

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 11, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (silent prayer)

Our hearts leap with joy at the sight of your goodness; you are the bountiful source of compassion and care. You deal bountifully with us in our goings and comings; you are attuned to our needs before we utter a word. Your wisdom is vast; we cannot comprehend it, yet you send Christ who makes your will known. As we sit now at the feet of your glory open our ears to hear of your faithfulness and our mouths to sing you our praises. 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**

*Great Day*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Margaret Nichols

Leader: Jesus said, "I give you a new command,

**People: That you love one another**

Leader: As I have loved you."

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Erskine Carmichael

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

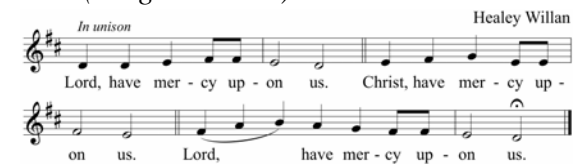
God of mercy, love, justice and forgiveness, we humble ourselves before you. We do not easily kneel before anyone. We are a proud people. We nurse grudges and seek vengeance. Too often we read the Bible and cannot believe how gullible some people are. But when something shakes the foundations of our life, we come back to you. We confess our lack of concern for our neighbors and the throw-away tokens of concern we offer the poor. We are guilty of confusing faith with our good feelings. Be patient with us; forgive us, for we know not what we do. Hear

now our silent confession.

*(A time of private confession.)*

**Amen.**

**KYRIE** *(sung in unison)*



**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* **GLORIA**

AMAZING GRACE, Hymn 280

*(First verse only)*

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**And also with you.**

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

**FIRST LESSON**

Romans 12:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anne Grey Cook

(p. 986)

**ANTHEM**

*Days of Elijah*

Robin Mark

**SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 12: 12-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Thomas Barr

(p. 999)

\* **HYMN**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

**SERMON**

One Body

Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rosh Plugge

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**BIBLE PRESENTATION**

To First and Fourth Graders

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

Offertory Statement

Paula Cospers

Offertory *Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

\* 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**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **RESPONSE**

*Great Day*

**POSTLUDE**

\*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        | ❖ Dot McCraney |
| ❖ Ben McKinnon        |                |

Christian sympathy to Eukie Woodall for the loss of her brother, Richard "Dick" McNutt.

Christian sympathy to David Nichols and family for the loss of his father, Col. Offa S. Nichols.

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*

**Fall Sunday school begins Sunday, September 18.**

### **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. September 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, September 11 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
GUEST SUNDAY & RALLY DAY!**

10:15 am Brunch  
11:00 am Worship  
5:30 pm Session meeting

**Monday, September 12**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 786 Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13**

8:00 am Body Works  
8:00 am Preschool

**Wednesday, September 14**

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

### **Menu**

- Create your own Taco Salad
- Texas Toast
- Ice Cream w/Choc Sauce

**Thursday, September 15**

6:00 pm AA Meeting  
8:00 am Preschool  
11:30 am Third Thursday

**Friday, September 16**

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

**Saturday, September 17**

**Sunday, September 18 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

### September Ushers

Frank Semmes, head  
Joe Spransy  
Jonathan Gathings

(Alt) Chris Carter  
Jocelyn Bell



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use the baskets in the narthex.

## 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

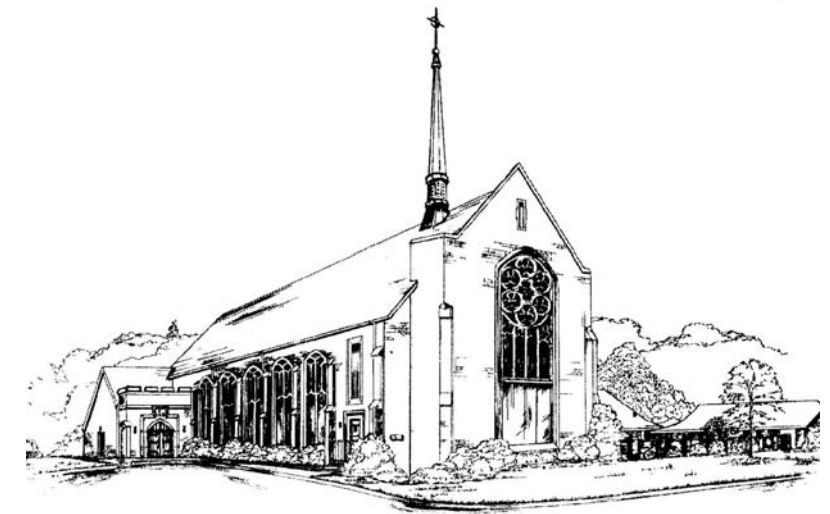
### 2012

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

### 2013

Joseph Bonatz  
Margaret Nichols  
Donna Speaker  
Drew Spransy  
Mike Terry

# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



### **Our Mission**

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

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