

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-21 (page 236 in the pew Bible, OT)

***THE HYMN 313** *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY

*** THE APOSTLES' 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 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 PASTORAL PRAYER 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 “Simple Gifts” — Mvts 3 and 4 Noel Goemanne

***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. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***THE HYMN 302** *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Thou Art God* René Clausen/Crutchfield

***THE POSTLUDE** *Improvisation* Jonathan Crutchfield



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
11 a.m. Worship

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THE GATHERING

Mardee Rightmyer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts” — Mvt. 1

Noel Goemanne

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: Let us worship our God, who creates, redeems and sustains us. -Psalm 89:1-2

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 416** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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

Gracious God, we confess there are times when faith is not easy. There are times when the claim of the Gospel upon our lives is costly. There are times when we would turn aside onto an easier path rather than face what your promises would elicit from us. Forgive us when in our living we fail to do and be what you have called for from us. Forgive us when we cannot remember that it is you who have carried us through the years. And in forgiving us, give us encouragement that we may be strengthened in our faith and live out the calling you have given us. We pray all these things in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.

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

Leader: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, We are forgiven!**

-2 Corinthians 5:17-19

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 356

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***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

Roland Behm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome this child into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.**

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46 (page 22 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*Hymn of Praise*

René Clausen

Alleluia! Praise God in his holy temple, in the firmament of his power. Alleluia! Praise God in his mighty majesty, and with pure and humble heart. Praise him with the sound of the ram's horn, praise him with lyre and harp, lute and melody. Praise him with timbrel and the dance, praise him with harp, strings, and violin, lute, and trumpet, all to his name. Let everything that has life and breath sing praise unto the Lord! With cymbal and pipe, with shining stars we sing hosanna; for thou hast been our dwelling place from one generation to another before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth formed, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Amen. (texts: Psalm 90 and 150)

THE SERMON*“The Stone the Builders Rejected”*

Baron Mullis

ELDER ON CALL: Tony Fishpaw
DEACON ON CALL: Julie Green
USHERS: Ellen Behm, Beth Baer, Sandra Ward, Brenda Fishpaw
GREETERS: Lisa Ladds, Sanda and Bill Means
COUNTERS: TBD
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Gail Kitchens
NURSERY: Lisa Ladds
TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: TBD
PRE-K AND K: TBD
FELLOWSHIP: 1 Gray Hair



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
 Andrew Brady (Gwyn Brady's brother)
 Frank Chapman (Mary Chapman's brother)
 Fairleigh family
 Chuck Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's son)
 Walter Gilbert (Patrick Gilbert's father)
 Ann Herndon (Will Herndon's mother)
 Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)
 Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
 JoAnn and Terry Kearns
 Betty Lynn Lambert
 Lange family
 Jan McMahan
 Ted McMahan
 Brandon Odom
 Ray family
 Bev Reed
 Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)
 Marlie Ann Senf

Kimball Sweatt (Frampton family friend)
 Mary Turner (Sanda Means' mother)
 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.

Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor is our preacher and **Mardee Rightmyer, Director of Children's Ministries** will be 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.
- Childcare for 0-23 months is in Room 105, and Room 012 for 2 and 3 year olds.
- Pre-K/K in room 001.

BAPTISM

Hannah Mae Terry, daughter of Emilee and David Terry, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to big brother Jack and parents Ann Marie and Joe Knezevich on the newest addition to their family, Elizabeth "Liza" Ann Knezevich. Liza was born on **Thursday, October 5 at 2:54 a.m.**, and weighed 6lbs 6oz.

THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Please plan to stay immediately after service **today** for the presentation of Morningside's 3 year Strategic Plan, 2018-2020. The presentation will include insights and learnings from the congregational survey and will share prioritized initiatives identified from congregational input throughout the past months.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In response to Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organizing a response to help those affected and restore hope. Please give to PDA by visiting www.pda.pcusa.org.

COMMITMENT SEASON HAS BEGUN

The annual Commitment Season has begun at Morningside, and we are grateful for the exciting faith opportunities before us. We look forward to journeying together in **2018** as we worship together, serve together, and grow together. Our pledges allow Morningside's leaders to plan for next year's salaries, facility maintenance, mission work, children and youth programs and more. This year, we hope to increase our pledges by 10 percent in order to reach our goals in **2018**. We ask that you prayerfully consider your family's pledge for **2018** and join us as we pledge support on **Sunday, October 29**.

NOMINATE TODAY

We are seeking your nominations for Elders for the Session and Deacons for the Board of Deacons. Nomination forms will be in the bulletin, the Narthex, and the Welcome Center. You can turn in nomination forms to the church office, the offering plate or in one of the boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

LGBT & FRIENDS

LGBT & Friends will resume gathering this coming **Tuesday, October 10**, from **7 - 9 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will gather for food, fellowship and board games! If you have a favorite board game, please bring it (Monopoly, Life, Trivial Pursuit, etc.). We will set up tables to talk, eat and play! We will provide a variety of sandwiches, but if you can bring chips, sides, or desserts, please let Michael know. Please bring your own beverage. Be sure to RSVP to lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org.

MPC COUPLES

Join MPC Couples on *Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m.* at the home of Susan and Tom Oder (1334 Old Johnson Ferry Rd. NE, Atlanta 30319). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Susan.Oder@harrynorman.com.

ICM UPDATE

Great News! MPC Youth will fill our 12 volunteer slots on *Saturday, October 14*. MPC's next scheduled food pantry date is *Saturday, December 9*. More details will follow as we get closer to that date.

NEW ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT SERIES STARTS OCTOBER 15

As an observant Jew, everything Jesus demonstrated and taught about the Kingdom of God was understood by his hearers and disciples through the filter of their culture and history. Appreciating that filter adds a critical, rich layer to our understanding of the Bible. Join us as we study *The Jewish Jesus*. This will be a four-week study of Jesus's cultural and religious contexts, both as a person and as God's Messiah.

CORO VOCATI

Atlanta's professional choral ensemble, *Coro Vocati* will be in concert *Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m.* at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Two parts of the hour long concert will include three compositions by Jake Runestad that are based on the writings of naturalists John Muir and Wendell Berry; and a rarely heard composition by Hungarian composer, Zoltan Kodaly. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. MPC is well represented in this choir by Brandon Odom, Shannan O'Dowd, Alex Masten and Jonathan Crutchfield.

READING AT DOBBS ELEMENTARY

We will begin our reading at Dobbs Elementary School for the fall school year on *Wednesday, October 18 at 11 a.m.* Because of Hurricane Irma, our start date was delayed, but the good news is that you're able to still participate! The once-a-month hourly meetings will be on the second

Wednesday starting in November. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this important outreach, contact Baron at Baron.Mullis@morningsidepc.org.

MONTREAT

There are few things so enjoyable as a hot cup of coffee on a cool autumn morning on the porch of the William Black Lodge in the North Carolina Mountains with your family around you... so you won't want to miss our congregational retreat from *Thursday, October 20 - Sunday, October 22*. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Welcome Center. Turn them in to the church office with an attached check.

FOOD TRUCKS

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on *Thursday, October 26* for our final Food Truck event for the year. The Food Trucks will arrive at Morningside at *5 p.m.* and the festivities will begin at *5:30 p.m.* Come out for amazing food and to get better acquainted with the Morningside community. If you are interested in volunteering, please arrive early to help set up and/or stay later to help clean up. We are thankful for any help.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Join MPC's Chancel Choir on *Saturday, October 28 at 7 p.m.* for the Reformation Concert at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. During the concert, a Free-Will offering will be taken. Also, on *November 5 at 11 a.m.*, the Chancel Choir will present John Rutter's "Requiem" as part of the All Saints Sunday service. Join us for both of these events.

PLEASE HELP

Bienfait is in great need of a new job and any work on the weekends he can get. He is a painter and carpenter and can do other construction-related work. If anyone has a connection to a full-time job or has work at their own home he might be able to do, please contact Holly Campbell at hollycampbell1@gmail.com or Sandy Ryan at amSr@outlook.com.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT MORNINGSIDE

Michael Morgan concludes the series of classes about congregational song, exploring contemporary hymns and writers, looking at how congregational song has evolved from 1950 until today.

FAITH FORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Join other parents in this class resourced by Rev. Beth Waltemath and Mardee Rightmyer as we discuss the challenges and joys of raising children with gratitude, compassion and faith. Amy Jensen will lead the group on Sunday, October 15 about handling questions about difference and diversity.

CHILDREN

This Sunday, children will read 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and learn about Samuel's call to be a Prophet.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:45 a.m. Second Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Worship/Baptism/ Strategic Plan Briefing

12 noon Fellowship

12:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting/ Deacons

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7 p.m. Mandolin Society/MLPA/ Children's Ministry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

11 a.m. Yoga

12:30 p.m. Poetry Group

2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi

4:30 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

11 a.m. Yogasculpt

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7 p.m. Couples Group (offsite)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

10 a.m. Serve at ICM Food Pantry (offsite)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

12:30 p.m. RHO Readers/ Young Adult Luncheon

3 p.m. Coro Vocati (offsite)

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE CHURCH?

It is time to schedule our next new members' class, and we would like to hear from you if you're interested in joining so that we may schedule accordingly. Please let Baron Mullis know of your interest in joining the church either by contacting him directly at Baron.Mullis@morningsidepc.org, or you may check the "interested in becoming a member" box on the friendship pad and provide your e-mail or phone number. We look forward to welcoming our next class of new members!