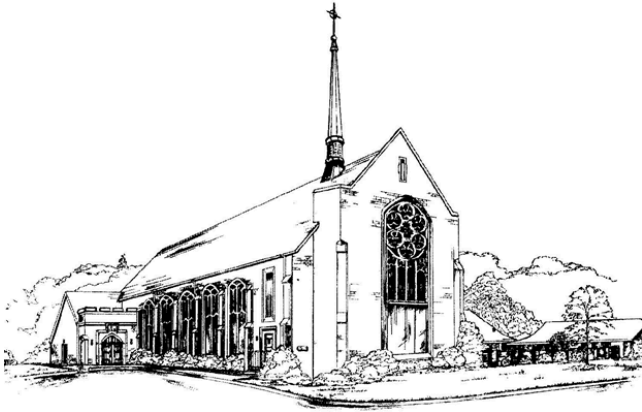


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Palm Sunday



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

## March 24, 2024

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life.

In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross,  
that we may be raised in a resurrection like his  
and dwell forever in you, Eternal God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 24, 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 *Intrada* J. C. Pezel

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Hymn 196

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Karen Ogle

\*HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**We confess that we have sinned,  
and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you.  
We are horrified by the suffering we cause—  
to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.  
Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love,  
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
(A time of private confession) Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA (HYMN 581) *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*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

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 697

*Take My Life*

HENDON

VERSES 1,2,3,6

## ✠ 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 118:19-29 (NRSV)                      Pew Bible p. 531

- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM**

*Hosanna*

M. Pooler

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

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 879

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

<sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

<sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

**SERMON**                      *Colts, Cloaks and Branches - Hallelujah!*    Rev. Roberts

✠ **SENDING** ✠

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

**\*HYMN 69**                      *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*                      HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                      *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*                      Hymn 198

**POSTLUDE**                      *Sinfonia*                      A. Banchieri

**BRASS MUSICIANS**

Joe Ardovino, trumpet

John McElroy, trumpet

Mark Foster, trombone

Mike Lingo, bass trombone



## 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.
- 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.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING WEEKLY EVENTS

- HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Will NOT meet this week.
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Grades 3-6): Will NOT meet this week.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER: Will NOT occur this week.
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: WILL meet this week in the Choir Room from 6:45–8:00.
- YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7-12): Will NOT meet this week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Easter Sunday, please bring cut flowers for the **flowering of the cross**.
- 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 March donation item is **Canned Vegetables**. 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, April 19, 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!
- Maundy Thursday: **March 28th**, 7:00 pm Service
- Good Friday: **March 29th**, 12:00 pm Service
- Easter Egg Hunt: **March 31, 2024**
- Easter Sunday: **March 31st**, 6:30 am & 10:30 am Service
- MBPC Youth/ Family Barons' Game: **April 19th**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Regions Field.
- VBS: **June 3rd-7th**

## 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

### *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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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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