

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### *PRAYER OF PREPARATION* (silent prayer)

Great God of the universe, whose wisdom pervades all creation, we gather before you to give you all praise and honor. Wonderful and majestic are your works; righteousness is seen in all that you do. You make a covenant and call us as heirs of its promise. You establish your law, showing all people that you are to be trusted. In company with the redeemed of all ages, we lift our voices to acclaim your praise. 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

*The Water is Wide* arr. Phillips  
Youth Handbells

#### \* INTROIT

*Here I am, Lord* Schuttte

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Semmes

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

**People: Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. 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.**

#### \* GLORIA PATRI

(Hymn 579, traditional)

#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*(Children age 4 years to grade 6 exit  
the sanctuary for Sunday school)*

### ✠ THE WORD ✠

#### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p. 168)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

*Christ Be My Leader* Gerike

#### SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:21-28 (p. 867)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### \* HYMN 408

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*  
GERMANY

#### SERMON

Faith Healing Cary Speaker

### ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal p. 14

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

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement  
Offertory *Pastorell-Aria* F. M. Königsperger  
\* 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 303

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

#### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### \* RESPONSE

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

#### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in B-flat* F. A. Hugl

\*Those who are able, please stand.  
The Congregation stands with the choir.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel | ❖ Jane Long  |
| ❖ Emil Menzel         | ❖ Jon Horton |
| ❖ Calvin Long         | ❖ Dot Clark  |
| ❖ Lamar Osment        |              |

Christian sympathy to the Kling and Robertson families for the loss of Marji Kling Robertson. Marji was the wife of former MBPC pastor Rev. Jack Kling.

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).

Please access the church website at [www.mbpccusa.org](http://www.mbpccusa.org) to view the weekly order of worship, the scripture comments, the *Christian Ministry Guide*, and the monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*.

#### TORNADO RESPONSE NEEDS

As is usually the case after a natural disaster, the needs in the Clay, Center Point, and Trussville areas change from day to day. The best way to stay up to date on how you can be of assistance is to connect with the agencies that are directly involved in distributing donations and recruiting volunteers. Here are some of those agencies:

- Christian Service Mission: Needs: VOLUNTEERS! We are mobilizing volunteers in Clay and Centerpoint. People need help covering their roofs with tarps and collecting their belongings before the rain comes tonight. Please call 252-9906 for more information. You can also donate supplies via Christian Service Mission 3600 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham.
- Grace Presbyterian Church on Deerfoot Pkwy in Trussville is collecting donations of blankets, sheets, towel, pillows, cleaning rags, underwear and socks, diapers, flashlight batteries, masks for volunteers, and gatorade. This list is likely to change – call to find out what they need and how much they can handle so as not to overwhelm them with supplies. Phone #: 655-0460.
- Samaritan's Purse needs volunteers to work in the Center Point area. More info is available here: <http://www.spvolunteernetwork.org/projects/center-point-al-tornado-response.aspx>

We continue in prayer for all of those who were affected by the tornadoes, and we give thanks for the wonderful outpouring of support from the community.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*Nursery is provided for birth to age 2 from 10:30 until noon.*

### **Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30**

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying 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. February 5 they will begin a new study using the book, *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of THE LORD'S PRAYER* by John Dominic Crossan. The Lord's Prayer is one of the best known and most loved prayers in the world. Christians may disagree about a lot of things, but they all seem to find deep and abiding meaning, strength and spiritual sustenance in this prayer. Even though we recite this prayer weekly, do we truly understand what it is we are saying as we offer this prayer? In Crossan's new book, he invites readers through eight thought-provoking chapters, exploring one phrase in the famous prayer after another.

### **parenTeen Sunday School 10:00-10:40 (Notice the new time!)**

This class for youth (grades 7-12) and their parents meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. The curriculum focuses on how Scripture relates to our lives and covers the entire Bible in six years. The class is beginning a new teaching approach where a youth co-teaches with one of the adult teachers, Ralph Cook, Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, and Rosh Plugge.

### **Children's Sunday School**

There is no 9:30 Sunday school class for children.

### **2 and 3 Year Old Class 11:00-Noon**

The sessions are directed toward developing the faith of children between the ages of two and four. This Sunday school class offers them a learning experience that allows them not only to learn about the stories of their faith, but also live and play in them. 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.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School – Children  
4:00 pm Confirmation Class  
5:30 pm MBPCY...G

### **Monday, January 30**

8:00 am Body Works  
10:00 am Good Grief  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

### **Tuesday, January 31**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 1**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
12:00 pm AA Meeting  
5:00 pm Blessed Yoga  
5:15 pm Youth Choir  
6:00 pm Dinner – *see menu below*  
6:30 pm Godly Play (ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:30 pm MBPCY...G  
6:45 pm FRAZZLED FAMILIES  
7:00 pm Jubilation Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 2**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm AA Meeting  
7:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

### **Friday, February 3**

7:30 am Bible Study  
8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
4:00 pm Pack 320 Derby Practice set up  
Sr. High depart for Retreat

### **Saturday, February 4**

9:00 am Independent Ladies Rehearsal

### **Sunday, February 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School – Children  
12:00 pm Sr. High Return from Retreat  
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal  
4:00 pm Confirmation Class  
5:30 pm MBPCY...G

#### February Ushers

Ed Covington– Head  
Mike Terry  
Rosh Plugge  
Barbara Petzold  
(Alt) Betty Snoddy  
Margaret Nichols

#### MENU

Create Your Own  
Taco Salad  
Assorted Desserts



Please recycle your bulletin, use the baskets in the narthex.

## THE 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

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Bonnie Hartley

### **Financial Assistant:**

Bernie Gregson

### **Preschool Director:**

Kelly Huddleston

### **Nursery Attendant:**

Morgan Rogers

## THE SESSION

### **2012**

Suzanne Cook  
Lloyd Gathings  
Bill Hester  
Dot McCraney  
Charles McKell  
Michael Melvin

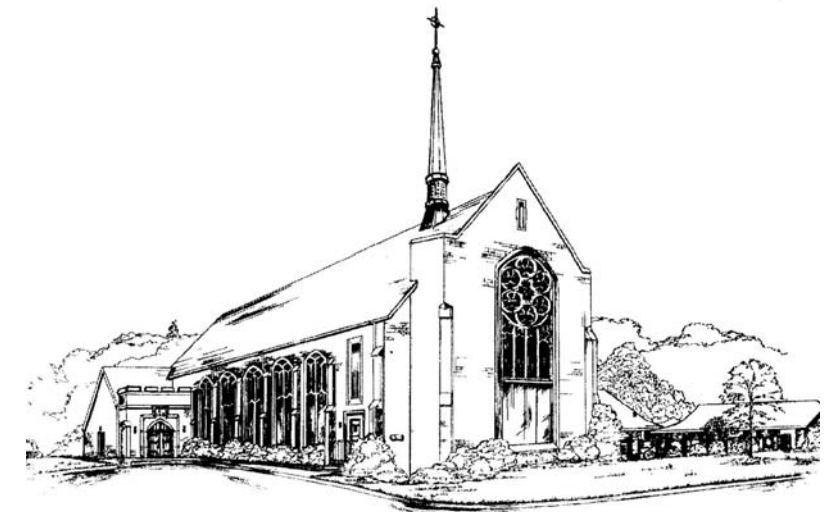
### **2013**

Joseph Bonatz  
Margaret Nichols  
Donna Speaker  
Drew Spransy  
Mike Terry

### **2014**

Erskine Carmichael  
Chris Carter  
Ed Covington  
Charles Foster  
Alisa Long  
Tom Reinhart

# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



### **Our Mission**

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

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