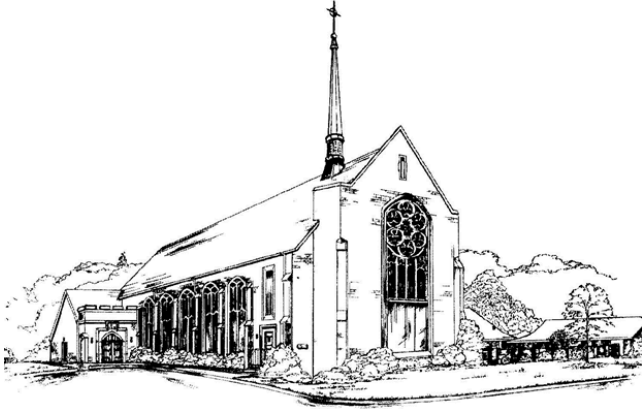


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living a Friendly Faith
"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

January 12, 2025

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Prayer of Preparation

Holy God,
when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan
the heavens opened,
the Spirit descended,
and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus
for the healing of the human race and all creation.
By water and word
you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission.
May your Spirit,
moving like a stream of water flowing from its source,
work in us this day
to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

✠ GATHERING ✠

*We gather together to praise God, confess our sins, and receive forgiveness in Jesus Christ.
We celebrate God's gift by passing the peace and joy of Christ to our neighbors.*

PRELUDE

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You Are Before Me, Lord

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

***HYMN 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

We are precious in your sight,

yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals

and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,

reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.

(A time of private confession) Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***THE PEACE**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Rebecca Roberts

While the organist plays, children are invited to come up front for the Children's Moment.

✠ PROFESSION, PRAYER, AND PROVISION ✠

*We **profess** what we believe to God's Word by stating what we believe.*

*We **pray** for our church, community, and the world.*

*We **provide** for our Gospel ministry to sustain God's Kingdom work on earth
by offering our talents and tithes.*

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended to the dead;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

We hear the Word of God read and proclaimed through Scripture, music, and preaching.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Psalm 28: 6-9 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 478

⁶Blessed be the LORD,
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;

so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

⁹O save your people, and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

COME, THOU FOUNT
OF EVERY BLESSING

^{1:1} There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

^{2:1} One day the heavenly being came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.

² The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

³ The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.”

⁴ Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”

⁶ The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.” ⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” ¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠ SENDING ✠

We leave the service taking the peace and joy of Jesus Christ into the world.

*HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny I. Crosby, 1820-1915
 Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

NEAR THE CROSS
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*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord

Hymn 748

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Minor

J. S. Bach

*Chancel Guild will meet on Monday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. in the
reception room.*

CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

During the worship service, children in Kindergarten through 6th grade, are invited to participate in Sunday School. They will leave the worship service after the Children's Moment.

On Sundays when Communion is offered, children attending Sunday School will rejoin the worship service to receive Communion.

2024 ACOLYTES

Avery Faircloth	Charlotte Kearse	Sara Turnley Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kearse	Tripp Robinson
Vera Johnson	Emily Kim	Rushton Robinson
Hazel Johnson	Audrey Kim	Jackson Robinson
Jesse Horton	Hosford Roberts	William Wellman
William Kaiser	Pryor Roberts	Katherine Wellman
Luke Kaiser	Carolyn Roberts	Mary Claire Wilson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care team is here for you! If you or anyone you know is experiencing hardship from death, illness, hospitalization, or anything else, please let us know.

We care and want to help!

Diane Beck (205) 915-0903	Karen Ogle (585) 267-6140
Becca Roberts (404) 861-8387	Bill Heslop (972) 743-3426
Mindy Faircloth (919) 389-0038	Katherine Robinson (205) 706-4506
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Financial Assistant

Becky Troullier

Clerk of Session

Karen Ogle

Boy Scout Troop 320

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Cub Scout Pack 320

Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

THE SESSION

The governing board of our church is called the "Session." The current members of the Session are listed below. Please don't hesitate to communicate with them about any matter concerning the church.

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Rebecca Roberts Jimmy Ogle Karen Ogle	Ralph Cook Bill Heslop Jonathan Jordan	Diane Beck Debbie Crumpton Leslie Kears

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad that you could join us today. We would love to get to know you, and if you would like to learn more about our church, please take a moment to fill out the form below. Again, welcome!

Visitor Information

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Questions or Comments:
