

ORDER OF WORSHIP
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

You have built your house on a rock, O God, and have sent us the Christ as its cornerstone. We praise your name for the assurance Christ gives us, and rejoice in the hope that his presence provides. Bring now your Spirit into the midst of our gathering and bless our endeavors as we follow Christ's call. May our voices be blended into one of thanksgiving and our actions united into one of great 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

Wm. Byrd

*** INTROIT**

Blessed Is the Nation

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ev Gunn

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

People: We have cried to you in times of trouble; you delivered us from our distress.

Leader: We thank you, O Lord, for your steadfast love; your wonderful works abound around us.

People: You know of our needs before we utter your name; you indeed are to be praised!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You bring justice upon us and give us compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. So often what we preach is not what we practice. We ourselves do not bear the burdens we impose on others. We expect commendation for our acts of benevolence; we like others to see us and how well we behave. Titles and honors are worn with pride, sometimes with envy, when others about us seem to be getting ahead. O God, forgive our craving to be exalted; help us to be humble in the knowledge that we live by grace alone. 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.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

(traditional)

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 3:7-17

(p. 187)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Come Ye Servants of the Lord

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SECOND LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12

(p. 857)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City CHARLESTOWN

SERMON

Leadership

Cary Speaker

✠ **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 *Almighty and Everlasting God* Gibbons

* 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 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** RESPONSE**

Gibbons

POSTLUDE

Prelude

O. Gibbons

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ❖ Harriet Anne Menzel | ❖ Jane Long |
| ❖ Emil Menzel | ❖ Jon Horton |
| ❖ Calvin Long | ❖ Dot Clark |
| ❖ Lamar Osment | |

Christian sympathy to Lavern Bramer and family for the loss of Jack.

Christian sympathy to the family of Ben McKinnon.

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.

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rhett Josey's parents for thier 57th wedding anniversary.

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.

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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 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. We are studying *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 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School – Children
5:30 pm MBPCY...G Halloween Party!

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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, November 3

6:00 pm AA Meeting
8:00 am Preschool
5:30 pm Preschool Fall Family Dinner

Friday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 5

9:00 am Elder Class
5:30 pm MBPCY...G Fundraiser –
Pick up your meals!

Sunday, November 6 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship - Communion
5:00 pm Dinner and a Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*

November Ushers

Ed Covington, head
Amy Howard
Kelli Eshleman
Lamar Williamson
(Alt) Ed 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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