

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
October 9, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (silent prayer)

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all, O God, are gifts of your grace. We gather to sing you our praises and to tell of your virtues in the midst of our neighbors. Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant encompasses us and in Christ knits us together. We give you all honor as we rejoice in your glory! 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**

*Kyrie* G. Smoke

**\* INTROIT**

*Fantasia* J. Krieger

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Frank Semmes

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare the praise God is due?**

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**People: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Christ, we confess that we, too, make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people. At times dissension hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake of your grace. 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.**

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

**FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 32:1-14 (p. 74)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Out of the Depths Have I Called* Glück

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 856)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN 436**

*We Are Your People* WHITFIELD

**SERMON**

Wedding Feast 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 "Sweet Rivers" from The Sacred Harp  
arr. G. Smoke

Peggy Thompson, soloist

**\* 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**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

**\* HYMN 228**

*O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace* MARTYRDOM

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\* RESPONSE**

*Rejoice In the Lord Always* Purcell

**POSTLUDE**

*Rondo-Salterello* T. Susato

\*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 ❖ 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).

**W**e 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 9 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School - Children

### **Monday, October 10**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool

### **Tuesday, October 11**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Second Monday Missions  
3:00 pm Youth Development Workshop

### **Wednesday, October 12**

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 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:30 pm MBPCY...G  
7:00 pm Jubilation Choir  
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **MENU**

Baked Lasagna  
Tossed Salad  
Texas Toast  
Ice Cream with  
Chocolate Sauce  
Assorted Cookies

### **Thursday, October 13**

6:00 pm AA Meeting  
8:00 am Preschool

### **Friday, October 14**

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

### **Saturday, October 15**

9:00 am Elder Class

### **Sunday, October 16 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School – Children  
2:00 pm Youth Rally – Living River  
5:30 pm First Light

#### October Ushers

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



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## THE 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

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Bonnie Hartley

### **Financial Assistant:**

Bernie Gregson

### **Preschool Director:**

Kelly Huddleston

## THE SESSION

### 2011

Tom Barr  
Katherine Brown  
David Copeland  
Ann Dudelston  
Kelli Eshleman  
Nancy Harper

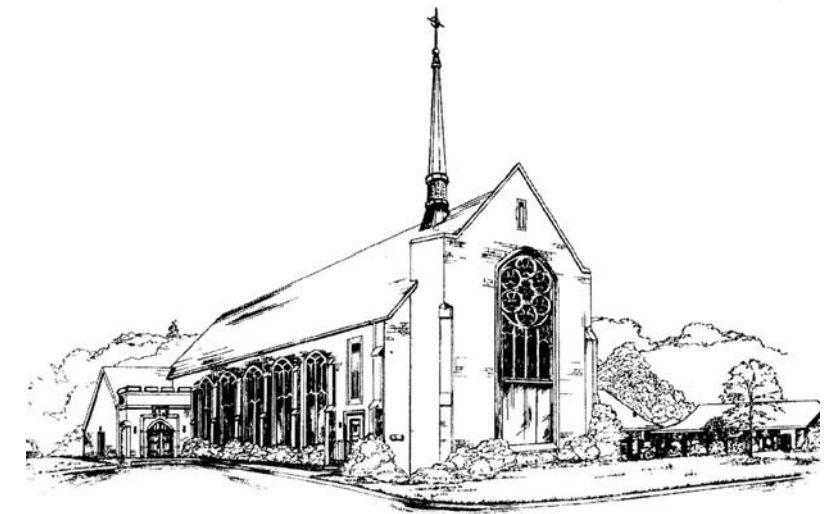
### 2012

Suzanne Cook  
Lloyd Gathings  
Bill Hester  
Dot McCraney  
Charles McKell  
Michael Melvin

### 2013

Joseph Bonatz  
Margaret Nichols  
Donna Speaker  
Drew Spransy  
Mike Terry

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### **Our Mission**

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

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