

*** 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 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 *Nunn komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach

THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 592)

***THE HYMN 8** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Conditor Alme Siderum*

***POSTLUDE** *Benedictus* Alec Rowley



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 2014
11:00 a.m.

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THE GATHERING

Drew Stockstill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.****THE PRELUDE***Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J.S. Bach

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Peter and Sarah Chatel

*** Unison Prayer:**

Eternal God, creator of all light and life, we give you thanks for the coming of the Christ, the light that shines in the darkness, the life of all people. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6** *Jesus Comes with Clouds DescendingTHE CALL TO CONFESSION****THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, we do not know how to seek you. If we place our trust in worldly ways, we are left comfortless. If we seek to place ourselves in your place, we find your ways inscrutable, and our understanding is confused. Our sin obscures our knowledge of your goodness and mercy. Our transgressions cloud our vision of your holiness. We are unworthy to approach you. It is only because of the love you have for us that we are bold to come before your throne of grace, asking once more that you would forgive us and cleanse us and redirect us. Set our eyes on your ways and our feet on your paths, for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

People: **And because you are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son unto our hearts, crying. "Abba, Father!"**

Leader: So you are no longer a slave, but a child, and if a child, then also an heir, through God. Believe the Promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - Galatians 4:4-7

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 12)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Love the guest is on the way.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Children ages 2-10 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Fours & fives in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 001; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 003; 4th-5th grade in Room 005).

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

(page 652 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM*Veiled in Darkness*

Glenn Rudolph

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day, while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light, heav'nly voices chanting then, "Peace on earth, good will to men." "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies. Up from death's dark vale arise voices of a world in grief, prayers of those who seek relief: Now our darkness pierce again, "Peace on earth, good will to men." "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon Thy world today; break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light, send Thy blessed Word again, "Peace on earth, good will to men." "Peace on earth, good will to men."

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

(page 47 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"When the Heavens Open"*

Baron Mullis

THE HYMN 17"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants/toddlers are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, two year olds in Room 012.

ELDER ON CALL: Jack Klotz 678.428.6255

DEACON ON CALL: Ann Bowers 404.580.8285

USHERS: Laura Fillyaw, Nancy Anderson, Gloria Joiner, Brenda Fishpaw

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Nancy Anderson

GREETERS: Sanda and Bill Means, Bill and Cindy Humphries

COUNTER: David Wingert

INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEERS: Carolyn and Taylor Morton

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: David Johnston

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS: Beth Baer, Sue Ballay

K-1st VOLUNTEERS: Anne Barnette, Greg Brow

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Heather Scribner

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Holly Greene

FELLOWSHIP: Couples Group

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...

Grace Bittick (daughter of former members Charles and Mimi Bittick)

The Rev. Canon Domenic Ciannella (Rebecca Shipley's father)

Travis and Erin Cottle

Sandra Crawford

Mary Ann Embleton (Rob Payne and Stephen Smith's friend)

John Garner (father of Stephen Smith)

Karen Hancock and family (Shirley Adair's friend)

Dr. Stephen A. Hayner (President, Columbia Theological Seminary)

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Kaitlin

Andry, Melanie Donnelly, Ron and Ann Reggio,

Peggy Johnson Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr.

Vicky Langford (James Beasley's mother)

Philip Marshall (Georgia Marshall's brother-in-law)

Maya (Ann Bowers friend's 4 mo. old daughter)

Jan McMahan

Hugh McNeill (John McNeill's father)

Catherine Nance (Ann Bowers' aunt)

Marilyn Neforas (Hugh Bell's friend)

Jason Perryman (Anthony Owens' nephew)

Anne and Nate Reid

Linda and Mike Robinson (Bill Smith's family)

Kent Smith (Hugh Bell's friend)

Jennifer and Jason Swafford (Sandy Jones' friends)

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

Ethel Young (John Young's mother)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. 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. Worship notebooks and books for children are located in the library. Nursery for infants and toddlers is in Room 105; 2-3 year olds are in Room 012. Children ages 2-10 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes: Fours and fives in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 001; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 003; 4th-5th grade in Room 005.

SERVICE MUSIC

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, the voice is calling), is a Lutheran hymn written by German native Philipp Nicolai. Typically sung on the first Sunday of Advent, we know the tune as "*Sleeper, Wake!*" *A Voice Astounds Us* #17 in our hymnal.

Many composers from Dietrich Buxtehude to Max Reger have used the tune as a foundation in cantatas and various organ works. Bach sets this tune in the tenor, or second voice, of this deceptively challenging trio texture.

Benedictus - British composer Alec Rowley studied at the Royal Academy of Music where his successes garnished him with many scholarships and prizes. He served as organist at many London churches including St. Margaret's, Westminster during WWII. Rowley (1892-1985) must have been influenced by Max Reger's (1873-1916) *Benedictus* and used it as a model for this composition. *Benedictus* requires many piston changes with crescendos and diminuendos, which explores the vast vocal range of the organ. The tonal scheme of Morningside's organ adds authenticity and inspiration to this music.

