

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter - COMMUNION

Preschool Sunday

May 1, 2011

✧ GATHERING ✧

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Source of our refuge and strength, as we enter your sanctuary you guide the way our footsteps should go. You protect us from paths that often imperil us; you shield us from situations we should not pursue. As we pause to ponder your bountiful goodness, may your comforting presence precede us this day. Hear our words of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your counsel and care. 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

* **INTROIT** *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saens

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Drew Spransy

Leader: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

People: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

MBPC PRESCHOOL *Jesus Loves Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we find it difficult to accept blame for Jesus' death, yet we know in our hearts that we often turn away from our Savior's teaching. We fail to live as resurrection people, finding joy in each day. We pursue proofs as skeptics rather than affirming the values Christ proclaimed. Forgive our indifference and our narrow views of faithfulness. Lead us to the fullness of joy that you intend for all your children.

(A time of silent 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: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through Christ's resurrection from the dead.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

Leader: We have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

Leader: By God's power we are guarded through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the last time.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

Leader: The trials you may suffer are so that your faith may prove itself worthy of all praise, glory, and honor when Christ is revealed.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

Leader: As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

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 Acts 2:14, 22-32 (p. 948)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Antiphonal Alleluia* Jubilation Choir Wright

SECOND LESSON John 20:19-31 (p. 945)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

SERMON Seeing and Believing Cary Speaker

✧ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✧

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

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Kelly Huddleston
Director of MBPC Preschool

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *The Glory of Christ* K. Lee Scott

* Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* 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.

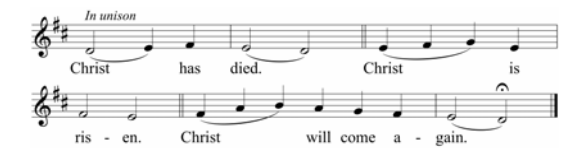
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (Choir) Healey Willan
{ Congregational response }

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Now My Soul, Thy Voice Upraising* Smoke

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✧ SENDING ✧

* **HYMN 122** *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS
(Refrain on last verse only.)

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* **RESPONSE** *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*

POSTLUDE

Brass Choir

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

Brass Quartet:

Bart Jones, Trumpet Joe Glasgow, Trumpet
Mark Foster, Trombone Jay Evans, Trombone

Handbell Ensemble:

Joseph Bonatz, Anne Grey Cook, Emma Nichols,
Laura Semmes, Anna Leigh Tucker

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 worshiping 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.

This class meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is led by Rev. Cary Speaker. The text is, *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, 2010.

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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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1 – PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

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

May Ushers

- Larry Harper, head
- Lloyd Gathings
- Eukie Woodall
- Deanna Newman
- (Alt) Mary Palmer Cook
- Wilborn Vaughn

Monday, May 2

- 8:00 am Body Works
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Grief Group
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

- 8:00 am Body Works
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Prayer Team Meeting
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 4

- 8:00 am Body Works
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm AA Meeting
- 5:00 pm Blessed Yoga
- 5:15 pm Youth Handbells
- 6:00 pm Family Dinner
- 6:30 pm Grace Notes Choir
- Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Jubilation Choir
- Adult Studies
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Menu

TBA

Thursday, May 5

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

Friday, May 6

- 7:30 am Bible Study
- 8:00 am Body Works
- 9:00 am Preschool

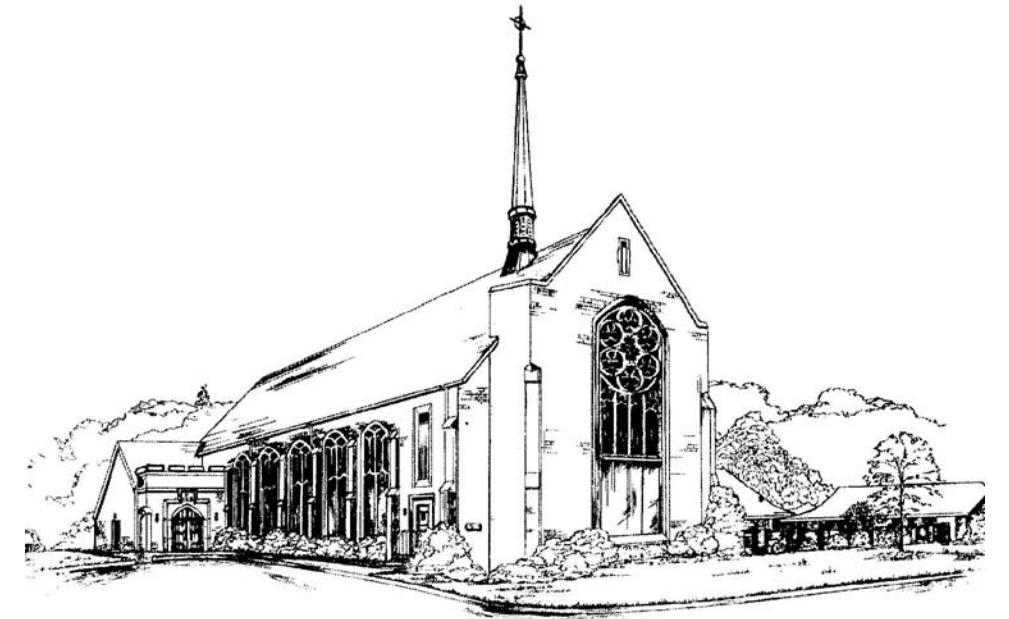
Saturday, May 7

Sunday, May 8 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

- Mother's Day**
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service – High School Senior Recognition
- 5:30 pm Session Meeting

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Up to 20% of each purchase goes directly to PHFC Arts Program.
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*We are a congregation filled with Christ's love,
nurturing and serving from God's abundance.*

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