

ORDER OF WORSHIP
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION
 September 4, 2011

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)
 May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Day by day you guide us; every breath we take is a gift of your mercy. You strengthen our knees to serve you. You lift our hands to give you all praise. We come before you in the company of sisters and brothers to give you the worship due your wonderful name. May our words be worthy of the trust you place in us and our meditations mindful of your benevolent care. 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

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here J. S. Bach

* **INTROIT**

Amazing Grace

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Traci Finch, *Liturgist*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

People: Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 142**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. Our eyes deceive us when we lust after others. While we may not murder we do not hesitate to harm. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to do. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. We confess our unworthiness to wear your mantle of love. Hear now our silent confession.

(A time of private confession.)

Amen.

KYRIE (sung in unison)

Healey Willan

In unison
 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

Romans 13:8-14 (p. 987)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Song is Love Unknown Schalk

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 852)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

* **HYMN 515**

Now to Your Table Spread LOVE UNKNOWN

SERMON

Is the church the kingdom of heaven? Cary Speaker

✠ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ✠

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical), Hymnal p. 15

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Adagio* F. Liszt

* 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

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:

In unison

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

* **HYMN 517**

We Come as Guests Invited
 WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **RESPONSE**

Amazing Grace

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor J. Pachelbel

*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.

Christian sympathy to the RJ Clarkson and family for the loss of his mother, Elizabeth Clarkson.

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).

The rose on the chancel is given to the glory of God and in celebration for the birth of William Alexander Wellman, born August 31, 2011, to Alex and Jennifer Wellman. Proud grandparents are Buddy and Sue Wellman.

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

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 4 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship – Communion

Monday, September 5 – LABOR DAY

8:00 am Body Works

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 am Body Works
10:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

6:00 pm AA Meeting
9:00 am Preschool

Friday, September 9

7:30 am Bible Study
8:00 am Body Works
9:00 am Preschool
3:15 pm Girl Scout 231 Mtg.

Saturday, September 10

8:30 am WORK DAY! Please help!

Sunday, September 11 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time GUEST SUNDAY & RALLY DAY!

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

September Ushers

Frank Semmes, head
Joe Spransy
Jonathan Gathings

(Alt) Chris Carter
Jocelyn Bell



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THE STAFF

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THE SESSION

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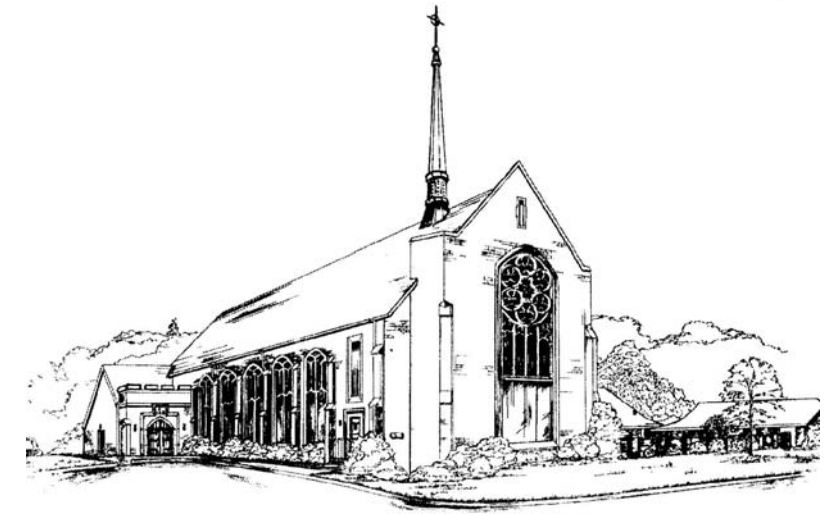
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*We are a congregation filled with Christ's love,
nurturing and serving from God's abundance.*

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