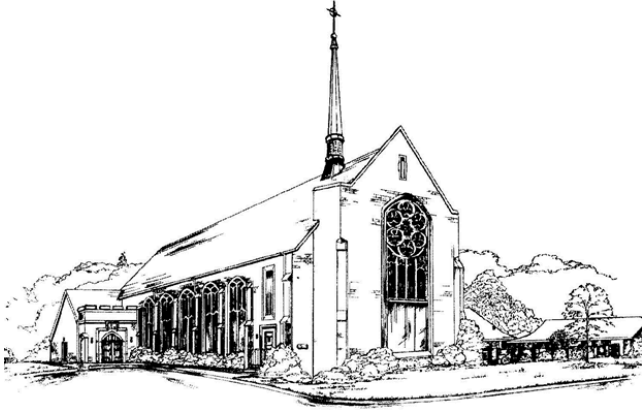


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

April 21, 2024

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

We are your people, O God— the sheep of your pasture,  
the flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters;  
teach us the way of righteousness;  
and feed us at your table;  
through Jesus Christ,  
our good shepherd. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 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** *Rejoice, Beloved Christians* J.S. Bach

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT** *You Are Before Me, Lord* Hymn 28

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

**\*HYMN 336** *We Gather Together* KREMSER

## \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love,  
but our actions betray us.**

**We talk about love,  
but we neglect the poor.**

**We talk about love,  
but we fail to love one another.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, and abide in us  
by the power of your Spirit  
so that our lives may show  
our love for Jesus Christ,  
in whose body we live  
and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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**

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.**

NEW MEMBERS

**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**

*Schoenster Herr Jesu*

Hermann Schroeder

**\*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 182**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

## ✠ 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 23:1-6 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 476

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

C. Hampton

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

1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 1066

16We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Rev. Roberts

✠ **SENDING** ✠*We leave the service taking the peace and joy of Jesus Christ into the world.***\*HYMN 197***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

**\*BENEDICTION****RESPONSE***Go with Us, Lord*

Hymn 748

**POSTLUDE***Toccata*

Johann Pachelbel

Jim Cook, Organ



## 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**

- **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 April donation item is **Spaghetti**. 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!

- 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: 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

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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## 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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