

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2011

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

You have called us before we were born, O God, and named us in our mother's womb. You have made our mouths like sharp swords, and hid us in the shadow of your hand. You have made us polished arrows and kept us safe in your quiver. In Christ you have called us to be your servants, to be a light to the nations, and to herald your goodness to all. Now our heads are lifted up and we will offer you our sacrifices with shouts of joy. 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 *Allegretto* C. Franck

* **INTROIT** *Solid Rock*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Charles Foster

Leader: When I waited patiently for you, O God, you bent down to me and heard my cry.

People: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

People: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 360** *Hope of the World* DONNE SECOURS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts. But when misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and we submit to their charm. When enemies overpower us and mock our faith, we shrink back in disgrace and abandon what Christ taught. O God, we are poor and in

need. You are our help and salvation. Come to our aid, and make no delay.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison) *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.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 (p. 629)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer* Franck

SECOND LESSON John 1:29-42 (p. 922)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 82** *O Lamb of God Most Holy* O LAMM GOTTES

SERMON *Choice or Invitation?* Cary Speaker

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

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

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Poco andantino* C. Franck

* 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 383** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *Send Us Forth* Lovelace

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* L. Couperin

*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

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| ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel | ❖ Jon Horton | ❖ Tom Roberts |
| ❖ Emil Menzel | ❖ Betty Harrison | ❖ Florence Roberts |
| ❖ Calvin Long | ❖ John Woodall | |

Christian sympathy to Dianna Deavers for the loss of her sister-in-law.
Christian sympathy to Rhett Josey and family for the loss of his mother Amy Sasser Josey.

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).

We 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.

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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

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Dewin Tibbs

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Kelly Huddleston

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Bernie Gregson

Administrative Assistant:

Bonnie Hartley

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
12:00 pm Youth Handbells
5:30 pm Youth Group: First Light dinner
5:30 pm Session Meeting

Monday, January 17 – MLK Holiday

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

Tuesday, January 18

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study
3:15 pm Brownie Troop 786 meeting
6:30 pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

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 Adult Studies
Jubilation Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 20

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
11:00 am Third Thursday – Guest – Stewart Jackson
6:00 pm AA Meeting
6:00 pm Philosophy Club – Admin. Building

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22

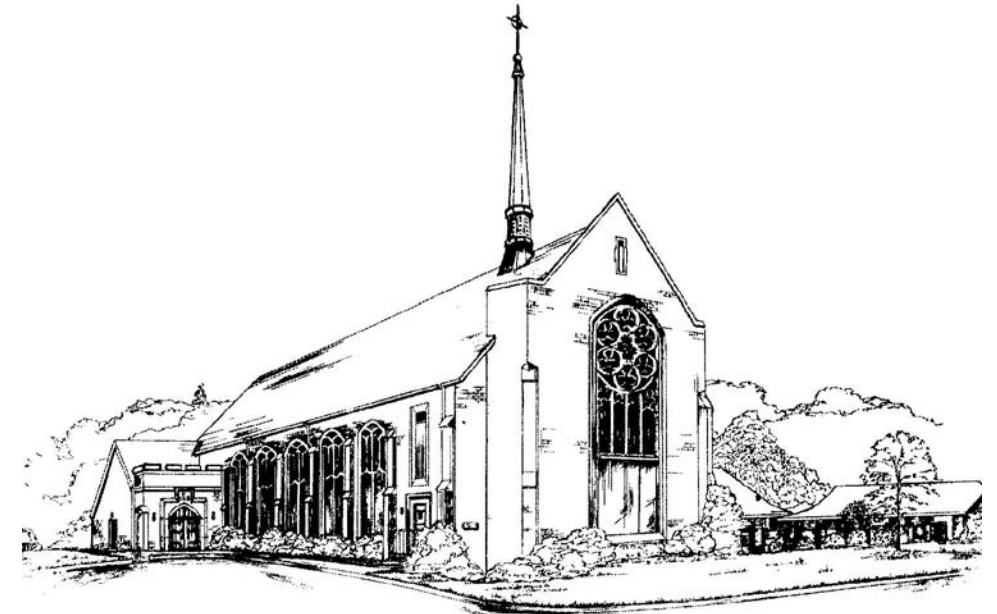
1:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal

Sunday, January 23 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Dinner and a Movie: *Wall-E*

January Ushers
Erskine Carmichael– Head
Bill Hester
Alain Bouchard
Ann Dudelston
(Alt) Ann Hester
Paulette Esco

Menu
Oven-Fried Chicken
Lemon Cream Pasta
Autumn Salad
Rolls
Ice Cream Bars



Our Mission

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

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