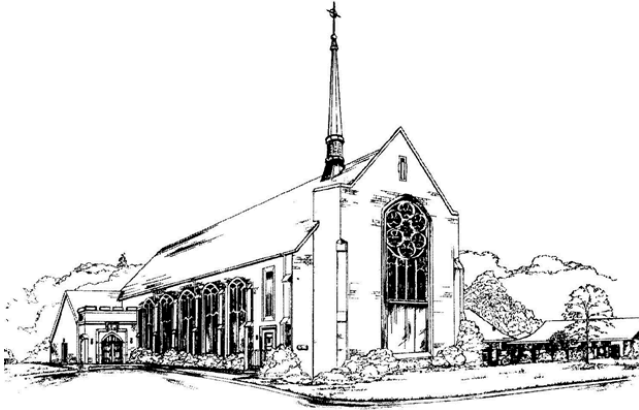


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

April 27, 2025

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

God of the Resurrection,  
you open the tomb  
and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.

In Jesus Christ,  
whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,  
touch our wounds that they may be transformed  
into channels of healing for others.

Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive  
so that all may have new life.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 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**

*Praeludium*

H. Brewer

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT**

*He Is King of Kings*

Hymn 273

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

**\*HYMN 175**

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,  
forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,  
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

**When we are confined by our hurts,  
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.**

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,  
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.**

*(A time of private confession) Amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

**\*GLORIA**

*Glory to God*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*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.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Shaker Song*

arr. R. J. Powell

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 519**

*You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

JERNIGAN

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### 1<sup>st</sup> READING

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 546

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing  
cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### ANTHEM

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

JD Edwards

<sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

Alpha & Omega

Rev. Roberts



✠ SENDING ✠

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

**\*HYMN 667**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Hymn 240

**POSTLUDE**

*Canzona*

G. Frescobaldi

*The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Don  
DeHaven, who died on April 21, 2025.*

**CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN**

During the worship service, children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2025 ACOLYTES**

Avery Faircloth	Charlotte Kears	Sara Turnley Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kears	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
Molly Trueb (205) 540-5769	Judy Wilson (205) 967-8935
Nancy Harper (205) 956-6634	

# WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS	
Nursery 9:00 AM–12:00 AM	Childcare Provided (Ages 0–4 yrs.)
Reception Room 9:00 AM–10:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
Choir Room 9:30–10:00 AM	Children’s Choir (Grades 3–7)
During Worship Service 10:45 AM	<p>Children’s Sunday School: (Kindergarten–6th) 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, following the Moment with Children.</p> <p><b>7th grade and up stay in the service and worship with their parents on Sundays.</b></p>

SUNDAY NIGHT	
Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM	<p>Sunday Night Supper: <i>Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.</i></p> <p><b>*On Select Sundays:</b> <i>January 26th, February 2nd, March 16th, April 6th, August 24th, October 5th, November 16th</i></p> <p><b>New Starting: January 26th</b></p>
Youth Room (in the Admin Office) 6:00–7:30 PM	<p>Youth Group (Grades 7–12)</p> <p><b>Starts Back: January 26th</b></p>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT	
Choir Room 6:30–8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary Balcony 5:00–6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal



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**4<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**Meet at the Well**

6:00 PM

4524 Old Leeds Rd, Birmingham, AL 35213

Host: Diane Beck (205) 915-0903

**16<sup>th</sup>**

**King's Home Donation Pick Up**

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**18<sup>th</sup>**

**Grad Sunday**

Reception to Follow

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Sunday Service**

## THE STAFF

### ***Pastor***

Rev. Madison Roberts

### ***Director of Preschool***

Morgan Rogers

### ***Director of Music & Organist***

Gary Smoke

### ***Children's Choir Director***

Allison Sanders

### ***Administrative Assistant***

Gabby Donohue

### ***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.

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

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to view the church calendar and video of portions of our weekly services.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive MBPC's Weekly Email Newsletter ("Monday Mentions") \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Questions or Comments:**

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