

ORDER OF WORSHIP
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess him Redeemer and Lord. 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 Youth Handbell Choir
Wade in the Water Arr. Phillips

* **INTROIT**
Kyrie Smoke

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Donna Speaker
Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

Leader: How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

People: He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

Leader: Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 281**
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

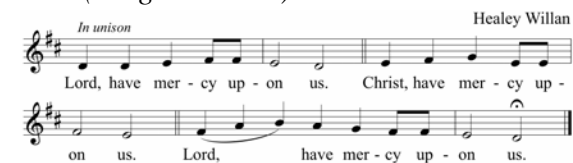
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended. What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are demanded. Our desires are at odds with what you command and we do not do what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. 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 PATRI** (traditional)

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

Children ages 4 through grade 6 meet at the chancel steps to follow the crucifer and their teachers to Sunday School.

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 60)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

As Torrents in Summer Elgar

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:1-13 (p. 855)
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 436**
We Are Your People WHITFIELD

SERMON

A Hospital Only for the Well 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 *By the Streams of Babylon* Arr. Pachelbel

* 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 446**
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**
Come Sunday Ellington

POSTLUDE
Canzona Buxtehude

*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

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

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.

Research Project

A group of senior-level public relations majors at The University of Alabama have invited MBPC members to participate in a on-line research project conducted by Crossover Relations. You will be asked to answer a few questions related to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Alabama (BGCCA). Your participation in this study is voluntary. You must be 19 years of age to participate in this study.

The findings from this survey will help our agency design and implement a campaign for BGCCA.

<http://tinyurl.com/3vsvdve3>

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. 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 25 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School – Adults and Youth
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School - Children
3:00 pm COMMUNITY PICNIC

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 am Body Works
8:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, September 28

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, September 29

6:00 pm AA Meeting
8:00 am Preschool

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

9:00 am Session Retreat

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

MENU

Glazed Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Biscuits
Ice Cream with
Chocolate Sauce
Assorted Cookies

October Ushers

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



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THE SESSION

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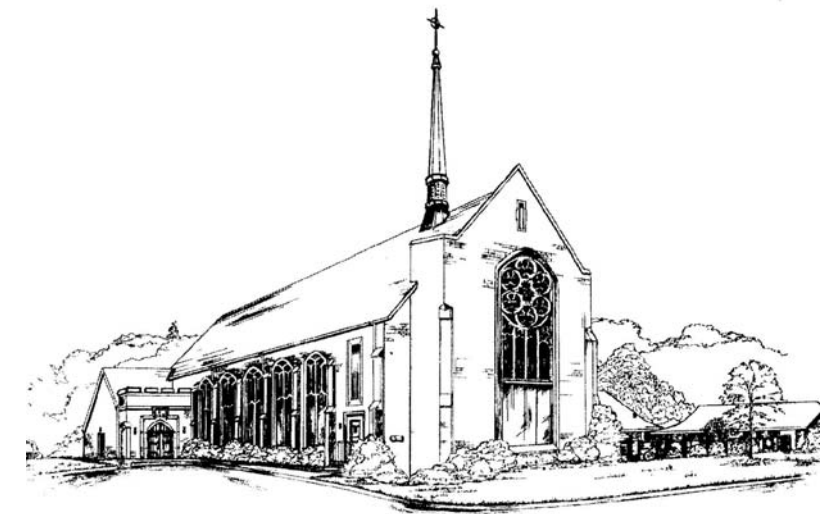
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*We are a congregation filled with Christ's love,
nurturing and serving from God's abundance.*

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