

**\* 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**                      *Wondrous Love*                      arr. Joel Raney, Arnold B. Sherman  
Handbell Choir (Jeff Peters, director); Derek Matthews, piano

**THE LITANY OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES TO  
STANDING AND SERVING FOR GENERATIONS**

Pastor:                      We are members together of Christ's family of faith in this place. Bound together by Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us, we give and receive nurture and support and are enabled to respond to God's call in our lives.

Associate Pastor: Thanking God for the blessings we have through this community, we give of ourselves and our substance to uphold the life of this congregation and assist its growth in mission and ministry.

**Congregation: Accept these pledges as tokens of the life, labor and love of this congregation, offered to the glory of God and for the work of Christ's church in the world.**

*During the singing of Hymn #467, How Great Thou Art, members are invited to place their pledge cards for Standing and Serving for Generations on the communion table. If anyone is unable to bring their pledge forward, ushers will happily assist.*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS** (Hymn 592)

**\*THE HYMN 416**                      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**    *Benediction and Sevenfold Amen*                      K. Lee Scott

**\*THE POSTLUDE**                      *Finale from Symphony No. 3*                      Louis Vierne



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2015

11 a.m. Worship

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

**THE GATHERING**

Drew Stockstill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**THE PRELUDE***Adagio from Symphony No. 3*

Louis Vierne

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: **For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship the triune God, who creates, redeems and sustains us. - Psalm 100

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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

Holy God, you are the same from age to age. In every age, your people have sought to know you and to know your mind and your will for us. And in every age, we have had times when what we have said and done reflected the way you would have us live. And, we have also had times when what we have said and done did not reflect the way you would have us live. Through it all, you remain faithful to us. And so we confess our sins knowing that we rest in your abiding goodness, assured of your love for us all. Hear our prayers as we make them in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

**THE KYRIE**

(Hymn 572)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Leader: Believe the Promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - Philippians 2:5-11

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 371)

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-1<sup>st</sup> grade in Room 001; 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Room 003; 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:14-21

(page 88 in the pew Bible, NT)

**THE ANTHEM***God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

- John 3:16-17

**THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 2:1-10

(page 181 in the pew Bible, NT)

**THE SERMON***"We Are What He Has Made Us"*

Baron Mullis

**\*THE HYMN 554***Let All Things Now Living* (verse 1)

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:** Will Barnette 404.881.9616

**DEACON ON CALL:** Nathan Zook 404.668.5547

**USHERS:** Whitney and Aaron Shepherd, Kathy and Alan Bremer

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST:** Jane Stack

**GREETERS:** Sanda and Bill Means, Bill and Cindy Humphries

**COUNTERS:** Martin Dunlap, Laura Fillyaw

**FLOATER VOLUNTEER:** Tristin Loomis

**INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEER:** Kelly Garrison

**TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER:** Amy Millard

**3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS:** Becky Schreiber, Tish/Charles Woolley

**K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Heather Regnault

**2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER :** Angie Keller

**4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Ian Irwin

**FELLOWSHIP:** Deacons (Cindy Humphries, coordinator)

*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.* - Philipians 4:6-7

### **Keep in your prayers...**

Baby Vivian (Antenucci's grandniece)

Grace Bittick (daughter of former members)

Charles and Mimi Bittick)

Sandra Crawford

Connie Crowley (Hugh Bell's sister-in-law)

Mary Edwards (Pam Sharpe's mother)

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

John Garner (father of Stephen Smith)

Hamilton Family (friends of the Nuckols)

Karen Hancock and family (Shirley Adair's friend)

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Penny Hill (Executive Presbyter)

Finley Holaway

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Kaitlin Andry, Melanie Donnelly, Ellen Hardeman,

Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr.

Vicky Langford (James Beasley's mother)

Rhett Laurens (Sarah and Richard Brownlee's neighbor)

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

Jan McMahan

Marilyn Neforas (Hugh Bell's friend)

Anne and Nate Reid

Linda and Mike Robinson (Bill Smith's family)

Greg and Mary Ann Smith and family (friends of the Bach family)

Kent Smith (Hugh Bell's friend)

Jennifer and Jason Swafford (Sandy Jones' friends)

Grady Ulep

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

### **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Baron Mullis**, Senior Pastor, will be our preacher, and **Drew Stockstill**, Associate Pastor, will be our liturgist. 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 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**

Today's Offertory, *What Wondrous Love Is This?*, is a lush setting of the early American hymn for handbells, handchimes and keyboard. The hymn was first published in 1811 as part of the southern rural singing school movement. Today, it is a widely known hymn included in hymnals of many Christian denominations. The hymn's lyrics express awe at the love of God and are reminiscent of the text of John 3:16. Our setting today is arranged by Joel Raney and transcribed by Arnold Sherman. The arrangement is played in Dorian Mode giving it a haunting quality, particularly suited for the Lenten season. The arrangement begins in the key of Bb Major, modulates through Ab Major & Eb Major before settling into Db Major for the final theme.

### **PLEDGE SUNDAY**

Today is Pledge Sunday for our **Standing and Serving for Generations Capital Campaign**. You will notice in the order of worship that we will be bringing our pledge cards to the communion table during the service. For any who do not want to walk up the steps, we have also provided a pedestal

at the front of the church so that you can participate without having to navigate the steps. We look forward to reporting to you next Sunday the results of today's pledges. You will note that there are pledge cards included here if you forgot to bring yours. Thank you for your participation in this momentous time of our church's history.

### **LGBT & FRIENDS**

The next meeting of LGBT & Friends is coming up this Tuesday, March 17. The evening includes fellowship, dinner and a book discussion of the novel "These Things Happen." All are welcome to join us from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Curt Barrett, 1365 N. Morningside Dr. NE, 30306. RSVP to [lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org](mailto:lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org).

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Come join us for breakfast and fellowship this Wednesday, March 18 at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee, a good breakfast, a devotional led by Drew Stockstill, and encouraging, lively discussion – what better way to recharge midway through the week? Contact Allen Burke [allen\\_n\\_burke@hotmail.com](mailto:allen_n_burke@hotmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

### **THURSDAY THEOLOGY**

Engage with a small but lively group of members hashing out theological terms with Baron in his office this Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 p.m.

### **WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE**

On Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. our speaker will be Luma Mufleh, founder and director of The Fugees Family. This non-profit provides refugee girls and boys, grades 6 to 12, with mentorship, structure and support to help them succeed in academics and soccer (<http://www.fugeesfamily.org>). Enjoy dinner and fellowship at the home of Lynn Young, 277 The Prado, 30309. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee [rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

## OUR HOUSE

MPC and MPP are partnering to collect diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and gently used spring and summer clothing for children, infant through 5 years old, for Our House, the preschool in Decatur and shelter in Atlanta that serves families facing homelessness. Please place your items in baskets in the Welcome Center and the Preschool entrance through March 27.

## HABITAT BUILD

We continue our Lenten Habitat build this Saturday. Contact Lysley Tyler or see availability on bulletin boards in hallway for volunteer needs on March 21, April 11 and 18.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

On April 2, we will hold our annual Mediterranean style dinner at 6:15 preceding our 7 p.m. worship in Fellowship Hall for Maundy Thursday. Please contact Worship Chair Susan Oder [susan.oder@harrynorman.com](mailto:susan.oder@harrynorman.com) if you can co-chair this event (we are trying to implement a two-year succession plan for leadership; learning co-chair first year, lead co-chair second year). Contact Melinda Sandkam if you can volunteer to help or you can sign up at the church. And RSVP to attend dinner no later than Sunday, March 29 to the church office.

## EASTER EGG HUNT-SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt- 'The Running of the Eggs!' Activities begin at 10:45 a.m., and the egg hunt at 11 a.m. We will have face painting, Easter masks & cookies, VBS registration and best of all-lots of eggs (bring your own basket). This is a big outreach to our community, and we hope you will invite your neighbors. Donations of candy or toy-filled-eggs are needed by March 30 (no peanuts please). Volunteers are needed in shifts: Setup/Egg hiding 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Event/Clean-up 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please sign up on the posters at church or contact Holly Greene at [hollyamngreene@gmail.com](mailto:hollyamngreene@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### JUNGLE JAM IS APRIL 25

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's spring carnival, Jungle Jam, will be Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have bounce houses, a petting zoo, train, face painting, King of POPS, and activities for kids of all ages. We will have a separate toddler area for younger kids and an obstacle course bounce house for older kids. Come join the fun! Jungle Jam is the preschool's main spring fundraiser, and the whole neighborhood is invited. We can't make it a success without your help! We hope you will bring your own family, spread the word, and/or sign up for a volunteer shift or two the day of the event. More details and volunteer sign-up opportunities will be available soon.

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VBS AND MISSION CAMP

As you plan your summer camps and vacations, don't forget to mark June 15-19 on your calendars for Vacation Bible School and July 20-24 for Mission Camp. VBS is open to those turning four years old by September 1 through 5th grade. We are pleased to offer a drama camp in conjunction with VBS. Mission Camp is for those who have completed 2nd through 6th grade. Registration forms are on the church website and bulletin boards. Contact Melinda Sandkam [msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org) with questions including inquiries regarding scholarships.



## Faith Development at Morningside

### ADULT CLASSES

Next Sunday, you can learn more about how to engage with the Lenten Season through the Faith Development Class in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. facilitated by Jim Martin. This class will skip Easter Sunday and wind up the series with a final session April 12.

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

All elementary ages enjoyed a special class offering at 9:45 a.m. for Lent (taking a break next week, March 22 when children's choirs sing and all ages are invited to come early to prepare to wave palm leaves on Palm Sunday, March 29).

### THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development & Confirmation Classes

11 a.m. Worship with Handbells

12 noon Fellowship; Youth Group participates in Hunger Walk

12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal

12:30 p.m. RHO Readers; Young Adult Brunch

#### MONDAY, MARCH 16

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

*MPP Closed for Continuing Education*

7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Yoga

1 p.m. MPP 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. LGBT & Friends

7:30 p.m. Scout Troop 455

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Music Canopy; Brick4Kids

4:15 p.m. Treble Choir

5 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies

12:30 p.m. Thursday Theology

1 p.m. MPP Playball

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. KidzTennis

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Build

8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

*OUR HOUSE Collection*

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development & Confirmation Classes

11 a.m. Worship with Children's Choirs

12 noon Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal

5-7 p.m. Youth Group

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

the family of Jackie Cleveland on her death Tuesday, March 10.