

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A DECLARATION OF FAITH (1977) CHAPTER TWO**

God created and rules in love.

God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.

We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.

God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.

God still works
through the processes that shape and change the earth
and the living things upon it.

We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.

There is no event from which God is absent
and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.

That purpose embraces our choices
and will surely be accomplished.

The Creator works in all things
toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

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

They Could Not

Ron Harris/Claire Cloninger

John Young, tenor

***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 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage

Paul Langston

***THE POSTLUDE**

God of Grace

Paul Manz



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

11 a.m. Worship

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Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Eliza Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

La Rejouissance (the Rejoicing) George F. Handel

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

People: **For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, the Lord is the King of glory!**

Leader: Let us worship God, who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. Amen.

-Psalm 24:1-2; 9-10

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274**

O God of Earth and Space LEONI

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

Eternal God, you are from everlasting to everlasting. You, the creator of heaven and earth extend from the furthest reaches of the universe to the depths of Sheol. Yet in our finitude, we forget from whom our blessings flow. We blur the lines between creator and creation and think that we are the authors of our own blessings. But you alone are eternal, you alone are the source of all life and all good. We ask forgiveness for forgetting our place in creation. Return us to your marvelous image, remind us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and call forth from us the commitment you would have us bring, through Jesus the Christ we pray, 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: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.** -(from the Heidelberg Catechism)

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 497

With grateful hearts our faith professing, we ask you, Lord, come to our aid, that we, our common faith confessing, may keep the vows that we have made.

***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

Douglas Davis-Selph

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (page 159 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM*L'Dor Vador*

Meir Finkelstein

John Young, tenor

To all generations we will make known your greatness, and to all eternity proclaim your holiness. Your praise, O God, shall never depart from our lips. You are the sovereign; almighty and holy. Blessed is God, the holy one.

THE SERMON*"The Good Land"*

Baron Mullis

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

(page 75 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE HYMN 467How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

ELDER ON CALL: Sarah Beth Gehl
DEACON ON CALL: Tish Woolley
USHERS: Beth Baer, Curt Barrett, Carolyn Cobb and Peter Cobb
GREETERS: Nancy Collins, Ellen Landers and Emilee Terry
COUNTERS: Sandra Ward and Leslie Prince
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Carolyn Cobb
NURSERY: Sarah Brownlee
TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: TBD
PRE-K AND K: TBD
FELLOWSHIP: Joe Brady - Deacons



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 and family
 Ann Herndon (Will Herndon's mother)
 Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)
 Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
 JoAnn and Terry Kearns
 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 **Matt Frease, Youth Director and Eliza Smith, Intern**, will be our liturgists.

- 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.

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, which means it's time to prayerfully consider your family's pledge for 2018. About 96 percent of the church budget comes from offerings, which means that our pledges allow Morningside's leaders to know what funding will be available next year for salaries, facility maintenance, mission work, children and youth programs and more. All are invited to turn in pledge cards on Commitment **Sunday, October 29**, but you can also pledge at any time online: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx>.

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 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.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

Our Beloved tenor section leader, John Young is moving with Ken Yunker to begin an exciting new career with the Sarasota Opera Company. Through each career move that took him elsewhere, John says MPC always has been his home church. We thank John for his wonderful music leadership and wish God's greatest blessings to John and Ken while we are apart.

UPCOMING NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

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!

ALL SAINTS' OBSERVANCE NOVEMBER 5

All Saints' Day is a day of observance in the liturgical calendar of the church in which we celebrate the lives of those whose race is run, who have kept the faith, and whose witness lives on among us in the communion of the saints. In our communion liturgy, those who passed from this life this year will be remembered with thanksgiving to God for their lives and witnesses. If there are names you would like remembered in this prayer, contact office@morningsidepc.org.



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.

THIRD THURSDAY THEOLOGY

Third Thursday Theology will move to *Tuesday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m.* If you plan to attend, please RSVP to office@morningsidepc.org.

MONTREAT IS HERE!

The week of Montreat is finally here! The program for *Sunday, October 20-22* is tailored to provide a growing experience for both children and adults, with time built in for families to explore the area together or for grown-ups to enjoy adult fun during peak leaf season in the mountains.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

On *Monday, October 23*, we're delighted to once again welcome Beth Waltemath as our speaker. She will present a special program about gratitude. Join us for dinner and fellowship at *6:30 p.m.* This month's host is Daisy Ottmann, 2539 Ellijay Drive, Atlanta 30319. **RSVP** to Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

FOOD TRUCKS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

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

OCTOBER 15: Atlanta's professional choral ensemble, *Coro Vocati* will be in concert at *3 p.m.* at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Two parts of the hour-long concert will include three compositions by Jake Runestad, 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.

OCTOBER 28: Join MPC's Chancel Choir at *7 p.m.* for the Reformation Concert at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. During the concert, a Free-Will offering will be taken.

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 this event.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT MORNINGSIDE

Next week Jennye Guy will lead the class, exploring the seven feasts that God designated as his "appointed times" in order to gain a basic understanding of their significance and why God ordained them. **Please note that this class starts at 9:30 a.m.**

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. Rev. Beth Waltemath is leading a discussion on how to read the Bible.

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 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation/ 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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

8 a.m. Spanish
9 a.m. MPP
12 p.m. Arts and Crafts Guild
1 p.m. Ballet
2 p.m. Cooking Guild
7 p.m. Mandolin Society/Session

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. CrossFit
11 a.m. Yoga
12:30 p.m. Third Thursday Theology
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. ONC meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast (offsite)
8:15 a.m. Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Reading at Dobbs
1 p.m. Mini Monet's
6 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yogasculpt
11:30 a.m. Workshop for Pastors
1 p.m. Playball
5 p.m. MPP Open House
6 p.m. Night Yoga
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

MONTREAT RETREAT

8 a.m. Spanish
9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Karate

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

MONTREAT RETREAT

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

MONTREAT RETREAT

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Atlanta Gives