

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Communion

January 2, 2011

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

It is good to sing you our praises, O God, for you are gracious and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. You determine the number of stars and give them their names. Your greatness abounds and your understanding is beyond measure. We will sing to you hymns of thanksgiving and make melody with songs of praise. As you take pleasure in those who hope in your steadfast love, be pleased with our worship as we lift our voices in glad adoration. 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* C. Saint Saens

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rebecca Barr

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away.

**People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.**

Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

**People: For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 28** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight you have made known to us the mystery of your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study your

Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory.

*(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.**

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

**FIRST LESSON** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (p. 575)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *A Virgin Unspotted* Billings

**SECOND LESSON** John 1:(1-9) 10-18 (p. 922)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN 515** *Now to Your Table Spread* LOVE UNKNOWN

**SERMON** The Right Time Cary Speaker

## ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

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

### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* W. Held

\* 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:**

*In unison*  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ✠ SENDING ✠

\* **HYMN 29** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* **RESPONSE** *What Child Is This*

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude in G* 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 all know that we need to pray. Many of us pray a great deal. Most of us want help in our prayer life. One of the things I did during Advent was to change the script for the Advent Wreath lighters so that it was centered on the prayer. We continue the emphasis on prayer by extending the time for silent prayer following the prayer of confession and by giving 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
- ❖ Ben McKinnon
- ❖ Dot McCraney
- ❖ Calvin Long
- ❖ Smokey Denton
- ❖ Lew Whitehead
- ❖ Jon Horton
- ❖ Florence Roberts
- ❖ Ruth Kelly
- ❖ Don DeHaven
- ❖ Tom Roberts

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).

**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.

## FALL 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* meets in the Reception Room and is studying the Gospel of John. This class is led by Larry Harper.

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-K** meets in St. Stephen Building Room 200.

**Grades 1-3** meets in St. Stephen Building Room 208.

**Grades 4-6** meets in the classroom in the Administration Building.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 2, 2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service – Communion

### Monday, January 3

- 8:00 am Body Works

### Tuesday, January 4

- 8:00 am Body Works
- 5:00 pm Endowment Meeting

### Wednesday, January 5

- 8:00 am Body Works
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm AA Meeting

### Thursday, January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord

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

### Friday, January 7

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:15 pm Girl Scout 231 meeting

### Saturday, January 8

### Sunday, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service – Epiphany Processional
- 5:00 pm Session Meeting



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

**Menu**  
Wednesday dinner  
will resume  
January 12, 2011

## 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

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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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