ADVENT BANNERS

Beginning **this Sunday** we will have the opportunity to once again enjoy our lovely Advent banners. Advent means a coming or arrival. The Advent banners represent the coming of the promises of God through Christ Jesus. The title of the banners is "Heart Root Promises of God; Hope, Peace, Joy, Love." The purple batiks represent the living, powerful energy of the Holy Spirit, bringing forth the promises through Christ into the world. Green, blue, pink and gold batiks represent the power and ever-continuing evolution of these promises.

PAGEANT PRACTICE UNDERWAY

Roles have been assigned, scripts tweaked, and practices continue on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. All are invited to attend the pageant on Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. **We are seeking a chili/soup dinner coordinator (please contact Melinda Sandkam).** Dinner immediately follows the pageant with our annual Carol Sing. Next Sunday, December 7, only angels and sheep practice at 9:45 a.m. in Room 001. Everyone practices songs with Mrs. Shipley on stage from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Our next Theology on Tap will be hosted by Lloyd Prince this Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. (91 Lakeview Drive, NE, 30317). RSVP to the church office office@morningsidepc.org if you would like to attend this men's program with dinner. Baron Mullis will continue the study of the Apostles Creed with "Was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell..." As we prepare to worship Jesus at the time of his birth, what does it mean to remember that he died? What does it mean that Jesus "descended into hell"?

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Members and friends are invited for dinner and fellowship tomorrow, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn Young, 277 The Prado, 30309. Cindy Humphries will lead a discussion on preparing for Christmas, both practically and spiritually. Please join us as we all share our holiday memories and traditions, and prepare for the season of Advent. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

SERVING IN THE NEW YEAR

Our annual Season of Service will be during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in January. We invite you to **save the date** to participate in outreach during the long weekend. Besides learning more about our outreach partners, there will be hands-on opportunities both that weekend and to sign up for during Lent. We challenge you to try one new outreach during this time - if you've cooked and served at Journey, you could try Clifton instead - or vice versa; if you've built at Habitat, but never been an evening volunteer at Shearith Israel Shelter for Women, mix it up! Learn about a different outreach at MPC by giving it a try. Regardless of where and how you give of your time, we challenge you to join us in our goal of 100% participation.

WOMEN'S SHELTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Once again this year Morningside is providing volunteers at Shearith Israel's Women's Shelter as part of our mission outreach program. Volunteers serve from 6 to 8 p.m. warming up the dinner meal (provided by other volunteers) and serving as the women arrive from their daily work or job searches. The kitchen is then cleaned up before leaving. The dates we have committed to are: January 14-18 and February 18-22. If you can help any of these dates, please sign up by posting your name on the list at the Mission Board or by e-mailing Phyllis Grimes grimes2230@bellsouth.net. Men are also welcome to serve.

There is an additional need for donations of mittens, gloves, and hats for the women. Collection baskets will be provided in the Welcome Center through Sunday, December 21.

NEW "OUR DAILY BREAD" AVAILABLE

Copies of the devotional booklet, *Our Daily Bread*, (December through February) are available in the Narthex and Welcome Center. Pick one up as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

Advent at Morningside

November 30-December 21

☐ *Faith Development Advent Series*

December 6

☐ *LGBT & Friends Holiday Celebration*

December 7

☐ *Children's Choirs Sing and Serve at Journey Shelter*

December 11

☐ *Lydia Circle White Elephant Holiday Party*

December 12

☐ *Couples Group Holiday Party*

December 14

☐ *Special Music Sunday*

☐ *Christmas Pageant, Carol Sing, and Chili / Soup Dinner* (sign up to provide chili/soup)

December 17

☐ *MPP Carols and Coffee*

December 21

☐ *Service of Healing and Wholeness*

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

☐ *4 p.m. Worship for Families*

☐ *8 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*



Faith Development at Morningside CHURCH-WIDE ADVENT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus: Sharing our Faith with Children and Others

How do we share our faith with children and others? Stories make a connection to our lives. Come hear how we connect and learn through stories. All ages and stages are encouraged to join in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. **November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.** The class is lead by MPC members Laura Fillyaw and Lynn Daniel. Start Christmas week in a fun and truly unique way and bring kids, family, neighbors and friends on December 21 for a very special guest. Southern Order of Storytellers Jonah McDonald will be telling stories! All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Today, the Preschool Class will hear *The Good News*, a story about the birth of Jesus. Elementary students will continue their worship with the reading of Luke 1:1-25, 57-66 to learn about the birth of John. Follow-up activities will occur in graded age groups.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ACFB Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15 & 9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. MPP Ballet/Tap

6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable

7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Beekeeping Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Yoga

1 p.m. Playball; Mini-Monets

2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi

4:30 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

7 p.m. Theology on Tap

7:30 p.m. Scout Troop 455; MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. MusicCanopy; Bricks4Kidz

4:15 p.m. Treble Choir

5 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies

1 p.m. Playball

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir; MLPA Public Safety

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. KidzTennis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

9 a.m.-12 noon Christmas Pageant Workday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School; Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

11 a.m. Worship with Communion; Children's Choirs Sing

12 noon Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Faith Development Committee; Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

3:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant Stage Crew

5-7 p.m. Youth Group

6 p.m. Journey (Children's Choirs and Families Sing and Serve)

ANNUAL CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual collection of non-perishable items for the Atlanta Community Food Bank is coming to an end soon. Help us fill the barrels to feed those in need throughout metro Atlanta. Mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, canned veggies, meats, fruits and low sugar whole grain cereals are welcome.