.

parenTeen Sunday School 10:00-10:40 (Notice the new time!)

This class for youth (grades 7-12) and their parents meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. The curriculum focuses on how Scripture relates to our lives and covers the entire Bible in six years. The class is beginning a new teaching approach where a youth co-teaches with one of the adult teachers, Ralph Cook, Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, and Rosh Plugge.

Children's Sunday School

There is no 9:30 Sunday school class for children.

2 and 3 Year Old Class 11:00-Noon

The sessions are directed toward developing the faith of children between the ages of two and four. This Sunday school class offers them a learning experience that allows them not only to learn about the stories of their faith, but also live and play in them. 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School – Children
12:00 pm Sr. High Return from Retreat
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal
4:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:30 pm MBPCY...G

Monday, February 6

8:00 am Body Works
10:00 am Good Grief
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm CE Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm AA Meeting
5:00 pm Blessed Yoga
5:15 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Dinner – *see menu below*
6:30 pm Godly Play (ages 4-6th grade)
6:30 pm MBPCY...G
6:45 pm FRAZZLED FAMILIES
7:00 pm Jubilation Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

Friday, February 10

7:30 am Bible Study
8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
3:00 pm Girl Scout 231 meeting
Jr. High depart for Retreat

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am Children's Bible Adventure
9:00 am Independent Ladies Rehearsal

Sunday, February 12 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **SCOUT SUNDAY**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School – Children
12:00 pm Jr. High Return from Retreat
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal
4:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:30 pm Session Meeting
5:30 pm MBPCY...G

February Ushers

Ed Covington– Head
Mike Terry
Rosh Plugge
Barbara Petzold
(Alt) Margaret Nichols

MENU

Baked Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Texas Toast
Ice Cream
w/Choco Sauce
Assorted Cookies



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

THE STAFF

Pastor:

Cary Speaker

Director of Music:

Dewin Tibbs

Organist:

Gary Smoke

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THE SESSION

2012

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2013

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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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