

ORDER OF WORSHIP
1st Sunday after Christmas
COMMUNION
 January 1, 2012

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)
 Eternal God of the covenant, you have clothed your people with the garments of salvation, and covered them with the robe of righteousness. We praise your name for your work of redemption, sending us Jesus as the promise of peace. Hear our rejoicing as we sing hymns of thanksgiving; hear our prayers as we give voice to our inmost thoughts. Fill us with the presence of your living Spirit, and give us wisdom to live in the light of your gifts. 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

In dulci jubilo J. S. Bach

* **INTROIT**

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts Saint-Saens

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Margaret Nichols

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: **All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: **Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way. 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 61:10-62:3 (p. 641)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis Friedell

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:22-40 (p. 889)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

* **HYMN 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

SERMON

The Baby. Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Silent Night* Arr. G. 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

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

Jesu So Sweet Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 56**

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* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**

The First Noel (refrain)

POSTLUDE

The Bells N. Lebeque

*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

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, January 1, 2012— New Year's Day!

No Sunday School

11:00 am Worship - Communion

Monday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 am Body Works

4:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

12:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday dinner & classes resume
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Thursday, January 5

8:00 am Body Works

6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, January 6

8:00 am Body Works

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8 — Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am Sunday School — Adults and Youth

11:00 am Worship

Epiphany Processional

New Elder Installation

11:00 am Sunday School — Children

5:30 pm MBP CY...G



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THE STAFF

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THE SESSION

2012

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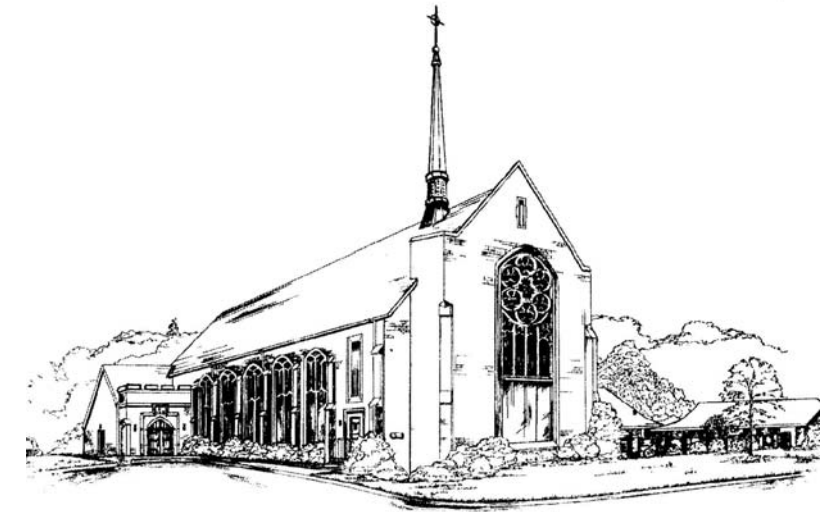
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Joseph Bonatz
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