

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble; their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak and the heavens open; thunder signals the rain that freshens the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder; the trees of the forest bow to your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on your people; we ascribe to you all glory as we worship your name. 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

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

arr. G. Smoke

#### \* INTROIT

*Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lloyd Gathings

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**People: May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance. 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

(traditional)

#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### ✠ THE WORD ✠

#### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

(p. 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### EPIPHANY PROCESSIONAL

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

#### SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

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Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### \* HYMN 391

*Take My Life*

HENDON

#### SERMON

What's Next?

Cary Speaker

### ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Star in the East* arr. G. Smoke

\* 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 326

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

#### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### \* RESPONSE

*What Star Is This That Shines So Bright*

#### POSTLUDE

*Preambulum*

P. Metsch

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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).

**W**e welcome visitors who are worshiping with us today. We hope you feel and experience the love that makes Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church a unique and warm Christian family. If you are seeking a church home 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.

#### Epiphany Processional

Presented by the Children of  
Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church

Narrators..... Candler Brown and Averie Plugge  
Mary ..... Zoie Terry  
Joseph..... Ryan Eshleman  
Jesus ..... Liam Skates  
Wise Men ..... Ethan Clark, Ralph Cook and Rob Gunn  
*The Three Kings* Peter Cornelius  
Dewin Tibbs, baritone

#### MUSIC NOTE

The Offertory for today is based on the tune "Star in the East." The most common version of this anonymous tune first appeared in the 1835 edition of "Southern Harmony" collected and published by William Walker (known to all as "Singin' Billy"). The text associated with this tune is a version of our first hymn today, *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*. Reginald Heber (an Anglican priest and, late in life, the Bishop of India) wrote this hymn for the Feast of Epiphany (January 6). It was first published in the "Christian Observer" in 1811, but did not appear in hymnals until after his death in 1826. In "Southern Harmony" an anonymous first verse is added to the hymn and the first verse of the original is used as a refrain.

The tune we use for this hymn was written in 1892 by James Harding.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*Nursery is provided for birth to age 3 from 9:30 - 12*

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

There is no 9:30 Sunday school class for children

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

This new class uses curriculum based on Godly Play by Jerome Berryman, but written specifically for our MBPC children. 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.

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

This class for youth (grades 7-12) and their parents meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. Parents and their teens get to discuss and learn together in a friendly setting. The curriculum (*BLAY* — Bible Lessons for Youth) focuses on how Scripture relates to our lives and covers the entire Bible in six years. The teachers are Ralph Cook, Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, and Rosh Plugge.

### **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. This class is studying *Year of Plenty: One Suburban Family, Four Rules, and 365 Days of Homegrown Adventure in Pursuit of Christian Living* by Craig L. Goodwin. In 2008, Pastor Craig Goodwin and his young family embarked on a year-long experiment to consume only what was local, used, homegrown, or homemade. In Year of Plenty, Goodwin shares the winsome story of how an average suburban family stumbled onto the cultural cutting edge of locavores, backyard chickens, farmer markets, simple living, and going green. More than that, it is the timely tale of Christians exploring the intersections of faith, environment, and everyday life.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 8 – Baptism of the Lord**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth

**11:00 am Worship**

**Epiphany Processional**

**New Session Installation**

11:00 am Sunday School – Children

5:30 pm MBP CY...G

### **Monday, January 9**

8:00 am Body Works

8:00 am Preschool

10:00 am Good Grief

### **Tuesday, January 10**

8:00 am Body Works

8:00 am Preschool

6:30 pm C.E. Committee Mtg.

### **Wednesday, January 11**

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

6:30 pm Godly Play (ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:30 pm MBPCY...G

6:45 pm Adult Study

7:00 pm Jubilation Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 12**

8:00 am Body Works

8:00 am Preschool

3:00 pm Girl Scout 231 mtg.

6:00 pm AA Meeting

### **Friday, January 13**

7:30 am Bible Study

8:00 am Body Works

8:00 am Preschool

### **Saturday, January 14**

### **Sunday, January 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth

11:00 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School – Children

5:00 pm MBP CY...G –Dinner & a Movie

5:30 pm First Light Dinner

**MENU**  
**CHILI**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
**FOR THE YOUTH**  
Chili  
and all the fixin's  
dessert

#### January Ushers

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



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use the baskets in the narthex.

## THE STAFF

### **Pastor:**

Cary Speaker

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## THE SESSION

### **2012**

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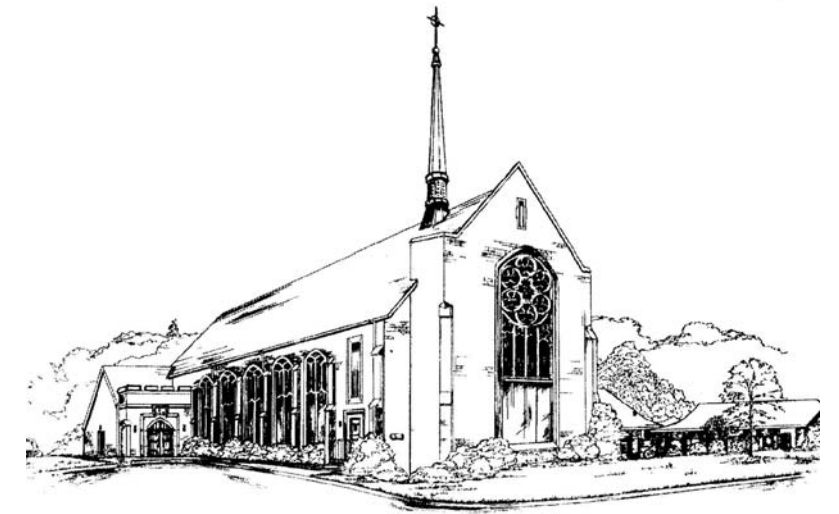
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### **Our Mission**

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

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