

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2011

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy.” We rejoice now before you as the yoke of our burden and the bar across our shoulders you have broken as on the day of Midian. As those numbered to walk in the light of the Christ who names us in our baptism and washes us with the waters of new life, we gather now in his name to give you all praise and glory. 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** *Thanks Be to Thee* Handel/arr. Nelson  
Youth Handbells, Bobby Horton, Violin

### \* INTROIT

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Alain Bouchard

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the  
Lord all the days of my life.

**People: “Come,” my heart says, “seek the face of the Lord.”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 115** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him.

(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 9:1-4 (p. 593)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 837)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN 408** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

**SERMON** How do we know? Cary Speaker

## ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS** Tom Barr

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Our Father, in Heaven Above* 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

## ✠ SENDING ✠

\* **HYMN 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** *Father, Dwell in Every Heart* J. S. Bach

\*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      ❖ 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).

**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.

**2011**

Tom Barr  
Katherine Brown  
David Copeland  
Ann Dudelston  
Kelli Eshleman  
Nancy Harper

**THE SESSION**

**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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Cary Speaker

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Dewin Tibbs

***Organist:***

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***Preschool Director:***

Kelly Huddleston

***Financial Assistant:***

Bernie Gregson

***Administrative Assistant:***

Bonnie Hartley

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Monday, January 24**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
**9:30 am Chancel Guild Meeting**  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal (sanctuary)

**Tuesday, January 25**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Committee meeting  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 26**

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  
Chancel Choir

**Menu**  
*Create Your Own*  
Taco Salad  
Texas Toast  
Banana Pudding

**Thursday, January 27**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm AA Meeting  
6:00 pm Philosophy Club – Admin. Building  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

**Friday, January 28**

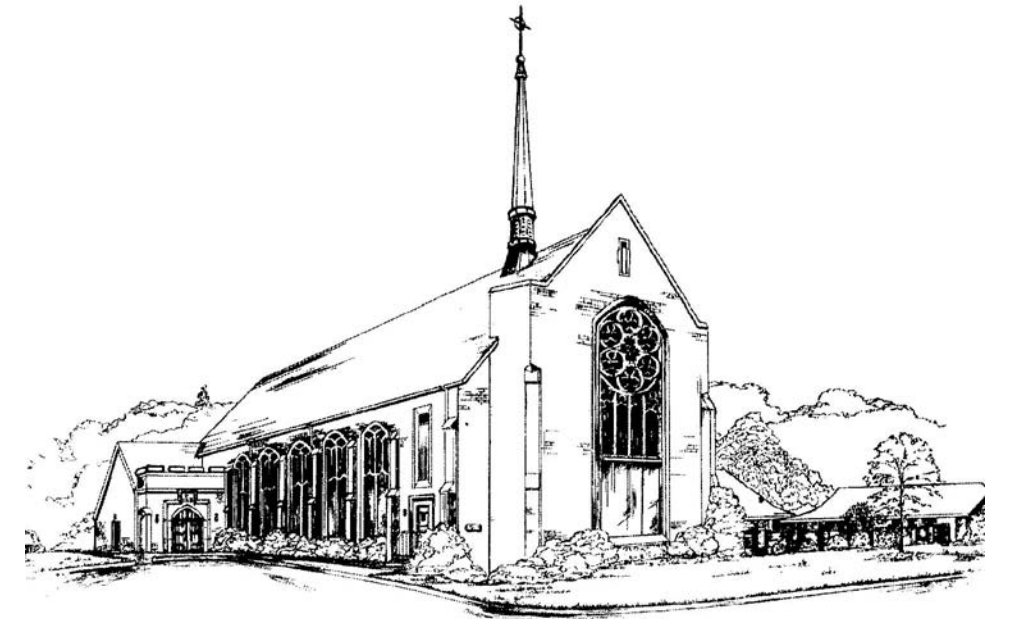
7:30 am Bible Study  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Sr. High Retreat Departure

**Saturday, January 29**

9:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal (9-12, 6-9)

**Sunday, January 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School  
2:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal – Fellowship Hall



**Our Mission**

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

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