

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Communion

February 6, 2011

✠ GATHERING ✠

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Merciful God, what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, you have prepared for those who love you and revealed to us through the gift of your Spirit. You have sent us in Christ not only the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that comes from you, that we may know and understand the bountiful gifts you give us. Hear now our worship as we interpret spiritual things to those who are spiritual. 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** *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* J. S. Bach

\* **INTROIT** *Holy, Holy, Holy* Schubert

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Katherine Melvin

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God's commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 300** *Down to Earth, as a Dove*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**The path that you choose for us, O God, is to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the harness of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, to share our bread with the hungry, to bring the homeless poor into our houses, to cover the naked, and not to hide ourselves from our own kin. Break forth the light of dawn to dispel our darkness when we disobey you and let the glory of the Lord shine through when we do. For then when we cry for help you shall answer and say, "Here I am."**

*(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.**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 58:1-9 (p. 637)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* arr. Parrish  
Jubilation Choir

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 5:13-20 (p. 538)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN 517** *We Come as Guests Invited*  
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

**SERMON** Taking Light into the Dark Cary Speaker

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

## OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Rhosymedre* R. Vaughan Williams

\* 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)  
{ Congregational response }

Healey Willan

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

**People:**

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

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *My Song Is Love Unknown* Schalk

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ SENDING ✠

\* **HYMN 327** *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

## \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* **RESPONSE** *We Have No Refuge* Crueger

**POSTLUDE** *Holy Manna* arr. G. Smoke

\*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

Christian sympathy to Tom Roberts and family for the loss of Florence Roberts  
Christian sympathy to Eukie Woodall for the loss of John Woodall.  
Christian sympathy to the family of Sabert Oglesby.

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).

**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.

**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 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 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship - Communion  
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal  
5:30 pm Youth Group

**February Ushers**

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

**Monday, February 7**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
3:30 pm Den #6 Meeting  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

**Tuesday, February 8**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm StepSing rehearsal

**Menu**

Pork Loin with Plum Sauce  
Hungarian Noodles  
Autumn Salad  
Rolls  
Assorted Desserts

**Wednesday, February 9**

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 ***Frazzled Families Seminar***  
Grace Notes Choir  
Youth Group  
7:00 pm Adult Studies  
Jubilation Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, February 10**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm AA Meeting  
6:00 pm Philosophy Club – Admin. Building

**Friday, February 11**

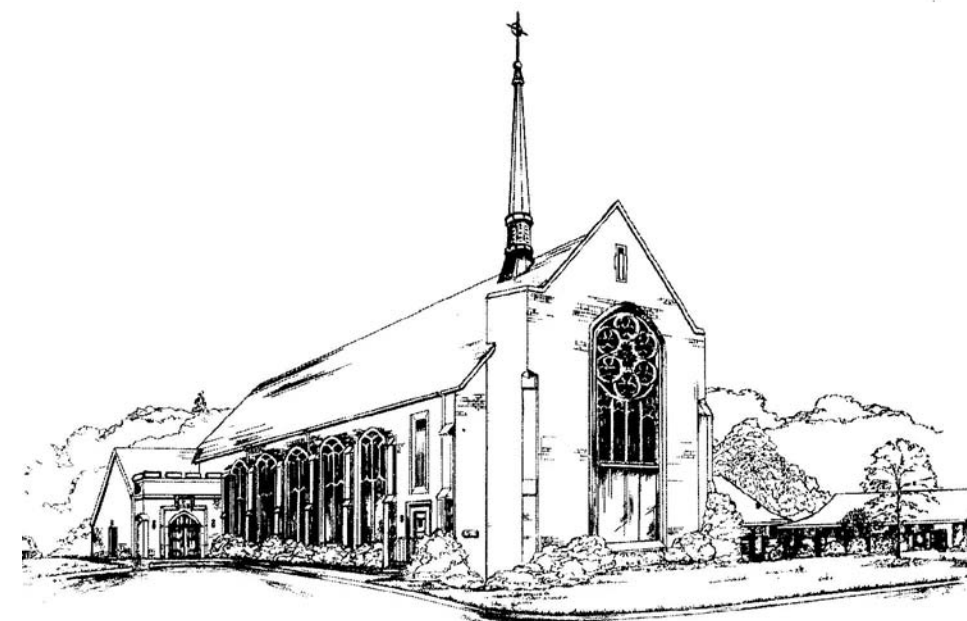
7:30 am Bible Study  
9:00 am Preschool  
7:00 pm Jr. High depart for Retreat

**Saturday, February 12**

**9:00 am BIBLE ADVENTURE RETREAT**  
2:00 pm Wilson Piano recital

**Sunday, February 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm NO Youth Group



**Our Mission**

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

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