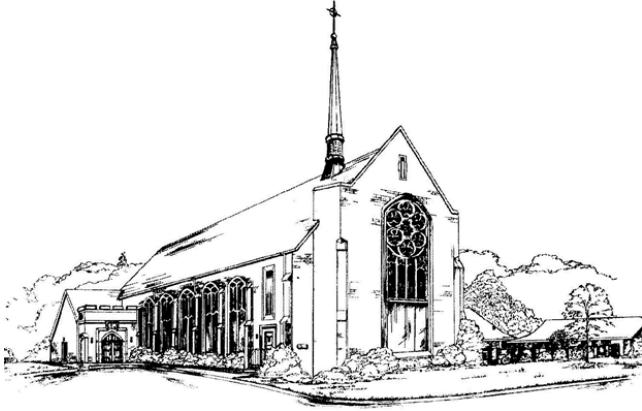


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

July 28, 2024

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

Triune God,  
shepherd of your people Israel,  
you provide for us far more  
than we expect or imagine possible.  
Calm our fears;  
speak peace to us;  
lead us beyond ourselves.  
Gather us with all the saints in the church  
to glorify you for your mighty deeds.  
We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 28, 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**

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. G. Smoke

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT**

*Old Time Religion*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

**\*HYMN 649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of wonder,**

**we confess our sins and pray for your help**

**so that we can truly repent and turn from evil.**

**Deliver us from the temptation**

**to hide from you, to lie to you, or**

**to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others.**

**Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth.**

**Restore your creation to full health, and**

**Grow in us a deeper desire**

**to love Christ with the fullness of your love, now and forever.**

*(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**

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 the work of God's Kingdom 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

*I'll Fly Away/I Saw the Light*

Rob Robinson, Bobby Horton; guitars and vocals

\*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 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

## ⌘ 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 89:1-4 (NRSV)                      Pew Bible p. 514

1 I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth  
I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens  
you will establish your faithfulness.”

3 You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have  
sworn to David my servant:

4 ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all  
generations.’ ”

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*                      Hoffman/Showalter

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

<sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.

<sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

*So Proud of You, Weakness!*

Rev. Roberts



## ✠ SENDING ✠

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

**\*HYMN 182**                      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*                      KINGSFOLD

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**                      *Shall We Gather at the River*                      R. Lowry

**POSTLUDE**                      *Voluntary*                      Wm. Selby

### **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.

### **2024 ACOLYTES**

Avery Faircloth	Charlotte Kears	Tripp Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kears	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 DROP OFF:

Do you have gently used clothes and household items to donate? Please bring them to the church parking lot on **Friday, August 16, 2024, 9AM to noon.**

**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.

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

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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:

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