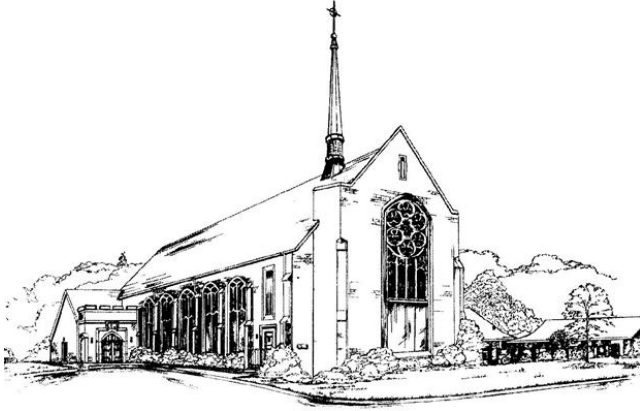


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

September 8, 2024

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Prayer of Preparation

Good and generous God,
you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people
through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others,
sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted,
and receiving all who assemble in your name
with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality;
in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 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 *Allegro* Anonymous

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *From the Four Corners of the Earth* P. Thompson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ogle

***HYMN 625** *O Lord My God* HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of favor, we have not been true to you.

You have chosen the poor in the world,

but we have dishonored them.

You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.

(A time of private confession) 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

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

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

Christ Be My Leader

arr. H. V. Gerike

*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 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1ST READING

Psalm 4:7-12 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 492

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Psalm 150

J. Harper

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended", what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

*HYMN 840	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	VILLE DU HAVRE
*BENEDICTION		
RESPONSE	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	Hymn 175
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro</i>	Anonymous

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	

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	
Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM–10:15 AM	Children’s Morning Mission Activity. Starts Back: September 15th
Reception Room 9:30 AM–10:15 AM	Adult Sunday School Starts Back: September 15th
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. 7th grade and up stay in the service and worship with their parents on Sundays. Starts Back: September 15th
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 Starts Back: September 11th
Choir Room 5:20–6:00 PM	Children’s Choir (Grades 3-6) Starts Back: September 11th
Fellowship Hall 5:45 PM	Wednesday Night Supper: <i>Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.</i> Starts Back: September 11th
Youth Room (in the Admin Office) 6:45–8:00 PM	Youth Group (Grades 7-12) Starts Back: September 11th
Choir Room 6:45–8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Reception Room 6:30–7:30 PM	Men’s Bible Study Starts Back: September 11th
Conference Room (Admin Office) 6:30–7:30 PM	Women’s Bible Study Starts Back: September 11th

MONTHLY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	
Magic City Harvest Donation: Bag of Dried Beans Located inside the entrance of the church.	
8 TH	Rally Day
20 TH	Kings Home Donation Pick Up: <i>Do you have gently used clothes and household items to donate? Please bring them to the church parking lot on Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.</i>
24 TH	Meet at the Well: <i>Please enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun with your MBPC Family. Invite friends who may be looking for a new church home.</i> <i>Host: Diane Beck (205) 915-0903</i> <i>4524 Old Leeds Road</i>

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 Jimmy Ogle Karen Ogle	Ralph Cook Bill Heslop Jonathan Jordan	Leslie Kearse Debbie Crumpton Diane Beck

Please access the church website at 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:
