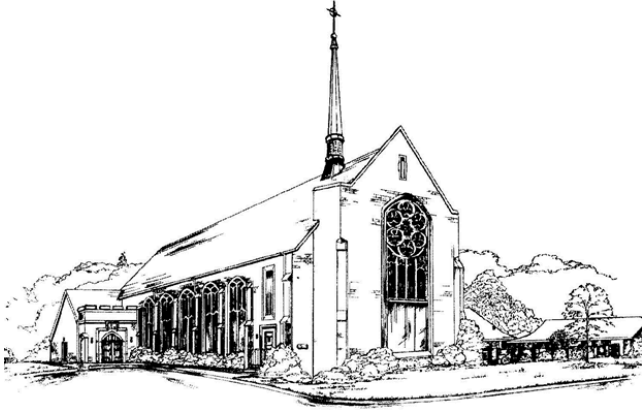


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

November 3, 2024

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and  
place

to honor and praise your holy name.

As you have revealed your mercy and might

to your faithful people in every age,

so let us glimpse—even through our tears—

the mystery of your life-giving grace

and the love that even death cannot destroy;

through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



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**

Rebecca Roberts

*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.**

Watching for a new heaven,  
waiting for a new earth,  
we pray to the Lord, saying,  
O Lord our God, have mercy,  
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for the church.  
Transform this broken body  
into a communion of saints,  
a company of the faithful,  
working for good in your world.  
O Lord our God, have mercy,  
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for the world.  
Destroy the shroud of death  
that is spread over the nations.  
Replace the rule of wealth and war  
with your realm of justice and peace.  
O Lord our God, have mercy,  
and wipe away our tears.  
We pray for this community.  
Make your home among us;  
dwell with us in this place.  
Let it be a city of heavenly peace,  
a place of refuge for all.  
O Lord our God, have mercy,  
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for loved ones.  
Soothe those who are suffering;  
comfort those who mourn.  
Let us be glad and rejoice  
in the gift of your salvation.  
O Lord our God, have mercy,  
and wipe away our tears.

As you have sustained your saints  
through centuries of service,  
keep us faithful, here and now,  
until your will is done  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Persons from our congregation who, since October 31, 2023,  
have entered the Church Triumphant:

Mary Sue Wellman, February 6, 2024  
Richard (Dick) Trueb, February 28, 2024  
William Venus Means II, husband of member Donna Means, April 11, 2024  
Dot McCraney, August 22, 2024  
Mary Susan Jones, September 19, 2024  
Frank Calhoun Minter, October 2, 2024

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Will Arise*

arr. R. J. Powell

\*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

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**1<sup>st</sup> READING** Daniel 2:20-23 (NRSV) Pew Bible p. 762

20 Daniel said: “Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his. 21 He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. 23 To you, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and power and have now revealed to me what we asked of you, for you have revealed to us what the king ordered.”

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

**ANTHEM** The Feast of Love arr. K. Lee Scott

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING** Philippians 3:17-21 (NRSV) Pew Bible p. 1024

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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

**SERMON** *Not in it to Win It - Part 2* Rev. Roberts



✠ EUCHARIST ✠

\*HYMN 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

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 286**                      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*                      TRENTHAM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**                      *Where Charity and Love Prevail*                      Hymn 316

**POSTLUDE**                      *Fugue in C*                      G. F. Handel

## CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

During the worship service, children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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	Sara Turnley Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kearse	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
Nancy Harper (205)956-6634	

# WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS	
Nursery 9:30 AM–11:30 AM	Childcare Provided (Ages 0–4 yrs.)
Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM–10:15 AM	Children’s Morning Mission Activity.
Reception Room 9:30 AM–10:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
During Worship Service 10:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School: (Kindergarten–6th grade) 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, following the Moment with Children. <b>7th grade and up stay in the service and worship with their parents on Sundays.</b>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT	
Nursery 5:00 PM–8:00 PM	Childcare Provided (Ages 0–12 yrs.) <i>Kids activities and games</i>
Sanctuary Balcony 5:00–6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
Choir Room 5:20–6:00 PM	Children’s Choir (Grades 3–6)
Fellowship Hall 5:45 PM	Wednesday Night Supper: <i>Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.</i>
Youth Room (in the Admin Office) 6:30–7:30 PM	Youth Group (Grades 7–12)
Choir Room 6:45–8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Conference Room (Admin Office) 6:30–7:30 PM	Women’s Bible Study



Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church  
*Living a Friendly Faith*

**2024**

# NOVEMBER

**MCH DONATION ITEM: BOX OF BISCUIT OR CORNBREAD**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints Service  
 Communion Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup> King's Home Donation Pick Up**  
 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**23<sup>rd</sup> 4th Annual Chili in the 'Brook**  
 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

**24<sup>th</sup> Decorate for Christmas**  
 Treats will be provided to all of Santa's Helpers

**27<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Night Activities**  
 Thanksgiving Break

## THE STAFF

### *Pastor*

Rev. Madison Roberts

### *Director of Preschool*

Morgan Rogers

### *Director of Music & Organist*

Gary Smoke

### *Financial Assistant*

Becky Troullier

### *Administrative Assistant*

Gabby Donohue

### *Boy Scout Troop 320*

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

### *Clerk of Session*

Karen Ogle

### *Cub Scout Pack 320*

Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

### *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>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Rebecca Roberts	Ralph Cook	Leslie Kearse
Jimmy Ogle	Bill Heslop	Debbie Crumpton
Karen Ogle	Jonathan Jordan	Diane Beck

Please access the church website at [www.mbpcusa.org](http://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:

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