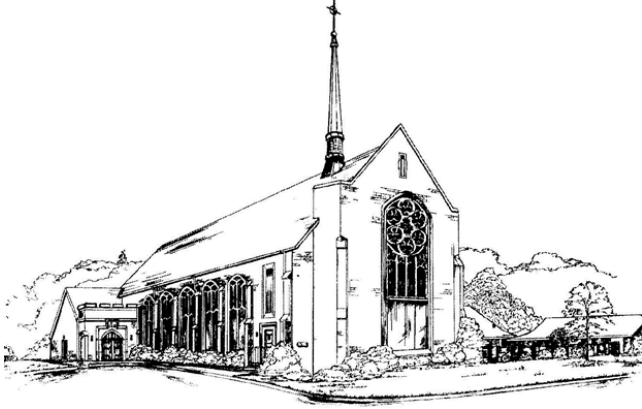


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

July 7, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

God the creator, God of the cross,
you show your power
in whirling galaxies and unseen forces.
You show your love
in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits
and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace,
for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 7, 2024

✠ 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 *Voluntary* H. Heron

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Hymn 716

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

***HYMN 96** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy Three, Holy One, triune God,
we confess that we do not believe
that you have overcome sin and death.
We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness
than we are with the power of your love.
In fear, we worship idols;
in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;
in rage, we seek to dominate others.
O God of David, forgive us.
O Son of David, have mercy on us.
O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.
Send us out with the good news:
nothing can withstand the victory**

**of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

(A time of private confession) Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (HYMN 583)**

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

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 the work of God's Kingdom on earth by offering our talents and tithes.*

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed (ecumenical)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
(and the Son),
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Beach Spring

arr. G. Smoke

*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

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (NRSV)

He said to me: “O mortal,[a] stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation[b] of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wayfaring Stranger
Bobby Horton, guitar

Traditional

2nd READING

Mark 6:1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised. “Where did this man get all this? What’s this wisdom he’s been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t he Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” They were repulsed by him and fell into sin. Jesus said to them, “Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households.” He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was appalled by their disbelief. Sending out the disciples Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching. He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. He said, “Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. If a place doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.**People: Thanks be to God.***SERMON***A Place for Transformation*

Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews

✠ EUCHARIST ✠

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

and made us in your image to live together in love

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (HYMN 552)

(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

And through this celebration,

reveal to us how great the mystery of our faith is, that:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ SENDING ✠

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

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Hymn 716

POSTLUDE

Canzona

G. Frescobaldi

CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

Beginning at 9:30 during Adult Sunday School and during the worship service and, childcare is provided for children five (5) and under.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

- MAGIC CITY HARVEST DONATION: The July donation item is **Mac and Cheese**. The donation box is located inside the front entrance of the church.

- DONATION PICK UP:

Do you have gently used clothes and household items to donate? Please bring them to the church parking lot on **Friday, July 19, 2024, 9AM to noon**. The Kings Home Thrift Store will have a truck to pick up these donations.

- NEWSLETTER: Please send in articles and photos for our church newsletter to gabby@mbpcusa.org or drop these by the church office. Thank you!

THE STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Madison Roberts

Director of Preschool

Morgan Rogers

Director of Music & Organist

Gary Smoke

Financial Assistant

Becky Troullier

Administrative Assistant

Gabby Donohue

Boy Scout Troop 320

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Clerk of Session

Karen Ogle

Cub Scout Pack 320

Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

Children's Choir Director

Allison Sanders

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>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Mindy Faircloth Alex Wellman Judy Wilson	Rebecca Roberts Jimmy Ogle Karen Ogle	Ralph Cook Bill Heslop Jonathan Jordan

Please access the church website at www.mbpccusa.org
to view the church calendar and video of portions of our weekly services.

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or feel free to take it home and refer to it during the week.*

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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:
