

***THE HYMN** *He Healed the Darkness of My Mind* TALLIS CANON

1. He healed the darkness of my mind the day he gave my sight to me: It was not sin that made me blind; it was no sinner made me see.
2. Let others call my faith a lie, or try to stir up doubt in me: look at me now! None can deny I once was blind and now I see.
3. Ask me not how! But I know who has opened up new worlds to me: this Jesus does what none can do I once was blind, and now I see. (text: Fred Pratt Green)

*** CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

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 into hell; 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

THE OFFERTORY *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* Marty Haugen; arr. Julie Stitt
The Handbell Choir; Jeff Peters, director; Jane McRae, violin

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***THE HYMN 411** *Arise, Your Light is Come* FESTAL SONG

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Were the Whole Realm* Gilbert Martin

THE POSTLUDE *Liam* Mac Frampton



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11 a.m. Worship

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**(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

THE GATHERING

Anna Miles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE*Oh, Sacred Head Now Wounded*

arr. Mac Frampton

Mac Frampton, guest organist

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light

People: **for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**

Leader: Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

People: **For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.**

All: **Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."** -Ephesians 5: 8-14

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we are blind. Your grace is active all around us, reconciling broken lives, broken relationships, broken communities, and broken worlds. But we are more interested in keeping score, eager to impress you with our righteousness by reminding you just how crooked others are. We have lived for so long in the darkness of mistrust and despair at the reality of the brokenness that we struggle to imagine anymore that you are actively working at this very moment and at every moment for the healing of your creation. We, indeed, are blind and we need your healing touch.

We confess the sin of our pride and our mistrust. We confess that we are more interested in being right than in being loving. Heal us, we pray and restore our sight. Help us to once again see your grace in our lives, in others' lives, in the miracle of your creation. And having glimpsed your grace once again, kindle our imperfect faith to accept it.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new.

People: **All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** -2 Corinthians 5: 17-18

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 76)

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the way Hosannas to their king. Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Mimi Kiser, Interfaith Health Program, Emory University

THE PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 23

(page 474 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen! (text: Isaac Watts)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 9: 1-41

(page 97 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"That The Works of God Might Be Manifested"*

John Blevins

ELDER ON CALL: Marshall Hunter

DEACON ON CALL: Leslie Prince

USHERS: Callie and David Stewart, Stephanie and Kasey Libby

GREETERS: Sanda Means, Cindy and Bill Humphries

COUNTERS: Martin Dunlap and Richard Brownlee

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Sandy Ryan

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Kim and Anna Nuckols

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: Tish Woolley

PRE-K AND K: Emily O'Brien and Emily Hylton

1ST - 3RD GRADE: Kelly Anderson and Becky Schreiber

4TH - 5TH GRADE: Carolyn Morton and Leslie Prince

FELLOWSHIP: Deacons - Emilee Terry

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:6-7

Keep in your prayers...

Sue Blouin
Patricia Boyko
Joe Brady
Ann Coffey (Sarah Beth Gehl's mother)
Sandra Fortson
Tim Gargis
Walter Gilbert (Patrick Gilbert's father)
Kat Harris (Eric Harris' mother)
Ann Herndon (Will Herndon's mother)
Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson' father)
Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
Klotz family
Betty Lynn Lambert
Jan McMahan
Ted McMahan
Lin Parker (Nancy Coomes' friend)
Ray family
Bev Reed
Carlene Sauer (Kasey and Stephanie Libby's family)
Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)

Marlie Ann Senf
Myra Shore (Lester Morris' cousin)
Carol and Bill Southwood
Mary Turner (Sanda Means' mother)
Waltemath-Lewicki family
Wells family
Dr. Nathaniel West (Dr. West's father)
Evelyn Wimberly (Nancy Frampton's ex-mother-in-law)
John Young

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Dr. John Blevins is our preacher, **Anna Miles, Candidate for Ministry** is our liturgist.

- Large print hymnals and Bibles as well as hearing aids are available; ushers will gladly assist.
- Please complete the information in the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass the pads down and back again during the **Concerns** portion of worship.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged in worship every Sunday. Worship bags for children can be found in the Narthex. Those who wish to attend Sunday School may do so *after the Peace of Christ*.
- Childcare for 0-23 months is in Room 105, and Room 012 for 2 and 3 year olds.
- Pre-K/K are in room 001.
- 1st through 3rd are in room 003.
- 4th through 5th are in room 005.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rev. Beth Waltemath and her family on the passing of her grandmother, Harriet Foley, on Tuesday, March 21 in Nashville, Tennessee. Let us keep the Waltemath-Lewicki family in our prayers during this time of mourning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to transport our refugee family to and from church each week. Bienfait and his family live in Clarkston, only 20-25 minutes from church, and wish to become members. The only requirement is to have a car with three seat belts in the back. To volunteer or for questions please contact Katye Watts at katyemae@gmail.com and she will direct you

to the SignUp Genius website.

RUNNING OF THE EGGS

It's time to start bringing in the eggs. It will take close to three thousand eggs to pull off our much-beloved, community-wide Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter, and we can't do it without you. You can pick up bags of empty eggs in the narthex, fill and return them or bring new filled eggs to the containers in the narthex. No nuts please! To volunteer please contact Sarah Tomaka sarah.tomaka@gmail.com. Even if you don't have children, you won't want to miss this.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Presbyterians have a history of working together to build a more just, resilient, and sustainable future. We will take a special offering on Palm Sunday. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting the gifts and talents of people and communities all over the world.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

On *Monday, March 27* our speaker will be Beth Waltemath, presenting a special Lenten program.

Members and friends are invited for dinner and fellowship at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of Sanda Means, 1071 McLynn Avenue 30306. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

DINE AT EL TACO

Need an easy and fun dinner? Come out to eat at El Taco on N. Highland on **Tuesday, March 28!** Be sure to tell them you are there to support MPP and we will get 20% of the proceeds.



CORO VOCATI CONCERT

Coro Vocati, a professional choral ensemble, will sing at Morningside Presbyterian Church **Saturday evening, April 8** beginning at **7 p.m.** Tickets at the door are \$20.00. This group, accompanied by Jonathan Crutchfield, sang at MPC to rave acclaim last year. Bring friends with you to hear this stellar Atlanta-based choral ensemble.

HABITAT BUILD

If you are 16 years or older please visit atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com to volunteer to help build a house for the Valdez family.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Our next Theology on Tap will be hosted by Peter Cobb on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.** Peter and Carolyn are at 1150 St. Charles Place, Atlanta, GA 30306.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers **Saturday, April 8** from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Intown Collaborative Ministry pantry to distribute food to homeless and in-need folks in our area. The pantry is located at McIver Hall beside Druid Hills Presbyterian Church near the corner of Highland and Ponce. Please contact Laura Ulep lauraulep@gmail.com or Nancy Collins ncollins0209@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

SPRING FLING

Plan to bring the children in your lives out for lots of fun at the Preschool Spring Fling **10 a.m. -1 p.m.** on **Saturday, April 22.** New special features this year include a Grill Off in honor of our 15th Anniversary. Pre-purchase \$15 tickets for tastings by our best grill masters! Prize Drawing tickets will also be available for purchase a few Sundays before Spring Fling. Buy your tickets from preschool students and alumni for a chance to win a classroom basket

with many themes. If you don't have little ones to bring out for the petting zoo, bouncies and more, then sign up today to support this fundraiser with an hour and a half of your time: set up **8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.**, event shifts **10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.** and **11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.** or clean up **1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.** Contact Preschool Parent and MPC Member Kimberly Williams kew0412@gmail.com to sign up today.

ICM'S ANNUAL ARTS & EATS FUNDRAISER

Come out and enjoy auctions, games, entertainment, live music, a buffet dinner and more on Sunday, April 30 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additional information is located in the narthex.

TICK TOCK!

The time is running out to make your opinions about the future of Morningside Presbyterian known. Today is the final day to spend 15 minutes or so on-line filling out the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) at our website, www.morningsidepc.org.

NYUMBANI PROGRAM

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Nyumbani Program in Kenya, Morningside is gathering supplies for young women and young men (ages 12-21) in Nyumbani's Lea Toto Program. Throughout the month of April, you are invited to bring the following materials:

- School supplies, especially pens, pencils, or erasers. *Please do not bring paper or notebooks* as the standard paper size in Kenya is A4 and our letter-sized paper (8½ x 11") will not be accepted for school assignments.
- Clothes for adolescents and young adults
- Paperback books

Please place the materials in the boxes in the vestibule.

Faith Development at Morningside

ADULT CLASS

Next week, Beth Waltemath will continue to lead us in a Lenten series focused on practice-based Christianity by looking at key figures in contemplative Christianity from the Bible, Medieval saints, and contemporary theologians.

CHILDREN

Jesus shows love! Jesus prayed to God in the garden of Gethsemane while his disciples slept. Today we will focus on teaching children about the importance of prayer. Matthew 26:31-58

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development
11 a.m. Worship/Children's Sunday School (PreK-5th)
12 noon. Fellowship
5 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 27

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Ballet for Preschoolers
6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable
7 p.m. Mandolin Society/ Parliamentarians

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. Mini Monets
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
5 p.m. Dine Out at El Taco (MPP)
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 a.m. Children's Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Music for Preschoolers
5:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Fun with Weights
1 p.m. Playball
6 p.m. Night Yoga
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

9 a.m. MPP
9:30 a.m. Creative Movement
1 p.m. Karate

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development/Confirmation
11 a.m. Worship/Children's Sunday School (PreK-K)
12 noon. Fellowship

Grill Off April 22

We hope that you will bring kids to Spring Fling, but even if you don't have kids to bring, we invite you to buy a ticket for our 15th Anniversary Grill Off. A \$15 ticket buys you tastings from each one of our grill contestants! We will only sell 100 tickets, so buy your tickets from one of our students or alumni on next few Sundays and plan to come by for a delicious lunch on Saturday, April 22.