

***THE HYMN 421**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus! - "A Brief Statement of Faith," PC(USA), *Book of Confessions*

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

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Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

***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 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

(Hymn 586)

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude



NOVEMBER 18, 2018

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 A.M. WORSHIP

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

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

THE GATHERING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Ancient Words
Brad Phillips, organist

Lynn DeShazo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: O give thanks to the God of gods.

People: **O give thanks to the LORD of lords.**

Leader: It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **It is God who rescued us from our foes,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.** *- Psalm 136*

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Creator, You have given us so much,
but too often we take those gifts for granted,
or as something to which we are entitled.
You call us to live in caring community,
but too often we place our wants and needs first.
You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.
Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude.
For all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Amen.**

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Our God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Creator's steadfast love.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God has removed our transgressions from us.

We are forgiven. Live as a people at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

-Psalm 103

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 421)

**For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

† *Children, three years old through fourth grade, are invited to go to Children's Church.*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Linda Johnson

THE EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (page 210 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to all people freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

-F. S. Pierpoint

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (page 233 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE SERMON

"People, Church, and God"

Rev. Leigh Campbell-Taylor

† *Children, Kindergarten through fourth grade, are invited to return to Worship.*

ELDER ON CALL: Greg Wolters, 678.296.3748

DEACON ON CALL: Joe Brady, 770.594.9293

GREETERS: Cindy & Bill Humphries, Carol Senf, and Curt Barrett

USHERS: Callie and David Stewart, Carolyn and Peter Cobb

COUNTERS: Kim Nuckols and Beth Farnsworth

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Carol Senf

FELLOWSHIP: LGBT & Friends - Michael Siedschlag

AUDIO/VISUAL: David Cox and Bob Wells

◆ **CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

NURSERY: Courtney and Natasha Smith

TWOS: Debbie Loomis and Caroline Layton

THREES/PREK: Melinda Sandkam and Leslie Prince

K/1ST GRADE: Sue Ballay and Sarah Beth Gehl

2ND/4TH GRADE: Cindy Humphries and Richard Brownlee

◆ **CHILD CARE AND WORSHIP**

NURSERY: Courtney Smith and TBD

TWOS: Brie Guzewicz and TBD

THREES/PREK: Debbi Loomis and TBD

K/4TH GRADE: Mardee Rightmyer and David Lowery

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...

Rachel Baldhoff (Mardee Rightmyer's sister)

Shirley and Harold Boswell

Andrew Brady (Gwyn Brady's brother)

Sue Cox (Holly Greene's aunt)

Pat Dumbleton (Austin Davis-Selph's aunt)

Chuck Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's son)

Taylor Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's grandson)

Phyllis Grimes and family

Nancy Hamilton

Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)

Gail Kitchens

Sue Lutz and family (Pat Antenucci's sister)

Philip Marshall (Robert Marshall's brother)

Jan McMahan

Ted McMahan

Anthony Owens

Maria Padilla (Victor Carballosa's mother)

Bev Reed

Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)

Marlie Ann Senf

Kathy Shaw (Mathew Frease's aunt)

Peggy Johnson Smith

Kimball Sweatt (Frampton family friend)

Elaine Tomkinson

Lynsley Tyler and family

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Rev. Leigh Campbell-Taylor** is preaching today. **Rev. Emma Neishloss** is our liturgist. We welcome Mr. Brad Phillips as our guest organist today. Ms. Shannan O'Dowd will direct the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Mr. Derek Matthews on the piano.

- ◇ Hearing aids, large-print hymnals and Bibles are available; ushers will gladly assist.
- ◇ Please complete the information in the Friendship Pads 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 to participate in worship every Sunday. Worship bags for children can be found in the Narthex.
- ◇ Childcare from 0-23 months is in Room 105, and Room 012 for 2-year olds.
- ◇ Three's - Pre-K go to Room 011 during the Passing of the Peace.
- ◇ K - fourth Grade go to Room 107 after the **Passing of the Peace**, returning during the **Offering**.

FLORAL TRIBUTE

The flowers are given today to the glory of God, in honor of Nell Roberts's 100th birthday on 11/21, by her daughters, Ann Divine, Forrest Roberts, and Gene Turner. As we celebrate with Nell on this milestone, we also remember her service to Morningside Church which began when she and her late husband, Gene, joined our congregation in May of 1955. In the 1960s Nell was a pioneer as one of the first women to be ordained in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, first as deacon, then as elder at MPC. Nell served multiple terms in each office and was active in our congregation as a regular in Sunday School. She was also a volunteer in many church activities such as Meals on Wheels. If you wish to send birthday greetings to Nell on her special day, please send them to Nell Roberts at 2859 Galahad Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. Her daughter, Gene Turner, will make sure she gets them.

RHO READERS TODAY

True Grit meets *Yentl* or *Mulan* meets *Deadwood* in John Larison's *Whiskey When We're Dry*. In the era following the Civil War, erstwhile teenage sharpshooter Jessilyn Harney's father dies, leaving her a failing western homestead. She decides that the only person who can help her is her older brother, Noah, a notorious outlaw/folk hero. Playing it safe, she disguises herself as a boy and sets out to find Noah. A comedy of errors set in the Old West ensues. Join us in a discussion led by Beth Baer, today at 12:30 p.m., in the Session Room.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Due to Thanksgiving, for this week only, the Handbells will rehearse on Tuesday, 11/20, at 6:45 p.m., followed immediately by the Chancel Choir at 7:45 p.m.

The Church Office is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday (11/22 and 11/23). Please contact the Elder or Deacon on Call, whose phone numbers are listed on the back page, if you need support at anytime.



SERVE TOGETHER

PIZZA PARTY FOR CLIFTON

This coming Saturday, 11/24, at 5:30 p.m., we will host a pizza party for the gentlemen at Clifton Sanctuary, instead of our usual Pick-a-Pan. We already have volunteers bringing salad and dessert and picking up pizza from Dominos. Anyone who would like to join us and serve the food is welcome. Call Ann Watson (404.273.9515) with any questions.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE FOR ICM

MPC honors the spiritual practice of giving by collecting non-perishable foods each Sunday of Advent, beginning 12/2. These donations go to Intown Collaborative Ministries, which serves food to homeless and food-insecure neighbors each Saturday. MPC participates every other month on the second Saturday, with our next opportunity happening on December 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McIver Hall at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church.

GROW TOGETHER

INVEST IN MORNINGSIDE

The annual Commitment Season has begun. Our pledges let us plan for next year's mission work, children and youth programs, salaries, facility maintenance and more. This year, we hope to increase pledges by 3% to reach our 2019 goals. All are invited to turn in pledge cards any Sunday or on Commitment Sunday, 12/9. You can also pledge anytime online (www.morningsidepc.org; Member Login).

BE TOGETHER

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

On Monday, 11/26, at 6:30 p.m., we focus on the spiritual preparation for Christmas. We will discuss and explore the meaning and traditions of Advent. All members and friends are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship. This month's host is Hillery McNeill (20 Stratford Place, 30342). RSVP to Sarah Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

ONE GRAY HAIR

Please plan to join us for lunch and the opportunity to get to know our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Leigh Campbell-Taylor on Wednesday, 11/28 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Sarah and Richard Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

LGBT & FRIENDS HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us on Friday, 11/30, at 7 p.m. at the home of Rob Payne and Steve Smith (1100 Balmoral Rd., 30319), co-hosted by Bill and Cindy Humphries. Food and refreshments will be provided, with donations collected to help defray the cost of the party. RSVP by 11/26 to Michael Siedschlag (mwsiedschlag@gmail.com).

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

On Saturday, 12/1, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Leigh's talented husband, Clark Taylor, will present *An Appalachian Christmas Carol*. This full-length play sets Charles Dickens's classic tale of redemption in the Georgia mountains. Admission is free, so bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors!

TOT CHRISTMAS GATHERING

All past, present, and future participants of Theology on Tap Group (TOT) are invited to Joe and Ginger Floyd's home (1546 Kings Crossing, Stone Mountain, 30087) on Tuesday, 12/4, beginning at 7 p.m. RSVP to Joe Floyd (jbfloyd375@gmail.com or 770.564.3458).

GROW TOGETHER

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

On Sunday, 11/25, the class will return to the animate series of discussions as we consider the church practice of giving. This class meets in the Session Room at 9:45 a.m. with discussion facilitated by Jane Stack.

FAITH AND FAMILIES

This class will continue sharing experiences of being parents in a hectic world, accomplished through open discussions, readings, and videos. Gather in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. for this class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Go to www.signupgenius.com and search for claireneal@hotmail.com. Click on "Sunday FUNday @ Morningside" to sign up for a date to serve the littlest ones of our church family.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship
12:30 p.m. RHO Readers
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MPP Closed
12:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts Guild
7:00 p.m. Session
7:00 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

MPP Closed
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Beginners Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

MPP Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MPP & Church Office Closed



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

MPP & Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Women's AA
5:30 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary (offsite)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - *Christ the King*

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship

Offerings Needed To-Date: \$705,066

Offerings Received To-Date: \$532,424