

ORDER OF WORSHIP
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
WORLD COMMUNION
 October 2, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

As we look at the heavens, the stars shine forth to herald your presence. The sun exudes the warmth of your love. The vastness reminds us we cannot escape from your presence. You are above and beyond us, yet you choose to dwell with us. In Christ you promise you'll be with us throughout whatever befalls us. You will strengthen us in whatever needs we may have. As your voice goes out through all the earth and your words to the ends of the world, may our voices resound now as we give you all thanks and praise. 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 O. Gibbons

* **INTROIT**

Kyrie Smoke

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Paula Cospers

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Unison: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 416**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You whose voice extends to the ends of the world, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin.

We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others, yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods who do what we want.

Having attained the prize of your mercy in Jesus, help us to obey him as the source of new life.

Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)

Organ Congregation G. R. Smoke

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.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 1:4-11 (p. 414)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands arr. Page
 Jubilation Choir

QUINN RALLINS Birmingham Faith in Action

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46 (p. 856)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 436**

We Are Your People WHITFIELD

SERMON

The Wicked Tenants Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

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

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

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Christ has
 died, Christ is ris - en,
 Christ will come a - gain.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Victoria

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 516**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**

Rejoice In the Lord Always Purcell

POSTLUDE

Allegro H. Purcell

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel
- ❖ Emil Menzel
- ❖ Calvin Long
- ❖ Lamar Osment
- ❖ Ben McKinnon
- ❖ Jane Long
- ❖ Jon Horton
- ❖ Dot Clark
- ❖ 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 worshiping 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 - 12

Children's Sunday School

There is no 9:30 Sunday school class for children

2 and 3 Year Old Class 11:00-Noon

This new class uses curriculum based on Godly Play by Jerome Berryman, but written specifically for our MBPC children. This class meets in Room 109 next to the Nursery.

Step x Step Kids Learn 2 Live B.I.G.* 11:15-12-15

Following the Passing of the Peace in the worship service, children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to leave with their teachers for Sunday school. (*On the first Sunday of each month, there is no Sunday School for age 4 through grade 6.* Families are encouraged to worship together and join in the celebration of communion.)

Age 4 through Grade 2 meet in Room 201 St. Stephen
Grades 3 through 6 meet in Room 208 St. Stephen

**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 curriculum (*BLAY* — Bible Lessons for Youth) focuses on how Scripture relates to our lives and covers the entire Bible in six years. The teachers are Ralph Cook, Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, and Rosh Plugge.

Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying the book of Genesis. They are using *The Mighty Acts of God* by Arnold Rhodes as a resource, but go into more detail in their study.

The *Other Class* meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is led by Rev. Cary Speaker. October 18 they will begin a new study using the book, *Year of Plenty: One Suburban Family, Four Rules, and 365 Days of Homegrown Adventure in Pursuit of Christian Living* by Craig L. Goodwin. In 2008, Pastor Craig Goodwin and his young family embarked on a year-long experiment to consume only what was local, used, homegrown, or homemade. In Year of Plenty, Goodwin shares the winsome story of how an average suburban family stumbled onto the cultural cutting edge of locavores, backyard chickens, farmer markets, simple living, and going green. More than that, it is the timely tale of Christians exploring the intersections of faith, environment, and everyday life.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship – COMMUNION
5:00 pm DINNER & A MOVIE

Monday, October 3

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 pm Grief Group

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm AA Meeting
5:00 pm Blessed Yoga
5:15 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Godly Play (ages 4-6th grade)
6:30 pm MBPCY...G
7:00 pm Jubilation Choir
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

6:00 pm AA Meeting
8:00 am Preschool

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

Sunday, October 9 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School - Children
12:00 pm MBPCY...G – Picnic & Hike

MENU

Smoked Sausage with
Sauerkraut
Applesauce
Roasted Potatoes
Pizza
Assorted Breads
Ice Cream Bars
Assorted Cookies

October Ushers

Tom Roberts, head
Jack Secrist
Julie Clark
Frank Minter
(Alt) Buddy Wellman
Jean Covington



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THE STAFF

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THE SESSION

2011

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

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