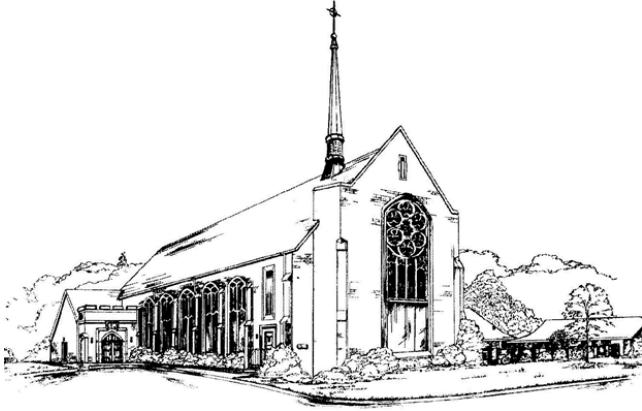


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

May 5, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, help us to love others
as Christ has loved us.

Bring us into the spiritual joy
of living our lives as your friend,
and teach us to abide in your love,
that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ 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 *Recit de Nazard* N. Clerambault

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *O Lord, You Are My God and King* Hymn 270

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

***HYMN 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Loving God, we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' 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 Caroline Carmichael

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

Cornet Voluntary

Wm. Walond

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Psalm 22:25-31 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 475

- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
- 30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Treasures in Heaven

J. Clokey

7Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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SERMON

Reciprocal Love

Rev. Roberts

✠ EUCHARIST ✠

*HYMN 202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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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 468** *In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)* LORD, BE GLORIFIED

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *He Is King of Kings* Hymn 273

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in A* Wm. Selby

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	

SUNDAY MORNING WEEKLY EVENTS

- CHILDREN'S MORNING MISSION ACTIVITY: Meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30.
- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: After the Children's Moment during worship service, the children meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WEEKLY EVENTS

- HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Meets in the Sanctuary Balcony from 5:00-6:00.
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Meets in the Choir Room from 6:45-8:00.
- YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7-12): Meets in the Youth Room (in the Admin Office) from 6:45-8:00.

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 May donation item is **Boxed Jello/Pudding**. The donation box is located inside the front entrance of the church.

- PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN THRIFT STORE DONATIONS:

Do you have gently used clothes and household items to donate? Please bring them to the church parking lot on **Friday, May 17, 2024, 9AM to noon**. The PHFC Thrift Store will have a truck to pick up these donations. Thank you for donating to the PHFC Thrift Store!

- Meet at the Well: **May 16, 2024, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

- Scout Sunday: **May 19**

- Bernie Gregson's Retirement Party: **Monday, May 20th, 6:00 PM**

- VBS: **June 3rd-7th**, Register on our MBPC website.

- Summer Worship Service Time: **June-July, 10:00 AM**

THE STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Madison Roberts

Director of Preschool
Molly Blackmon

Director of Music & Organist
Gary Smoke

Financial Assistant
Bernie Gregson

Director of Christian Education
Caroline Carmichael

Boy Scout Troop 320
Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Administrative Assistant
Gabby Donohue

Cub Scout Pack 320
Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

Clerk of Session
Karen Ogle

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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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:
