

THE ANTHEMS

Prepare the Way, O Zion
Jane McRae, violin
Kenneth Dake
E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Paul Manz

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 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (page 155 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE HOMILY "Strengthened" Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

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 *Il Est Né* arr. Sandra Eithun
The Handbell Choir, Jeff Peters, director

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION VENI EMMANUEL
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. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE DISTRIBUTION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

THE HYMNS (SEATED)

Number 60 (all verses) *Silent Night*
Morning Star (see insert) *Morning Star*
Shannan O'Dowd, soloist
(Raise your candle on the last verse. Blow out your candle after the hymn is completed.)

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

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come* VENI EMMANUEL

*THE POSTLUDE *Improvisation* Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield



Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Moravian Love Feast
December 3, 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

Ms. Eliza Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Giga (Sonata No. 9)
Jane McRae, violin

Arcangelo Corelli

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

People: **'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'**"

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God! -Psalm 89:1-5

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

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

Eternal God, you call us to *hope*. Through the prophets and psalms you remind us that all our hope in you is founded. Then, when advent looks like it is getting darker and darker, Jesus is born. You are with us. Hope is real. Forgive us when we forget to hope. Forgive us when we forget your promises. Forgive us when we forget our calling. Turn our hearts once more to you – that we may proclaim the good news of the one who called us out of darkness into marvelous light. Amen.

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

TBD

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

People: **In Jesus Christ, hope shines out over all that would overpower the goodness of God.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

People: **In Jesus Christ, hope overcomes evil, joy overcomes despair, love conquers hate, and peace rules at the last.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

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

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Canticle of the Turning*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

***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 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 choir sings, enjoy the Love Feast meal)

ELDER ON CALL: Marshall Hunter

DEACON ON CALL: Katrina Weis

USHERS: Douglas Selph, Kasey Libby, Beth Baer, Dianne Johnson

GREETERS: Sanda & Bill Means, Austin Davis, Nancy Anderson

COUNTERS: Lysley Tyler & Joe Ballay

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Ann & John Watson

NURSERY: Kimberly & Brooks Nuckols

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEERS: Laura & Jake Strong

PRE-K AND K: Claire Burke & Anne Barnette

FELLOWSHIP: No fellowship hour

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
 Andrew Brady (Gwyn Brady's brother)
 Richard Breiter (Aaron Shepherd's grandfather)
 Nancy Cunningham
 Pat Dumbleton (Austin Davis-Selph's aunt)
 Chuck Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's son)
 Terri Healey (Ward Howell's cousin)
 Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)
 Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
 Dr. John Kusel (Lester Morris and Baron Mullis' friend)
 Lange family
 Bebe Libby (Kasey Libby's mom)
 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)
 Evelyn Wimberly (Nancy Frampton's ex-mother-in-law)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor will be our preacher and **Ms. Eliza Smith** 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.

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 banner is "Heart Root Promises of God: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love." Using purple batiks the living powerful energy of the Holy Spirit represents bringing forth the promises through Christ into the world. Colors of green, blue, pink, and gold batiks represent the power and ever-continuing evolution of these promises.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

We would love to receive you into membership on **Sunday, December 17** from **9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** in the pastor's study (also known as Baron's office, off of the welcome center). Walk-ins are always welcome, but we would love to know to expect you. Contact Baron (baron.mullis@morningsidepc.org) with any additional questions you may have.

THERE'S STILL TIME

There's still time to pledge. Every pledge counts towards planning for 2018 programs, salaries, mission, and maintenance. You can pledge online, place a pledge card in the offering plate, or email your pledge amount to our treasurer Bill Humphries (billh6848@gmail.com).

LGBT & FRIENDS HOLIDAY PARTY

Pour a cup of holiday cheer at this year's LGBT & Friends Holiday Party *today* at **1:00 p.m.** Cindy and Bill Humphries are graciously hosting this year's gathering once again, 1881 Dayron Trace, Marietta, Georgia 30062.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our candles and yeast rolls come from Old Salem in Winston-Salem, NC — one of the founding communities of the Moravians. We thank our Craft Guild for wrapping the candles in their traditional red paper. Our new trays were created and made by Andy Andersen with our grateful thanks. Nancy Frampton provided the spiced tea. A huge note of thanks goes to our *Dieners* (servers): Sanda and Bill Means, Carolyn and Peter Cobb, Sarah and Richard Brownlee, Ellen and Roland Behm, and Alan and Kathy Bremer.

WE'RE NOT DONE GIVING THANKS

MPC was honored with APyeS! South's District Partner of the Year award on **Wednesday, October 25** for supporting Dobbs Elementary School. Many thanks to those who devoted their time and talent to that important mission: Tamara Nix, Georgia Marshall, Bill and Cindy Humphries, Ibby Bailey, Bill Means, Mary Chapman, Hillery McNeill, Liz Sommerfeld, Sandra Ward, Bob Wells, Lib Boggs, David and Michael York, Holly Campbell, Anne Barnette, Daisy Ottmann, Linda Johnson, Lisa Jern, Pat and Jim Antenucci, Leslie and Lloyd Prince, and our pastor Baron Mullis.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

This month, MPC will honor the spiritual practice of Advent giving by collecting food for ICM. We will collect canned goods and other non-perishable foods during worship each Sunday starting *today - December 24* (including the early service on the *12th*). We encourage the children and families to come forward during the service and place their items in a basket under the Christmas tree. What better way to embody the love of Christ, who we eagerly await during the season of Advent, than to feed those less fortunate? A barrel will be placed in the stairwell for larger items and mid-week donations. ICM serves food to homeless and food-insecure neighbors in the 30306 and 30307 neighborhoods each *Saturday* from Mclver Hall at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. MPC participates every other month on the *second Saturday*, with our next opportunity on *Saturday, December 9* from *10 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will be hosted by Bill Means on *Tuesday, December 5, at 7 p.m.* Bill and Sanda can be found at 1071 McLynn Avenue, Atlanta, 30306. The topic of discussion will be “Am I a Heretic?”

SUPPORT MPC'S HANDBELL CHOIR

Come support MPC's Handbell Choir, featured in this year's holiday concert celebration with the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. Our choir will be playing several Christmas classics including “Go Tell It on the Mountain” and “Silver Bells.” Performances are at The Cathedral of St. Philip on *Friday, December 8 at 8 p.m.* and *Saturday, December 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.* Tickets are available at <http://www.voicesofnote.org/events/bells-babs-beyond-the-37th-annual-holiday-concert/>.

NICHOLAS HOUSE

This year MPC has committed to adopting two large families at Nicholas House for the Christmas season.

We are excited to be serving a single mother with four children (ages 8-16) and a grandmother with her three grandchildren (ages 10-18). Please consider taking your family out to shop for some of the items on the children's wish lists. Get their input on what a child their age might really love. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y8oc9vor> to sign up. On *Saturday, December 9 at 3 p.m.*, just prior to the pageant rehearsal, we will host a gift wrapping party in Fellowship Hall, complete with hot cocoa and cookies for our MPC elves. If you are unable to attend, please drop off the gifts (labeled with the Family Code and age of the recipient) anytime prior to the wrap party.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Children's Ministries Director Mardee Rightmyer is currently signing up cast members for our 2017 Christmas Pageant which will be performed in our Sanctuary on *Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m.* The age range is Pre-K through fifth grade, with speaking and non-speaking parts. We also need “stage parent” volunteers to assist with costumes, lines and jitters. Current MPC and MPP parents will receive information about how to sign up and rehearsal schedules—but if your child would like to participate and you do not receive the info, let Mardee Mrightmyer@morningsidepc.org know.

CHILI COOK-OFF COMPETITION

The time for Morningside's famous Chili Cook-off Competition will be here *Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m.* immediately following the children's Christmas Pageant. Do you have what it takes to go up against Anne Barnette as she prepares to defend her title against all other chili chefs? Bring your best chili and let our panel of expert judges decide. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945a4af29a46-chili>

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT MORNINGSIDE

Next week Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp, professor of Pastoral Care at Columbia Theological Seminary will discuss how our childhood experience shaped our theology.

FAITH FORMATION FOR FAMILIES

This morning, the parenting class and grades 1-5 celebrated the beginning of Advent with a joint activity to prepare for celebrating the season. They made Advent Wreaths and talked about simple ways to celebrate love, hope, peace and joy. They will continue this each week until Christmas.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation/ Parenting Class
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Moravian Love Feast Service
12 noon. Fellowship
1 p.m. LGBT & Friends Holiday Party (offsite)
3:30 p.m. Daisy Scout Troop
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8 a.m. Spanish
9 a.m. MPP
9:15 a.m. MPP Parent Tours
12 noon. Arts and Crafts Guild
1 p.m. Ballet
2 p.m. Cooking Guild
6 p.m. Girl Scouts Training
7 p.m. Mandolin Society/ Children's Ministry Meeting/HR Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. CrossFit
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Theology on Tap (offsite)
7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. Yoga
9 a.m. MPP/MLPA Focus Group
1 p.m. Mini Monets
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yogasculpt
1 p.m. Playball
6 p.m. Night Yoga
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 a.m. Spanish
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Karate
2 p.m. Christmas Decorating
7 p.m. Couples Group (offsite)
8 p.m. Annual Holiday Concert (offsite)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting/ Christmas Decorating
10 a.m. ICM (offsite)
2 p.m. Annual Holiday Concert (offsite)
3 p.m. Gift Wrapping Party
4 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
8 p.m. Annual Holiday Concert (offsite)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon. Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
6 p.m. Chili Cook-off