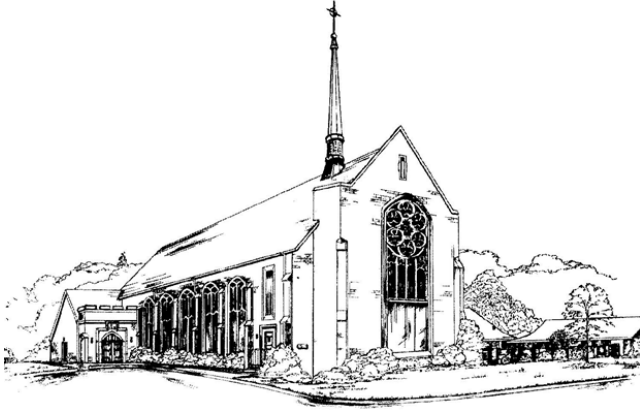


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

November 19, 2023

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Prayer of Preparation

God of righteousness,
you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.

Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.

Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 19, 2023

✠ GATHERING ✠

*We **gather together** to praise God, confess our sins, hear the Good News of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and glorify God for his gracious gift.
We celebrate God's gift as we pass the peace and joy of Christ to our neighbors.*

PRELUDE

Praeludium

H. Brewer

(1865-1928)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Karen Ogle

***INTROIT (HYMN 367)** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

***HYMN 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

by not honoring you or one another.

When we place our iniquities before you,

it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.

As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,

we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,

in whose name we pray.

(A time of private confession) Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (HYMN 583)**

Glory to God

GLORIA (taizé)

***THE PEACE**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Caroline Carmichael

While the organist plays, children are invited to come to the chancel steps for the Children's Moment.

✠ **THE WORD** ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jackson Robinson

1ST READING

1 Corinthians 7:17 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, p. 995

Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

H. Willan

2ND READING

Romans 12:3-8 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, p. 986

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The Calling of Work

Caroline Carmichael

HYMN 719Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

⌘ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** ⌘

*We **respond** to God's Word stating what we believe. We pray for the needs of our church, community, and the world. We thank God for his great gifts to us. We offer ourselves and our tithes to support our ministry to spread the Gospel and sustain the work of God's Kingdom on the earth.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles 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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

DOUG MARSHALL

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

Ricercare

J. Fogliano

(1473-1548)

***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**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

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

***HYMN 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (HYMN 648)**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D

M. P. Zeyhold

(1703-1760)

CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

Childcare is provided for children, birth through age six, during worship. Children, preschool through third grade, are invited to participate in Sunday school during worship and they will leave the main worship service after the Children's Moment.

On Sundays when the Lord's Supper is offered, they will come back to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper. Older children are invited to remain in worship.

ACOLYTES: Rushton Robinson, Emily Kim, Audrey Kim

SUNDAY WEEKLY EVENTS

- MORNING MISSION ACTIVITY: From 9:30AM until 10:15AM the children will head to the Fellowship Hall where they will participate in the Morning Mission Activity.
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School meets in the Reception Room from 9:30AM – 10:20AM.

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY EVENTS

- HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Handbell Rehearsal meets in the Sanctuary Balcony from 5:00PM – 6:00PM.
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children's Choir (grades 3-6) meets in the Choir Room from 5:20–6:00PM.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER: Wednesday Night Supper meets in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00PM. Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Chancel Choir meets in the Choir Room from 6:45PM – 8:00PM.
- YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group (grades 7 and up) meets in the Youth Room (in the Admin Office) from 6:45PM – 8:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CONGREGATIONAL CARE: The Congregational Care team is here for you! If you or anyone you know may be experiencing hardship whether, from death, illness, hospitalization, or other, 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 DONATIONS: The November donation item is **Box of Biscuit/Cornbread Mix**. 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 to the PHFC Thrift Store? Please bring them to the church parking lot on **Friday, December 15, 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.
- 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

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

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	Erskine Carmichael Jimmy Ogle Karen Ogle	Ralph Cook Bill Heslop Adam Cobb

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad that you could join us today. We would love to get to know you! Please take a moment to sign the form below—we promise not to “track you down” but would love to know you were here today. If you have questions or would like to know more information about the church, just indicate that on the visitor form, and we will be in touch. Welcome!

Visitor Information

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Questions or Comments:
