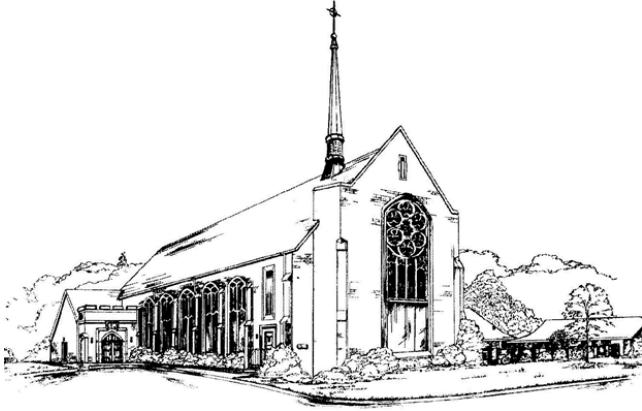


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

May 12, 2024

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

Holy One,  
open us to the possibility that we are being chosen  
to be new disciples with new ministries  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 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** *Voluntary* O. Gibbons

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT** *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* Hymn 62

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN 819** *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God, though you call us to delight in your teachings,  
we can become cynical and full of doubt.**

**Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.**

**Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth;  
in Jesus' name.**

*(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 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

*Holy Manna*

arr. G. Smoke

\*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 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

## ⌘ THE WORD ⌘

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### 1<sup>st</sup> READING

Psalm 98 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 519

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.
- 2 The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.
- 8 Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy
- 9 at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### ANTHEM

May You Cling to Wisdom

S. Warner

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

1 John 5:1-8 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 1067

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

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

Rev. Roberts

✠ **SENDING** ✠*We leave the service taking the peace and joy of Jesus Christ into the world.***\*HYMN 475***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

**\*BENEDICTION****RESPONSE***Laudate Dominum*

Hymn 635

**POSTLUDE***Canzonetta in A Minor*

D. Buxtehude

## 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 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	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.
- 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.
- 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 May donation item is **Boxed Jello/Pudding**. 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!

- Meet at the Well: **May 16, 2024, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

- Scout Sunday: **May 19**

- Bernie Gregson's Retirement Party: **Monday, May 20th, 6:00 PM**

- VBS: **June 3rd-7th**, Register on our MBPC website.

- Summer Worship Service Time: **June-July, 10:00 AM**

**THE STAFF**

***Pastor***  
Rev. Madison Roberts

***Director of Preschool***  
Morgan Rogers

***Director of Music & Organist***  
Gary Smoke

***Financial Assistant***  
Becky Troullier

***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><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2025</b></u>	<u><b>2026</b></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.mbpccusa.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions or Comments:

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