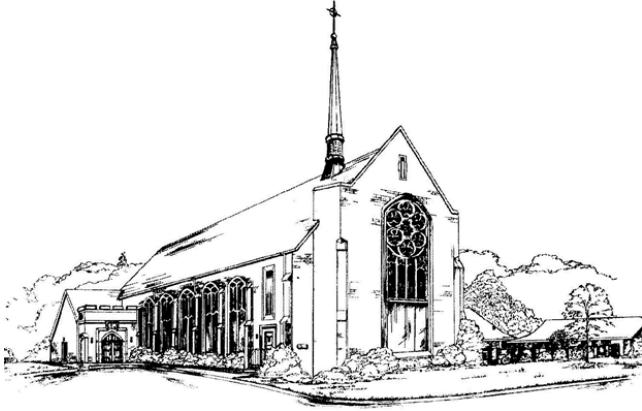


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

June 16, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

God, you are the gardener of all creation.

You planted this world with the seeds of your love
and grow them with your faithfulness.

We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you.

May our minds listen to you calling,
may our hearts be attuned to your will,
may our feet follow you in the world,
through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

⌘ 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 *Prelude and Fugue* G.-G. Nivers

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *As the Wind Song* Hymn 292

*CALL TO WORSHIP Caroline Carmichael

*HYMN 300 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith
can produce great work in your kingdom.**

**Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,
for we walk by sight and not by faith.**

Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.

We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us with the love of Christ

so that we live no longer for ourselves,

**but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. (*A time
of private confession*) Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (HYMN 583) *Glory to God* GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

*THE PEACE

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

Pleading Savior
Bobby Horton, banjo

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 825

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st READING

Psalm 20:1-5 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 474

1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.

3 May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

Selah

4 May he grant your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.

5 May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sweet Rivers

arr. G. Smoke

Jesse Horton, xylophone; Bobby Horton, guitar

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jars of Clay

Rev. Roberts

✠ SENDING ✠

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

*HYMN 370	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	TERRA BEATA
*BENEDICTION		
RESPONSE	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	Hymn 292
POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in A Minor</i>	J. Pachelbel

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.

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.

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 June donation item is **Cereal**. 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, June 21, 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!

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>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

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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:
