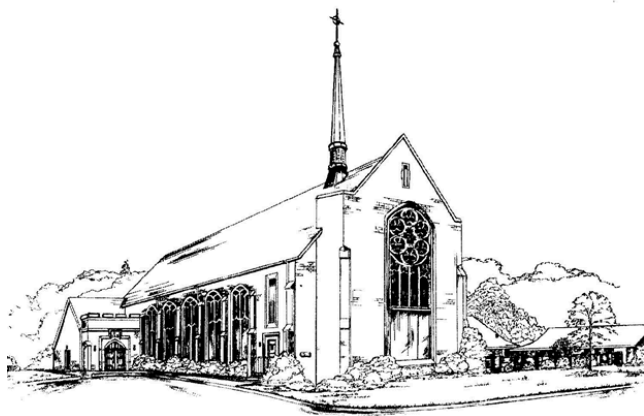


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

March 17, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

Holy God,
by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation
and open the way to eternal salvation.
As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world.
Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 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 *O World, I Must Leave Thee* J. Brahms

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Hymn 166

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

***HYMN 463** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

VERSES 1, 3, 5

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Redeeming God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.**

**Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,
through Christ our Lord.**

(A time of private confession) Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (HYMN 581)**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***THE PEACE**

As the forgiven people of God, let us greet one another in joy.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* D. Buxtehude

*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

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

⌘ THE WORD ⌘

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Proverbs 23:24-26 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 565

- ²⁴ The father of a righteous child has great joy;
a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.
²⁵ May your father and mother rejoice;
may she who gave you birth be joyful!
²⁶ My son, give me your heart
and let your eyes delight in my ways,

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Prayer of St. Patrick

W. M. Shoenfeld

2nd READING

Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 877

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Kids Are All Right

Rev. Roberts

✠ SENDING ✠

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

*HYMN 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymn 167

POSTLUDE

Allegro in F

J. L. Krebs

The congregation extends Christian sympathy to The Hayes Family in the death of their daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Dean Darreff, who passed away on February 19, 2024.

The congregation extends Christian sympathy to The Wellman and Cook Family in the death of Sue Wellman, who passed away on February 6, 2024.

The congregation extends Christian sympathy to The Trueb Family in the death of Dick Trueb, who passed away on February 28, 2024.

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 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	

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

Sue Wellman (205) 482-8556

Molly Trueb (205) 540-5769

Katherine Robinson (205) 706-4506

Nancy Harper (205) 956-6634

Judy Wilson (205) 967-8935

- MAGIC CITY HARVEST DONATION: The March donation item is **Canned Vegetables**. 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, March 15, 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!
- Lenten Luncheon: **March 24th**, Following Worship Service.
- Maundy Thursday: **March 28th**, 7:00 pm Service
- Good Friday: **March 29th**, 12:00 pm Service
- Easter Egg Hunt: **March 31, 2024**
- Easter Sunday: **March 31st**, 6:30 am & 10:30 am Service
- 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: Connie Caskey

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.

*Please drop your bulletin in the basket located in the Narthex as you leave the worship service,
or feel free to take it home and refer to it during the week.*

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Wednesday Night
SUPPER



*Join us for food 'n
fellowship at our weekly
Wednesday Night Supper!*

\$20 Per Family
\$10 Single Member

*This Wednesday
6:00 pm*

FELLOWSHIP HALL

3405 BROOKWOOD RD,
MOUNTAIN BROOK,
AL 35223

What's on
THE MENU?

*Assorted Quiches
Hashbrown Casserole
Fruit Salad
Green Salad
Dessert*

WILL YOU BE JOINING US?

Name _____

☐

JOYFULLY ACCEPTS

NUMBER OF GUESTS

☐

REGRETFULLY DECLINES



Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an **Easter Lily** in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones on Easter Sunday, March 31st, please fill in the information listed below or email the church office at gabby@mbpcusa.org. Forms are due **by** March 17th.

The cost will be \$15.00 each.

Please indicate on your check that it is for *Easter Lilies*.

Number of Plants _____

☐ I will be taking the plant(s) home.

☐ I wish to give plant(s) to New Beacon Hospice.

In memory of **OR** In honor of : _____
(Circle one)

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(Circle one)

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(Circle one)

Given by _____

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:
