

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

THE OFFERTORY

From Heaven Above: Var. 3

Walter Pelz

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE DISTRIBUTION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

THE HYMNS (SEATED)

Number 60 (all verses)

Morning Star (see insert)

Mia Smith, Anna Nuckols, Brooks Nuckols, soloists

(Raise your candle on the last verse. Blow out your candle after the hymn is completed.)

Silent Night

Morning Star

***THE HYMN (STANDING) - SEE INSERT**

CHRIST THE LORD

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come

VENI EMMANUEL

***THE POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

Jonathan Crutchfield



December 11, 2016
Moravian Love Feast
11 a.m. Worship

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

THE GATHERING

Baron Mullis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE*From Heaven Above: Theme and Var. 1*

Walter Pelz

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

David, Sheryl, and John Wingert

***UNISON PRAYER:**

People: **God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in the JOY of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord of all time and space, Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 42O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEM*O Come, Little Children*

IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET

The Children's Choirs; Megan Mashburn, Jonathan Crutchfield, Directors

THE WELCOME**THE MINUTE MESSAGE**

Lisa Majoros

THE SERVING OF THE LOVE FEAST MEAL*(Please wait for the blessing before eating.)***THE HYMNS (SEATED)**

Number 9 (Verses 1, 3)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Number 44 (Verses 1, 4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Number 38 (Verses 1, 4)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Number 56 (Verses 1, 5)

The First Nowell

Number 31 (Verses 1, 3)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***THE BLESSING** (in unison)**Come Lord Jesus, our guest to be and bless these gifts bestowed by thee.****Bless our dear ones everywhere and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.***(As the choirs sing, enjoy the Love Feast meal)***THE ANTHEMS**

Canticle of the Turning (The Magnificat)

The Youth Choir

If Angels Sung a Saviour's Birth

The Chancel Choir

How Beauteous Are Their Feet

The Chancel Choir

THE COLLECTION OF THE MEAL**THE HYMNS (SEATED)**

Number 20 (Verses 1, 3)

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Number 22 (Verses 1, 3)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Number 37 (Verses 1, 2)

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 1:39-55

(page 53 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE HOMILY*"Mother to God"*

Beth Waltemath

ELDER ON CALL: Duncan Spears

DEACON ON CALL: Leslie Prince

USHERS: Brenda Fishpaw, Kathy Bremer, Rhonda McIntosh, Sandra Ward

GREETERS: Cindy Humphries, Gail Kitchens, Preston Ladds and Carol Senf

COUNTERS: Martin Dunlap and Beth Baer

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Sandy Ryan

INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEER: Alison Roach

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: Laura Strong

PREK AND KINDERGARTEN: Ibby Bailey, Kelly Cobb, Kelly Anderson and Amy Jensen

1ST-5TH GRADE: Remain in worship

FELLOWSHIP: Worship Team

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...

Patricia Boyko
 Friends and relatives of Hugh Bell: Connie Crowley, Sandra Fortson, Timothy Johnson, Marilyn Neforas, Kent Smith, and Robin and Charles Wilkins
 Keri Catlett
 Walter Gilbert (Patrick Gilbert's father)
 Kat Harris (Eric Harris' mother)
 Ann Herndon (Will's mother)
 Charlotte Hudson (Jeff Adams' mother)
 Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
 Jan & Ted McMahan
 Tom Oder
 Lin Parker (friend of Nancy Coomes)
 Marilyn Pentelovich (friend of Shari Tant)
 Karen Peterson and family (friend of Daisy Ottmann)
 Bev Reed
 Regnault family
 Carlene Sauer (Kasey and Stephanie Libby's family)
 Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)
 Richard and Robert Stack (Jane Stack's family)
 Shannon Miller and Doug Strain (family of Bill Smith)

Wells family
 Marty Wender (Phil Regnault's friend)
 Dr. Nathaniel West (Dr. West's father)
 Evelyn Wimberly (Nancy Frampton's ex-mother-in-law)
 Baby Oliver Whiddon (friend of Jill Klotz)
 Rick and Lorelee Wolters (Greg Wolters' parents)
 John Young

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Beth Waltemath, Associate for Mission and Faith Development is our preacher,

Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor 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. Those who wish to attend Sunday School may do so **after the Peace of Christ**.

- PreK and Kindergarten are in Room 001 and remain until after worship.

- 1st - 5th Grade remain in worship.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Morningside Presbyterian family during the continuation of Advent.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

If you are interested in honoring a loved one through song please contact Jonathan Crutchfield at jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org.

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

Before Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses upon the Wittenberg door in Germany, a group of reformers, called Moravians, was proclaiming a gospel of simple love, hope and faith in Jesus Christ. The Moravian Church was founded in 1457 in what is now the Czech Republic, making it the oldest continuously existing Protestant church in the world today. A leader in making the

gospel available to all, the Moravian Church founded the first American school for women, Salem College, in 1772. The Moravian Lovefeast is celebrated throughout the year. A simple liturgy of song and a meal of beverage and bread, the Lovefeast is shared in a spirit of reverence and joy, confident that Christ is present in our lives. Candles were added for a children's Lovefeast service in 1762 on Christmas Eve in Old Salem, NC.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our candles come from Old Salem. We thank our Craft Guild for wrapping them in their traditional red paper. We also thank Nancy Frampton for procuring the spiced tea, and to the following bakers who baked the bread: Ann Watson, Nancy Frampton, Julie Green, Richard Brownlee, Lester Morris, and Jonathan Crutchfield. A great thank you goes to our *Dieners* (servers): Sanda and Bill Means, Carolyn and Peter Cobb, Sarah and Richard Brownlee, Ellen and Roland Behm, and Jill and Jack Klotz.

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY

Morningside Presbyterian Church is home to some 500 members, and throughout Commitment Season so many of our members have let us know their plans to contribute financially to the life of the church in 2017. We are pleased to report that current pledges amount to over \$630,000. But we still need over \$150,000 to reach our important 2017 goals, including an increased Mission budget allocation, continued program development throughout MPC, and ongoing maintenance of our treasured building. Thank you to those who have already pledged, and those who will make their pledge prior to year-end. We are so glad you have chosen MPC as a home for your heart.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 11

- * *Moravian Love Feast*

DECEMBER 14

- * *MPP Carols and Coffee*

DECEMBER 18

- * *Christmas Pageant/ Chili Cook-Off*

DECEMBER 24

- * *Christmas Eve Services*

4 p.m. *Worship for Families*

- * *8 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (doors open at 7:15 p.m.)*

DECEMBER 25

- * *Christmas Service begins at 10 a.m.*

JOIN THE TOUR!

MPP invites you to share the Prospective Parent Tour dates (*Tuesday, December 13 and Friday, January 13* both at *9:15 a.m.*) with friends and neighbors. These tours are led by current parents and are a great way to be introduced to the Preschool. RSVP to Director Melinda Sandkam mpp@morningsidepc.org today or contact her for individual tours.

THE CHRISTMAS AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Our Christmas Pageant is *December 18 at 6 p.m.* in the sanctuary followed by our famous chili cook-off dinner in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this sweet MPC tradition. Please see the link for the SignUp Genius to sign up for food items for the dinner. Dessert will be provided. For the link, please contact Sarah Tomaka sarah.tomaka@gmail.com or the office office@morningsidepc.org.

LOGO AND COVER DESIGN CONTEST

We're getting ready to publicize our *February* arts weekend so we're calling artists and graphic designers to compete in a logo/cover design

contest with a deadline of *Monday, December 19*. The logo should read Morningside Arts Showcase and it should also be incorporated into a cover design for an arts café that will feature church talent and refreshments. See page 10 of the *December Morningside Messenger* for details or contact Daisy Ottmann dazette@bellsouth.net. Stay tuned for more about the showcase and how to participate!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

As you know we're having two Christmas Eve services. During our *4 p.m.* service the Handbell Choir will play a special piece to include the flute, organ, cello, violin and piano. Our *8 p.m.* service will be led by the Chancel Choir, soloists, instrumentalists, liturgists, and MPC clergy. If you are able to attend our *8 p.m.* service, please arrive by *7:30 p.m.* to hear Christmas music performed by members of our congregation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The women's shelter at Shearith Israel's (SI) Rebecca's Tent has been an important part of Morningside's Mission Program in years past. We have scheduled our volunteer dates for *Wednesday - Sunday (January 8 - 12 and February 5 - 9)*. Please contact Phyllis Grimes grimes2230@bellsouth.net if you wish to volunteer. Men are welcome!

TAI CHI WILL RETURN IN JANUARY

Tai Chi (not Parkinson Tai Chi) is taking a break for the holidays but will return on *Tuesday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m.*

CONFIRMATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Morningside's middle schoolers will be undergoing confirmation starting *January 8* to become church members. Each child will need a mentor from the congregation. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Sarah aresarahr@mail.ctsnet.edu.

Faith Development at Morningside

ADULT CLASS

Next Sunday we wrap up our Advent Series: *People, Look East!* — *The songs of Advent and Christmas* led by Michael Morgan, who will introduce the Noblest Monument of Advent and Christmas Music—Handel's Messiah.

CHILDREN

Joseph's Story: Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. The visit of the angel to Joseph shows us God's divine intervention. The angel reveals Mary's situation to Joseph and instructs Joseph to call the newborn child *Jesus*. The visit gives Joseph some peace, and he, like Mary, accepts the role he is to play in Jesus' life. Matthew 1:18-24

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development
11 a.m. Worship/Love Feast/Children's Sunday School (PreK-K)
12 noon Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. MPP Ballet
7 p.m. Mandolin Society
7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9 a.m. MPP
9:15 a.m. MPP Tour
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. Mini Monet
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Preschool Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP Carols and Coffee
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir/ Pageant Rehearsals
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Fun with Weights
12:30 p.m. Third Thursday Theology
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9 a.m. MPP
9:45 a.m. Creative Movement

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
4 p.m. Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development
11 a.m. Worship/Children's Sunday School (PreK-3rd)
12 noon Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Young Adult Luncheon
2 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. Christmas Pageant
6:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off

Giving Update—12/04/16

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,650
RECEIVED—\$ 26,165
NEEDED YEAR TO DATE—\$ 766,850
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE—\$ 702,633
Attendance Update
WORSHIP COUNT —186