

ORDER OF WORSHIP
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

You are the source of our deliverance, O God, and rightly to be blessed. Your name shall ever be upon our lips. You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble. You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect your radiance. Aglow with the splendor of your promised redemption, we rise up to worship you, ruler of nations. 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 *Voluntary in D* J. Stanley

* **INTROIT** *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name* Dennard

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Alain Bouchard

Leader: I trust in your steadfast love, O God; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

People: I will sing praises unto you, O Lord, because you have dealt bountifully with me.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous Judge and Benevolent Ruler, hear us as we confess our sin. We are prone to punish those who offend us. We hasten to harm the image of those with whom we disagree. In the midst of diversity we are quick to determine who shall be saved or condemned while claiming that you alone discern all goodness and truth. Help us to hear again how Christ died to save all of humanity, and hinder our efforts to decide who will enter your kingdom. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you. Hear now our silent confession.

(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** 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 Genesis 22:1-14 (p. 16)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* Scott

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 844)
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 384** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

SERMON Responding to a Prodigal Father 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 *Elevation* A. Raison

* 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

* Prayer of Dedication

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 540** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name* Dennard

POSTLUDE *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* A. Raison

*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

Christian sympathy to the family of Ruth Kelly.

Christian sympathy to the family of Linda and Alan Speaker for the loss of her father.

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.

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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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 26 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

June Ushers
Chris Carter, head
Memory Cummins
Rhett Joesy
Bob Gunn
(Alt) Charles Foster

Monday, June 27

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, June 28

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool Summer Fun

Wednesday, June 29

8:00 am Body Works
12:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

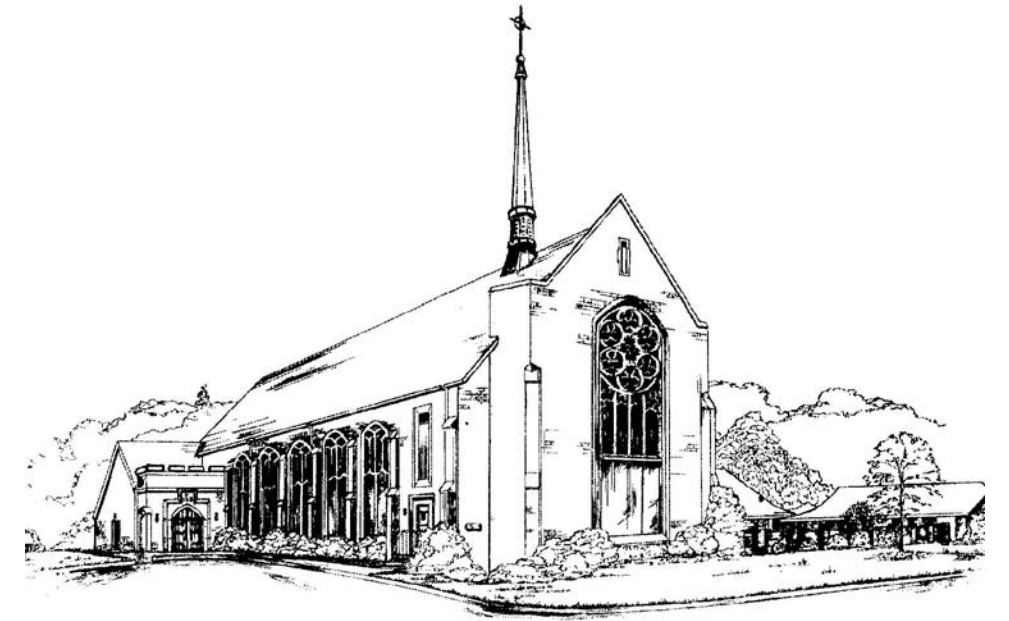
July Ushers
John Clark, head
Ann Hester
Dave Howard
Cyndi Secrist
(Alt) Judi Huddleston



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STAFF

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| 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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THE SESSION

2011

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2012

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Charles McKell
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