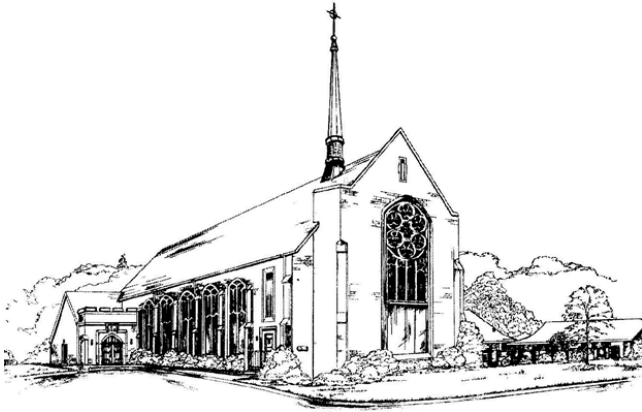


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

April 28, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.

Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.

Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 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 *Trumpet Voluntary* J. Travers

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

***HYMN 175** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy,

we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us.

We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.

Forgive us, restore us,

that we may abide in your love

and live out your mercy,

for the sake 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

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

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

In the Garden

arr. G. Smoke

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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

*HYMN 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

(You Are My All in All)

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Psalm 91:1-16 (NRSV)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,[a] 2 I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. 5 You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day 6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,[b] the Most High your dwelling place, 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. 14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. 16 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Near Me, Lord

K. L. Scott

2nd READING

John 15:1-11 (NRSV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.**People: Thanks be to God.***SERMON***Abide in Me*

Caroline Carmichael

✠ **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***He Is King of Kings*

Hymn 273

POSTLUDE*Fugue in C*

J. Pachelbel

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.
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Meets in the Reception Room from 9:30–10:20.
- 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.
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Grades 3-6): Meets in the Choir Room from 5:20-6:00.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER: Meets in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.
- 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 April donation item is **Spaghetti**. 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!

- VBS: June 3rd-7th

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.mbpcusa.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:
