

ORDER OF WORSHIP
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MISSION SUNDAY
 July 17, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Gracious God, you have searched us and known us. You, indeed, discern our thoughts from afar. You lead us in the way everlasting as we gather to bless you for your bountiful mercy, for the compassion and care you extend to us. You surround us with a mantle that protects us from danger; our breastplate is your righteousness fulfilled in Christ Jesus. You are our shield and defender, our hope and our comfort. We give you all praise as we assemble in Christ's 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 Cary Speaker

PRELUDE *Praeludium* Scheidemann

* **INTROIT** *Great Day*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Alfred Rose

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 429** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

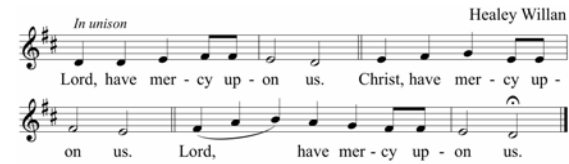
We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we

broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word.
 Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)



DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **GLORIA PATRI** AMAZING GRACE, Hymn 280
(First verse only)

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children age 3 years through grade 6 and teachers gather at the chancel steps to go to their Sunday school classes.

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 (p. 591)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *We Meet You, O Christ*

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 (p. 866)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

MISSION REPORT Joseph Bonatz - YouthWorks, Newport, TN
 Tom Barr - Haiti

✠ **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 *Abbot's Leigh* arr. G. Smoke

* Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Alleluia, Alleluia
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* Prayer of Dedication

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 525** *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

POSTLUDE *Caprice* Clerambault

*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 | ❖ Dot McCraney | |

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).

We welcome visitors who are worshipping 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery is provided for birth to age 3 from 9:30 until noon.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is offered at 9:30 and 11:00 for children age 3 through grade 6. During the summer all ages combine and use the *Live B.I.G.** One Big Room curriculum. Both the 9:30 and 11:00 classes meet in Room 109 (next to the nursery) in the Main Building.

On the first Sunday of each month there is no 9:30 or 11:00 Children's Sunday School. We encourage children to attend worship with their parents and join in the celebration of communion.

*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 teachers are Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, Rosh Plugge, and Ralph Cook.

Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30

The Adventure Class meets in the Reception Room and is taught by Larry Harper. This summer they are studying the book of Genesis. Larry always welcomes the hard questions. They are using "The Mighty Acts of God" by Arnold Rhodes as a resource, but will go into more detail in their study.

If you enjoy thinking outside the box, join The Other Class taught by Rev. Cary Speaker. They meet in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building. This summer they are watching a video series: Saving Jesus - A revolutionary exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. The video features some of the most prominent religious voices of our day: Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg, John Shelby Spong, Matthew Fox, Walter Brueggemann, Rebecca Ann Parker and John Dominic Crossan . . . to name a few. After viewing the video the class discusses what has been presented.

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
Margaret Nichols
Donna Speaker
Drew Spransy
Mike Terry

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 17 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSIONS SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
12:00 pm POT LUCK LUNCH
5:30 pm First Light Dinner

July Ushers
John Clark, head
Ann Hester
Dave Howard
Cyndi Secrist
(Alt) Judi Huddleston

Monday, July 18

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool Summer Fun
12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

8:00 am Body Works
12:00 pm AA Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner and a Movie: *One Night with the King*, (PG)

Thursday, July 21

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool Summer Fun
6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, July 22

7:30 am Bible Study
8:00 am Body Works

Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 24 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

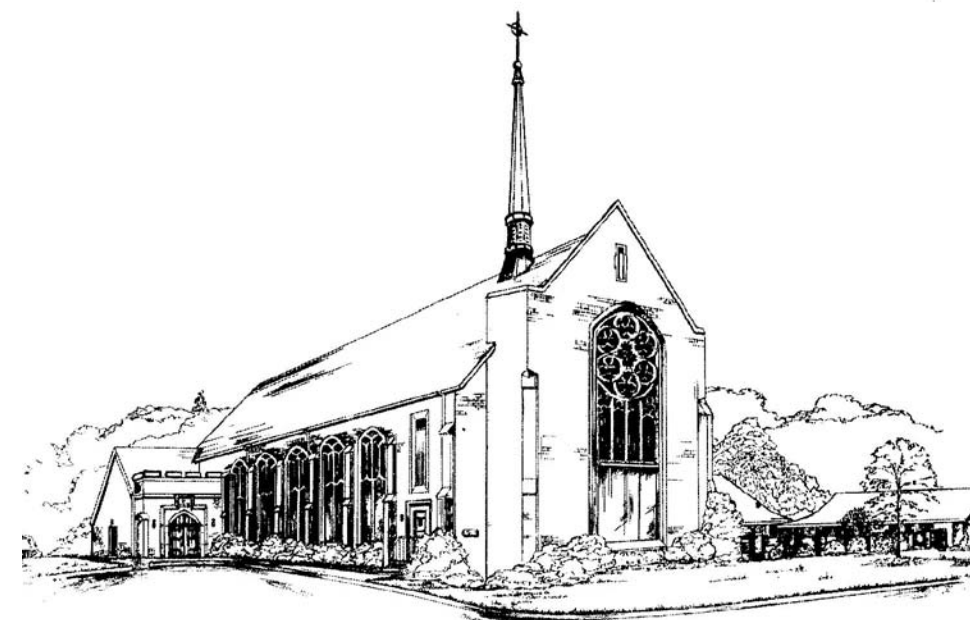
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School



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STAFF

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Director of Christian Education & Children's Music: Peggy Thompson	Director of Youth Ministry: Traci Finch	
Preschool Director: Kelly Huddleston	Financial Assistant: Bernie Gregson	Administrative Assistant: Bonnie Hartley
	Seminary Intern: Alfred Rose	



Our Mission

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

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