

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 9, 2011

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Merciful God of deliverance, we praise you for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of your compassion and care. Our eyes behold the brightness of your promised righteousness; you illumine our darkness with the hope of your justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of your splendor; we bow down to worship you, lifting our voices in praise of your goodness and giving heed to your instruction. 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** *Christ our Lord to the Jordan Came* J. S. Bach

\* **INTROIT** *The Birds* Daley  
Lesley Nichols, soprano

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Frank Semmes

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION


#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways.

*(A time of private confession.)*

**Amen.**

*KYRIE (sung 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 60:1-6 (p. 639)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### EPIPHANY PROCESSIONAL

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 835)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN 68** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

**SERMON** GPS Cary Speaker

### ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

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

#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

\* 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 63** *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **RESPONSE** *Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky*

**POSTLUDE** *In Thee is Gladness* 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 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      ❖ 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).

### Epiphany Processional

Presented by the Children of Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church

Narrators ..... Anne Grey Cook and Emma Nichols  
Mary ..... Liz Ann Terry  
Joseph ..... Baxter Terry  
Jesus ..... Hunter Nichols  
Wise Men ..... Ralph Cook, George Terry and Evan Trueb  
*The Three Kings* Peter Cornelius  
Dewin Tibbs, baritone

**MUSIC NOTE:** The prelude today is a striking use of tone painting applied to the hymn "Christ our Lot to the Jordan Came" by Martin Luther written for the Feast of John the Baptist. Phrases of the hymn melody appear in slow moving strophes ornamented by a persistent, flowing counterpoint played in the left hand that depicts the flowing waters of the River Jordan.

The postlude is also based on a hymn tune, "In Thee is Gladness" which is ornamented by a gleeful seven-note motif passed around from bass to treble.

☞ *The flowers in the Reception Room are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Amy Josey, given by her children.*

**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.

**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.

**CALENDAR**

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

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

**Monday, January 10**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Cub Pack 320 mtg.

**Tuesday, January 11**

8:00 am Body Works  
9:00 am Preschool

**Wednesday, January 12**

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  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, January 13**

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

**Friday, January 14**

7:30 am Bible Study  
9:00 am Preschool

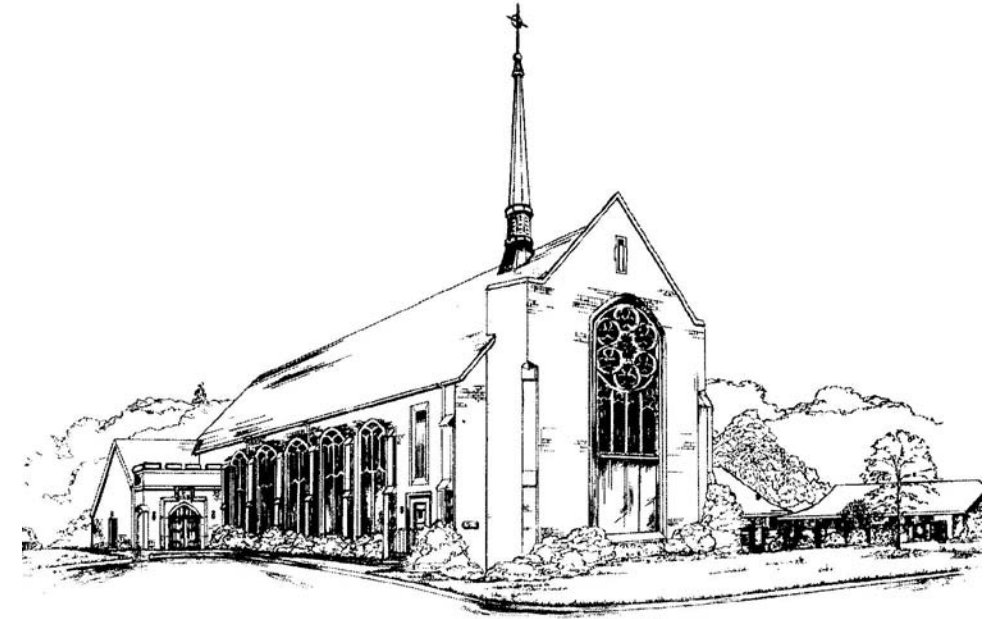
**Saturday, January 15**

**Sunday, January 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School

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

**Menu**  
Glazed Meatloaf  
Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans w/Mushrooms  
Biscuits  
Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce



**Our Mission**

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

**MOUNTAIN BROOK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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**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

**STAFF**

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