

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2011

✂ GATHERING ✂

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Gracious God, you have brought our ancestors up from Egypt, and redeemed them from the house of slavery. You have sent before them Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to guide them along their journey of faith. You have taught us, O God, what we should bring you. You do not want our burnt offerings, thousands of rams, or ten thousands of rivers of oil. What you expect from us is to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you in all that we do. We humbly enter your sanctuary to give you all glory and honor. 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 *Andante* W. W. Harvey

* **INTROIT** *Holy, Holy, Holy* Schubert

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Chris Carter

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right; and speak the truth from their heart.

Leader: Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends.

People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: When the cross appears as folly instead of God's power;

People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

Leader: When some demand signs and others seek wisdom;

People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

Leader: When the favored of the world claim the favor of God;

People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

Leader: We despise the weak and long to be strong;

People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.

Leader: We despise the ignorant and seek to be wise;

People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.

Leader: We despise the lowly and struggle for status;

People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.

(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 Micah 6:1-8 (p. 805)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Be Still and Know* McCormick

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 837)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 491** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* CARLISLE

SERMON *Wonderful News* 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 Hymn from *The Planets* Holst

* 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 300** *Down to Earth, as a Dove* PERSONENT HODIE

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* **RESPONSE** *We Have No Refuge* Crueger

POSTLUDE *Postludium* G. Merkel

*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
- ❖ Calvin Long
- ❖ Dot Clark

Christian sympathy to Tom Roberts and family for the loss of Florence Roberts
Christian sympathy to Eukie Woodall for the loss of John Woodall.

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).

MUSIC NOTE: One of our goals in music choices for worship is to introduce the congregation to new tunes in our hymnal. I received many positive comments about the anthem for the choir's offertory during the recent Christmas Eve service. This tune, *Personent Hodie*, is a 16th century tune, whose modern setting is by Gustav Holst (Holst composed *The Planets*, a major work which serves as the foundation of John Williams themes for the *Star Wars* movies) and will be sung as the closing hymn this morning. This 1924 setting is the same setting used for the Christmas Eve anthem and is employed for two different texts in our hymnal; *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*, from the original latin text, *Piae Cantiones*, of 1582, and *Down to Earth, as a Dove*, by Fred Kann in 1968. We are planning to use this joyful tune during worship over the next several Sundays. Dewin Tibbs

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
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Drew Spransy
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Dewin Tibbs

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Bernie Gregson

Administrative Assistant:
Bonnie Hartley

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 30 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal

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

Monday, January 31

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal

Wednesday, February 2 – Groundhog Day!

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 **Frazzled Families Seminar**
Grace Notes Choir
Youth Group
7:00 pm Adult Studies
Jubilation Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Menu
Pecan-crust
Salmon,
Roasted Potatoes
Chicken Nuggets
Asparagus
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

Thursday, February 3

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, February 4

7:30 am Bible Study
9:00 am Preschool
3:15 pm Girl Scout Troop 231

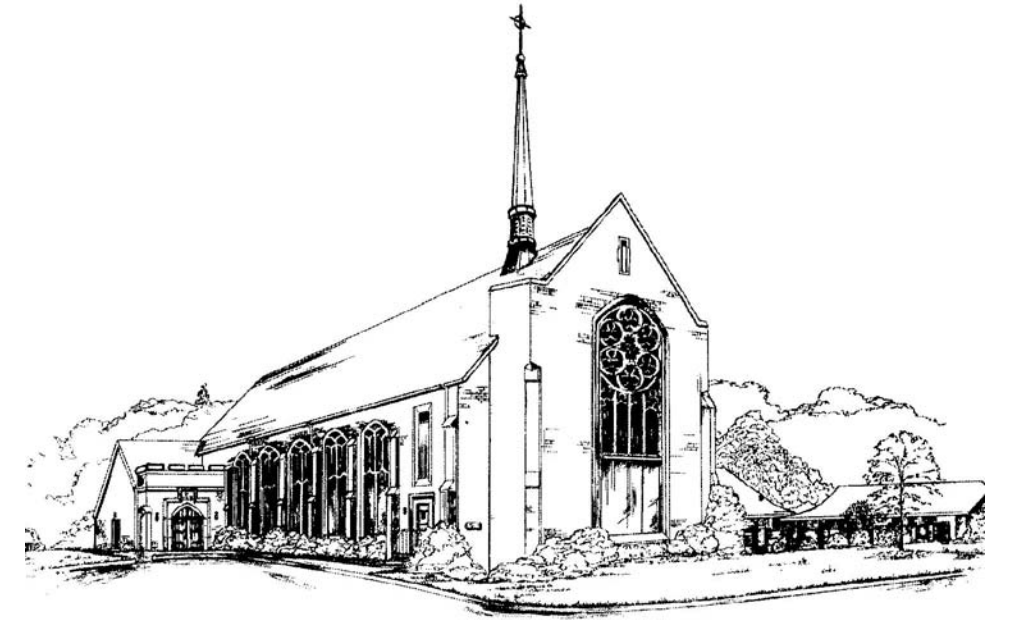
Saturday, February 5

4:30 pm Whitcomb/Deaton Wedding
6:00 pm Independent Ladies StepSing rehearsal (9-12, 6-9)

Sunday, February 6 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Independent Ladies rehearsal
5:30 pm Youth Group

February Ushers
Ed Covington – Head
Steve Trueb
Rosh Plugge
Barbara Petzold
(Alt) Lamar Williamson



Our Mission

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

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