

MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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Prayer of Preparation

God of righteousness,
you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.

Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.

Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.
Confident in God's mercies,
let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our iniquities before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

(A time of private confession)

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of light,
because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ,
we need not fear—
for he lived for us, he died for us,
he was raised for us and prays for us.
Believe the promise of your baptism:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA (Hymn 583)**

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

***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.

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another from a distance with a wave or a peace sign as we maintain social distancing protocols.)

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Spencer Bissell

While the organist plays, the crucifer will walk the center aisle from back to front. Children are invited to follow the crucifer to the chancel steps for the Children's Moment. At the conclusion, the crucifer will lead the children back to their seats or to their classroom, as the case may be.

✠ THE WORD ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carolyn Roberts

Come, Holy Spirit,
open our minds and hearts this day,
that we may be illumined by your living Word
and walk together as children of light. Amen.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Great is the Lord

Cooper / Angell

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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SERMON

A Real-Live Living Faith

Rev. Madison Roberts

HYMN 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

⌘ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ⌘

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism (4.090)

What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**Wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a love and delight to live
according to the will of God
by doing every kind of good work.**

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER 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

Adagio

J. S. Bach

*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

✠ **SENDING** ✠

HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE (HYMN 350)

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Minor

J. Pachelbel

The congregation extends Christian sympathy to Harold Faught and his family, in the death of his wife, Helen Faught.

The congregation extends Christian sympathy to Bill Cole and his family, in the death of his wife, Florence Cole.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN

Childcare is provided for children, birth through age six, during worship. Children, preschool through third grade, are invited to participate in Sunday school during worship and they will leave the main worship service after the Children's Moment.

On Sundays when the Lord's Supper is offered, they will come back to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper. Older children are invited to remain in worship.

ACOLYTES: Hosford Roberts, William Wellman, Pryor Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HYMN SING:** Join us **THIS EVENING** in the Sanctuary from 4-5PM as we worship God by joyously singing hymns together!
- **CHILI COOKOFF:** Join us in the parking lot on Saturday, November 20 at 3PM for some fellowship, chili and competition! Entry is \$5/person and you will no doubt eat your fill. And if you'd like to have a team submit their chili to be judged, contact mroberts@mbpcusa.org to enter your team.
- **CHANCEL CHOIR** Rehearsal will be held Wednesdays, from 6:45PM-8PM in the Reception Room. We ask that all participants please wear masks.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Led by Ms. Allison Sanders, will be held Wednesdays, from 5-6PM in the Choir Room. We ask that all participants please wear masks.

- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER is back! Join us for Wednesday Night Supper from 6:00-6:45PM. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and feasting! Prices: \$10 for individuals; \$20 for families. **Childcare for toddlers and infants will be provided!**
- SUNDAY SCHOOL: The whole family is invited to join us from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday mornings. Adults (and any interested middle schoolers and high schoolers) will meet in the Reception Room to discuss educational based studies of the Bible. Children, 1st grade and up, will meet with Spencer in the Toddler Room to learn more about the amazing stories in the Bible. Children, K-5 and younger, will meet with that week's parent volunteer in the Infant Nursery.
- Have you ever wondered if Jesus really descended into hell after dying on the cross? Do you want to know the differences between the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed? Then join us on Sunday evenings, from 5:30-7PM in the Reception Room for our weekly CHRISTIAN FAITH STUDY as we study the Christian Creeds. Also during this time, we will have **dinner** together (\$5/person), and **childcare for 6th grade and under will be provided!**
- Middle School and High School YOUTH GROUP (7th grade and up) will also be held from 5:30-7:00PM on Sundays. **Dinner** will be provided for \$5/person.
- MAGIC CITY HARVEST DONATIONS: The October donation item is canned soup. The donation box is located inside the front entrance of the church.

THE STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Madison Roberts

Director of Preschool

Molly Blackmon

Director of Music

Dewin Tibbs

Administrative Assistant

Sally Gregson

Organist

Gary Smoke

Boy Scout Troop 320

Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Director of Christian Education

Spencer Bissell

Cub Scout Pack 320

Cubmaster: Connie Caskey

Financial Assistant

Bernie Gregson

Children's Choir Director

Allison Sanders

THE SESSION

The governing board of our church is called the "Session." Current members of the Session are listed below. Please don't hesitate to communicate with them about any matter concerning the church.

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Dave Kaiser	Ralph Cook	Mindy Faircloth
Norton Montague	Richard Edwards	Alex Wellman
Karen Ogle	Alan Speaker	Judy Wilson

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