

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord
Communion
 March 6, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

We come with reverence to praise and adore you, O God. You have given your beloved Son for our salvation, and made the nations his inheritance, the ends of the earth his possession. You call us to be part of your household, and therein to partake of your promise. We gather as your people, attentive to your word and ready to do your bidding. 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 *A Round of Praise* Helman
 Youth Handbells

* **INTROIT** *Once More My Soul*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Kelli Eshleman

Leader: Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

People: As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

Leader: For it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

People: Trust in God who raised him and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361** *How Firm a Foundation*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city. We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Sinai than obey your commands in the urban wilderness. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell, and to serve you wherever you choose to send us.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison) Healey Willan

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 67)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Will Praise You* Patterson
 Jubilation Choir

SECOND LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 851)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 515** *Now to Your Table Spread* LOVE UNKNOWN

SERMON "I was afraid of that." Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

TEACHER RECOGNITION

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Lord Have Mercy* J. S. Bach

* 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

COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

{ Congregational response }

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (Choir)
 { Congregational response }

Healey Willan

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Jesus Word of God I Incarnate* arr. Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148th

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE** *Be Still And Know* McCormick

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* Pachelbel

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

The Belhar confession was written in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa as a challenge to apartheid. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has proposed that this confession be adopted and included in our Book of Confessions. The Belhar Confession arose out of the South African Reformed community whose leaders were oppressed because of their race and imprisoned for their resistance to their nation's legally mandated system of apartheid. Apartheid was a strict segregation of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. The "mother church" of European immigrants had divided the Reformed Christians of South African into four distinct churches according to the system of apartheid: one for descendents of white colonials, one for black Africans, one for those of mixed race (the church that produced the Belhar Confession), and one for descendents of Asian immigrants. The mother church taught that apartheid was justified on the basis of Scripture. In 1982 the World Alliance of Reformed Churches declared that reading of Scripture to be heretical. The Belhar Confession was written to provide a strikingly different Biblical view. During the Sundays of Lent, we will be using portions of the Belhar Confession as our Affirmation of Faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel ❖ Jon Horton ❖ Tom Roberts
- ❖ Emil Menzel ❖ Betty Harrison ❖ Calvin Long
- ❖ Dot Clark

Christian sympathy to Ann Hester for the loss of her mother, Georgia Terrell.

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 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.

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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.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

The Christian Education Committee thanks these teachers and helpers who make the programs at Mountain Brook Presbyterian possible.

Elizabeth Barr	Suzanne Cook	Rosh Plugge
Katherine Barr	Jean Covington	Gary Smoke
Carroll Barrett	Kelli Eshleman	Cary Speaker
Jill Bonatz	Traci Finch	Donna Speaker
Katherine Brown	Ev' Gunn	Drew Spransy
Jane Carmichael	Larry Harper	Peggy Thompson
Julie Clark	Alisa Long	Dewin Tibbs
Ralph Cook	Elena Phillips	Steve Trueb

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, March 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord

MBPC Teacher Appreciation Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship - Communion
5:00 pm Youth Group – Dinner & a Movie

March Ushers

Harold Faught – Head
Charles McKell
Bob Dudelston
Connie Bishop
(Alt) Kathryn Barr
Charlotte McClure

Monday, March 7

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, March 9

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
7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Service**
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Menu

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

7:30 am Bible Study
9:00 am Preschool

Saturday, March 12

Sunday, March 13 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

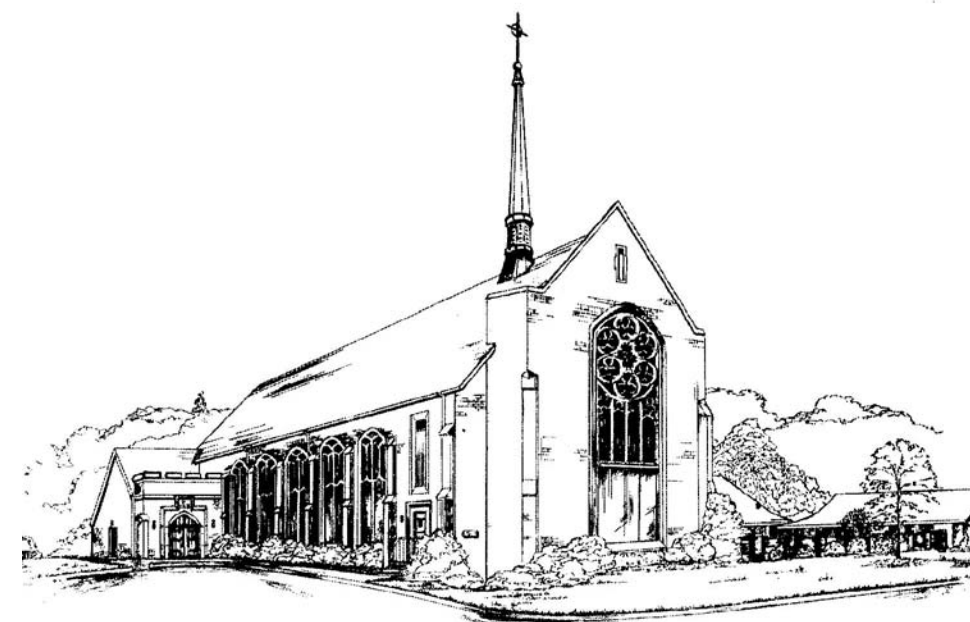
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School
5:30 pm Youth Group
5:30 pm Session Meeting



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STAFF

Pastor: Cary Speaker	Director of Music: Dewin Tibbs	Organist: Gary Smoke
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



Our Mission

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

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