

ORDER OF WORSHIP
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Diggin' in the Dirt Sunday
 July 31, 2011

✂ **GATHERING** ✂

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

O God in heaven, like a potter you framed the universe, and with your hands you made us. You fashioned creation to fulfill your purpose. Through Christ you restore that which is broken; by your Holy Spirit you enflame us with zeal to obey. Look down from heaven to see if there are any who act wisely; you will see us and hear us praising 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 Cary Speaker

PRELUDE *Andante in D* Felix Mendelssohn
 Tom Barr, organ

* **INTROIT** *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic melody

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: God says, "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me."

Leader: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

People: To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

CALL TO CONFESSION

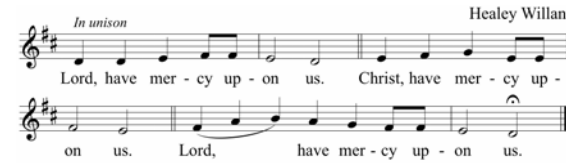
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By faith you called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we commit ourselves to your call. Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust you completely. 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** (# 579)

* **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 Matthew 14:22, 24-33 (p. 849)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you O Christ.

ANTHEM *Christ Hath a Garden* Near

SECOND LESSON Genesis 12:1-6 (p. 9)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN** *We Thank You for the Earth* AMAZING GRACE

Dear God, we thank You for the earth
 For sea and sky and land;
 For living creatures everywhere
 Created by Your hand.

You looked on everything You made
 And said that it is good.
 For every creature You provide
 Its shelter and its food.

Sometimes we are not satisfied
 With only what we need.

We spoil the gifts You gave to us
 Through selfishness and greed.
 Oh may we be your partners here
 And may we learn to care

For all these gifts You gave to us
 To save, to serve and share.

SERMON Freedom in Trusting and Functional Atheism Alfred Rose

✂ **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 *Andante grazioso* A. Hesse

* 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

* Litany of Thanksgiving (*insert*)

✂ **SENDING** ✂

* **HYMN 399** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

POSTLUDE *Praeludium* G. Merkel

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ 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).

MUSIC NOTE

Music for four-hands (duet) is an important genre of the literature for the piano. This literature includes many important compositions and arrangements for two players at one piano. The duet literature for the organ, however, is nearly non-existent. There are, perhaps, a couple dozen original works for organ four-hands (and four-feet, by the way). The offertory for today is part of one of those rare works for organ.

The *Andante grazioso* is the second section from *Fantasy for 4-Hand Organ in C minor, Op. 35* by Adolph Hesse (1809 – 1863). Hesse was one the most important German organists and organ teachers of the first half of the 19th century. He was known especially for the virtuosity of his pedal playing. One of Hesse's pupils was J.-N. Lemmens who would later teach (among others) Charles-Marie Widor.

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 31 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
5:30 pm MBPCY...G

July Ushers

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

Monday, August 1

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Prayer Team Meeting
9:00 am Preschool Summer Fun
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 am Body Works
12:00 pm AA Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner & a Movie

Thursday, August 4

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

Friday, August 5

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

Saturday, August 6

MBPCYG to Presbyterian Home for Children

Sunday, August 7– 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August Ushers

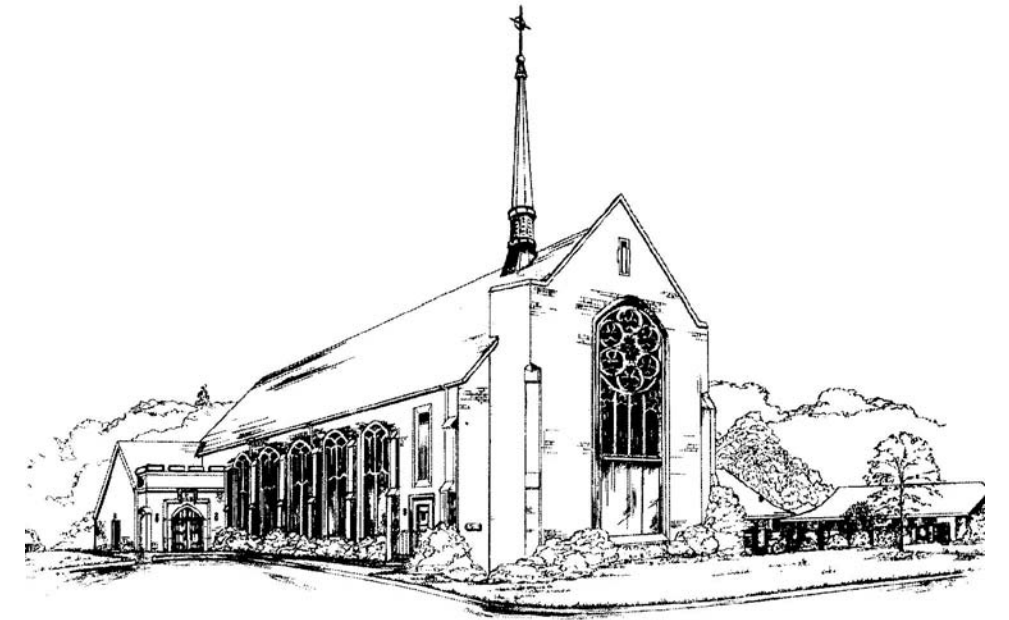
Bill Whitmer, head
David Copeland
Alexandria Parrish
Catherine Carter
(Alt) Julie Clark
Emil Menzel



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STAFF

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	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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