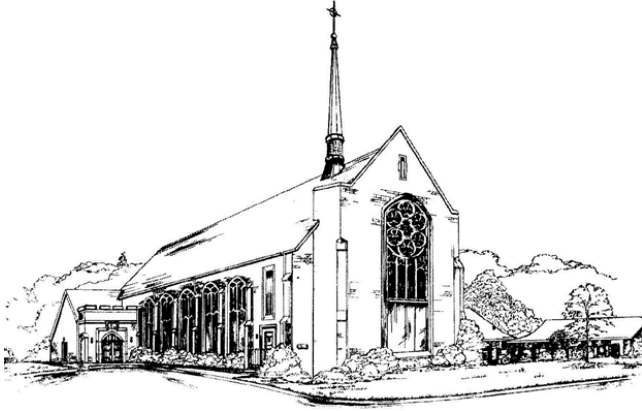


MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

January 5, 2025

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Prayer of Preparation

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

***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

Nicene Creed (ecumenical)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
(and the Son),
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* 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

✠ THE WORD ✠

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Father, Holy Wisdom came to dwell with us in Jesus, filling our world with her light and life. May she also dwell within your word this day, that we may have intimate knowledge of your love for us, through the One who is close to your heart, Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

1st READING

Psalm 29:1-4 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 478

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Star in the East

arr. G. Smoke

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

2As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, 3the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,’ ”

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” 9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ah yes...the beginning!

Rev. Roberts

✠ EUCHARIST ✠

*HYMN 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

and made us in your image to live together in love

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (HYMN 552)

(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

And through this celebration,

reveal to us how great the mystery of our faith is, that:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ SENDING ✠

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

***HYMN 151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

POSTLUDE *Fuga Cromatica* G. M. Telemann

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 Kearse	Sara Turnley Robinson
Beckett Faircloth	Paul Kearse	Tripp Robinson
Vera Johnson	Emily Kim	Rushton Robinson
Hazel Johnson	Audrey Kim	Jackson Robinson
Jesse Horton	Hosford Roberts	William Wellman
William Kaiser	Pryor Roberts	Katherine Wellman
Luke Kaiser	Carolyn Roberts	Mary Claire Wilson

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
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Allison Sanders

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Financial Assistant

Becky Troullier

Clerk of Session

Karen Ogle

Boy Scout Troop 320

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Cub Scout Pack 320

Cubmaster: Aaron Bennett

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	Diane Beck Debbie Crumpton Leslie Kearse

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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:
