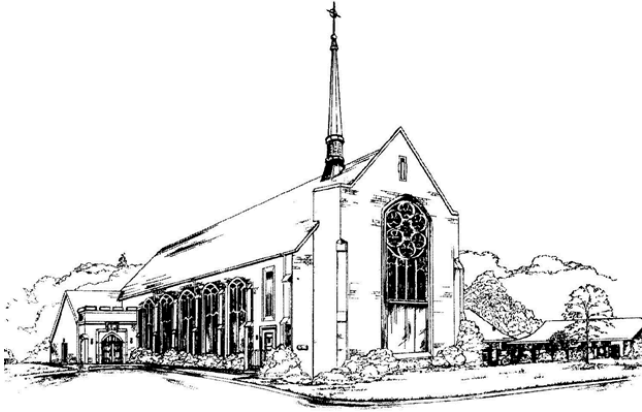


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

August 24, 2025

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Prayer of Preparation

God of healing and reconciliation,
you free us from our burdens
and promise us safety and refuge.

Help us to trust in your power,
that we may praise you without qualification
and rejoice in the power of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 2025

✠ 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

Larghetto and Allegro
Geni Skendo, flute

G. F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Hymn 311

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire,
and the one who has consecrated us before time.
You call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.
But we forget, and yield to fear,
and we trust in the tangible rewards of this world.
We confess that we are a divided people;
we foster separations and widen rifts
in our families, our communities, and in the world.
Open us to your healing.
Free us from all that distances us from your presence.
Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage;
through Jesus Christ who comes to save.**
(A time of private confession) Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA

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

Isaiah Causey

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 God's Kingdom work 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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: FALL FESTIVAL
MOMENT FOR MISSIONS**

Bill Heslop
Suzanne Wright, Magic City Harvest

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

Si Bheag Si Mhor (An Old Irish Air)

T. O'Carolan

*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 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

⌘ THE WORD ⌘

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Psalm 103:1-8 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 521

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Whatever Is True

G. R. Smoke

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

*HYMN

Onward Christian Soldiers

ST. GERTRUDE

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane;
 4 On - ward, then, you peo - ple, join our hap - py throng,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore:
 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;

Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 we are not di - vid - ed all one bod - y we,
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that church pre - vail;
 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King:

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see his ban - ners go.
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 this thro' count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing.

On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers! March-ing as to war, war, With the

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* Hymn 311

POSTLUDE *Allegro* G. F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 31, immediately following the service, to elect an elder to fill the vacant position in the Class of 2027. The current nominee for this vacancy is Ron Morrison.

CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

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.

2025 ACOLYTES

Avery Faircloth	Charlotte Kears	Sara Turnley Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kears	Tripp Robinson
Vera Johnson	Emily Kim	Rushton Robinson
Hazel Johnson	Audrey Kim	Jackson Robinson
Jesse Horton	Hosford Roberts	William Wellman
William Kaiser	Pryor Roberts	Katherine Wellman
Luke Kaiser	Carolyn Roberts	Mary Claire Wilson

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Nursery 9:00 AM-12:00 AM	Childcare Provided (Ages 0-4 yrs.)
During Worship Service 10:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School: (Kindergarten-6th) 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, following the Moment with Children. 7th grade and up stay in the service and worship with their parents on Sundays.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM	Sunday Night Supper: <i>Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.</i> *On Select Sundays: <i>August 24th, September 21st, October 5th, November 16th</i>
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2025

AUGUST

MCH DONATION ITEM: BAG OF RICE

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Worship Service- 10:30 AM

3rd

Communion Sunday

8th

Living River Youth Retreat

August 8th-10th

10th

Youth Sunday/ Blessing of the Backpacks

Please have your children bring their school backpacks to be blessed.

15th

King's Home Donation Pick Up

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

22nd

Spartans Football Tailgate

5:00-7:00 (Gametime is at 7:00PM at the High School)

24th

Sunday Night Supper

5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

31st

Congregational Meeting

immediately following the service, to elect an elder to fill the vacant position in the Class of 2027.




Spartans Tailgate Party

MOUNTAIN BROOK VS DEMOPOLIS

Friday, August 22, 2025 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church Parking Lot



Join us for a community-wide tailgate as we get ready to cheer on the Mountain Brook High School Spartans at their first home game of the season against Demopolis.

We'll gather in the MBPC parking lot before kickoff. Bring your friends, family, lawn chairs, coolers, and your Spartan spirit. Everyone is welcome, and all ages are invited. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks.

Game time is 7:00 PM at the high school.
Come tailgate with us, then head up to support the team!



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HELP RESTORE OUR CHURCH'S BEAUTY

MBPC is raising funds to replace the protective covering on our cherished windows.

The new clear covering will let the beauty of the stained glass windows shine! These vibrant works of art hold historical and spiritual significance and serve as a beacon of inspiration to all who live in our community.

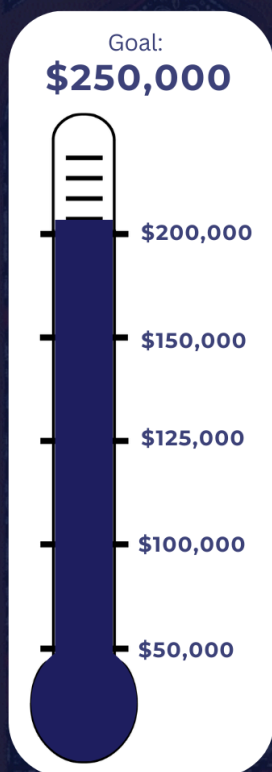
Ways to Contribute:

Contributions can be made in person, through our church office, or online.

Or Scan the QR code to visit our website.



Follow along as we track
our progress:



THE STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Madison Roberts

Director of Youth

Isaiah Causey

Director of Music & Organist

Gary Smoke

Director of Preschool

Morgan Rogers

Administrative Assistant

Gabby Donohue

Children's Choir Director

Allison Sanders

Boy Scout Troop 320

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Cub Scout Pack 320

Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

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>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Ralph Cook Bill Heslop Jonathan Jordan	Diane Beck Debbie Crumpton	Kelly Morrison Lisa Wilson Katherine Robinson

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: _____

I would like to receive MBPC's Weekly Email Newsletter ("Monday Mentions") _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Questions or Comments:
