



# PROCLAMATION

## 175th Anniversary of First Montgomery Baptist Church

**WHEREAS**, in 1850, Elizabeth Shannon and Elizabeth Arnold, two women of faith in Montgomery, earnestly sought the establishment of a Baptist church, and under the leadership of the first pastor, Rev. Thomas Chilton, the congregation was founded as a witness to the Gospel; and

**WHEREAS**, for 175 years First Montgomery Baptist Church has gathered to worship, serve, and proclaim the Gospel, shaping the spiritual life of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, through generations of change, growth, and challenge, the church has stood as a testimony that God is faithful; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Sara Countryman, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Texas, do hereby proclaim December 28, 2025, as **“God is Faithful Day”** in honor of the 175th anniversary of First Montgomery Baptist Church.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Montgomery, Texas to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS**

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Sara Countryman, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Ruby Beaven, City Secretary