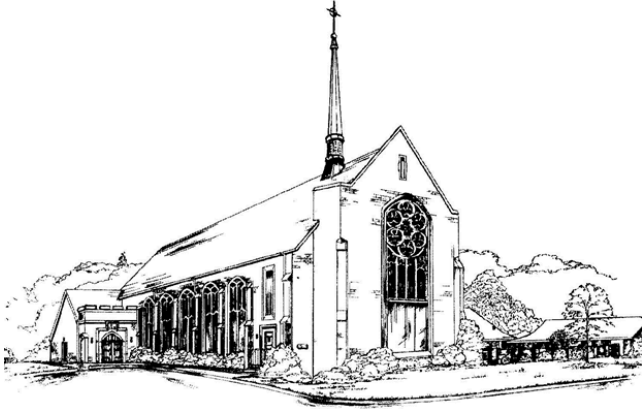


# MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

## March 30, 2025

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

Dear God,

As I begin this new day, I thank you for your love and guidance.

Please fill me with your strength and wisdom  
to navigate whatever challenges may come my way.

Help me to be kind, compassionate, and to use my gifts to serve others.

Watch over me and those I love,  
and lead me to live according to your will. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

## ✠ 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 No. 1*

E. Bloch

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymn 167

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

**\*HYMN 336**

*We Gather Together*

KREMSEK

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Gracious and loving God,**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition.**

**We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray,**

**and empower us to be imitators of Christ**

**in love and service.**

*(A time of private confession) Amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**\*GLORIA**

*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**

As the forgiven people of God, let us greet one another in joy.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**MOMENT WITH CHILDREN**

*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 God's Kingdom work 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

*Meditation No. 6*

G. R. Smoke

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**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 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 32 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p. 480

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### ANTHEM

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Smoke, Gary R.



1Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3So he told them this parable:

11b"There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a

robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

25"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the s

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

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

**SERMON**

*Dinner with the Sinners*

Carl Martin

✠ **SENDING** ✠

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

**\*HYMN 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

Hymn 166

**POSTLUDE**

*Postludium*

H. Scheidemann

## CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

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.

### 2025 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
Molly Trueb (205) 540-5769	Judy Wilson (205) 967-8935
Nancy Harper (205) 956-6634	

# WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS	
Nursery 9:00 AM-12:00 AM	Childcare Provided (Ages 0-4 yrs.)
Reception Room 9:00 AM-10:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
Choir Room 9:30-10:00 AM	Children's Choir (Grades 3-7)
During Worship Service 10:45 AM	Children's Sunday School: (Kindergarten-6th) 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, following the Moment with Children.  <b>7th grade and up stay in the service and worship with their parents on Sundays.</b>

SUNDAY NIGHT	
Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM	Sunday Night Supper: <i>Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family.</i>  <b>*On Select Sundays:</b> <i>January 26th, February 2nd, March 16th, April 6th, August 24th, October 5th, November 16th</i>  <b>New Starting: January 26th</b>
Youth Room (in the Admin Office) 6:00-7:30 PM	Youth Group (Grades 7-12) <b>Starts Back: January 26th</b>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT	
Choir Room 6:30-8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary Balcony 5:00-6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal



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**2025**

# MARCH

**MCH DONATION ITEM: CANNED VEGETABLES**

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**2<sup>nd</sup>** Communion Sunday  
Sunday Night Supper

**16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Night Supper  
5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

**21<sup>st</sup>** King's Home Donation Pick Up  
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Mr. Rogers Day  
Reception to follow.



# Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones on Easter Sunday, April 17, please fill in the information listed below or phone the church office at 967-5037 **by** April 10. **The cost will be \$14.00 each.** Please indicate on your check that it is for *Easter Lilies*.

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking the plant(s) home.

I wish to give plant(s) to New Beacon Hospice.

In memory of **OR** In honor of : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

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In memory of **OR** In honor of : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

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In memory of **OR** In honor of : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LENTEN LUNCHEON

AT MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**10:30 AM, Worship Service- Luncheon to Follow.**

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As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a special gathering following our 10:30 Worship Service on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

It's an opportunity to reflect on the significance of this holy season and for fellowship with one another.

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### WILL YOU BE JOINING US?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# OF GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

JOYFULLY ACCEPTS

REGRETFULLY DECLINES



## THE STAFF

### *Pastor*

Rev. Madison Roberts

### *Director of Preschool*

Morgan Rogers

### *Director of Music & Organist*

Gary Smoke

### *Children's Choir Director*

Allison Sanders

### *Administrative Assistant*

Gabby Donohue

### *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

Please access the church website at [www.mbpccusa.org](http://www.mbpccusa.org)  
to view the church calendar and video of portions of our weekly services.

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or feel free to take it home and refer to it during the week.*

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive MBPC's Weekly Email Newsletter ("Monday Mentions") \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions or Comments:**

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