

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of evil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.** - The Heidelberg Catechism, adapted

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 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor - Toccata* Michael Burkhardt

***THE DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 101) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE HOMILY *"Were You There?"* Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

***THE HYMN 78** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* MARTYRDOM

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 15:1-15 (page 50 in the pew Bible, NT)

***THE RECESSIONAL SOLO** *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE
Nan Nowell, soloist

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading and the solo. The congregation will follow the choir out in silence, leaving their palms at the foot of the cross. As you leave your palm, consider what burdens you wish to leave.



PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018
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*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Setting 1)

Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield, organist

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **We will give you thanks, for you have answered us; you have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.** - Psalm 118

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship. We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness. Our sin leads us to give you death even though you give us life. Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace. Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration.

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: Hear the good news.

People: **The procession is ever moving forward.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Glory to God! Amen!**

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEMHosanna to the Lord*

Becki Slagle Mayo

The Children's Choirs; Shannan O'Dowd, director

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king; to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The Hebrew children welcomed you, with palms before you went. Our prayer and praise and anthems before you we present.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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 MINUTE MESSAGE

Mardee Rightmyer

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**THE ANTHEM***Lift Up Your Heads* from *Messiah*

George F. Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

(text: Psalm 24:7-10)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-10

(page 44 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE HOMILY*"Palm and Circumstance"*

Rev. Emma Neishloss

THE HYMN 89Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

ELDER ON CALL: Nancy Collins, 678.634.4572

DEACON ON CALL: Joe Brady, 770.594.9293

GREETERS: Bill and Cindy Humphries, Bill and Sanda Means

USHERS: Susan and Mark Gilbreath, Richard and Sarah Brownlee

COUNTERS: Michael Morgan, Sandra Ward

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Ellen Landers

NURSERY: Ame Frease

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: Emily O'Brien

PRE-K AND K: Claire Burke, Amy Millard

FELLOWSHIP: Couples Group (Kathy Bremer, 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.
- Philippians 4:6-7

Keep in your prayers...

Rachel Baldhoff (Mardee Rightmyer's sister)

Sue Blouin

Shirley and Harold Boswell

Andrew Brady (Gwyn Brady's brother)

Richard Breiter (Aaron Shepherd's grandfather)

Frank Chapman (Mary Chapman's brother)

Sue Cox (Holly Greene's aunt)

Pat Dumbleton (Austin Davis-Selph's aunt)

Chuck Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's son)

Nancy Hamilton

Terri Healey (Ward Howell's cousin)

Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)

Lange family

Sue and Tom Lutz (Pat Antenucci's sister and brother-in-law)

Jan McMahan

Ted McMahan

Anthony Owens

Bev Reed

Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)

Marlie Ann Senf

Kathy Shaw (Mathew Frease's aunt)

Kimball Sweatt (Frampton family friend)

Elaine Tomkinson

Mary Turner (Sanda Means' mother)

Lynsley Tyler and the Family of Michael Tyler

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor, is our preacher, and **Rev. Emma Neishloss and Ms. Eliza Smith**, are the liturgists.

- 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 go to Room 001 at the **Passing of the Peace**.

HOLY WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

Holy Week Banners

Banner #1 is entitled "Grace of the Earth." The green fabrics and batik prints of foliage represent the path strewn with branches and palm leaves laid to honor Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The batiks show the clouding of the sun in the sky with gray-green shading. The fabrics move from light to dark representing the impending crucifixion. **Banner #2** is entitled "God's Power in Our Midst" and symbolizes the night of Jesus' arrest and ultimately the crucifixion. The rust and gold batiks our eye sees visually interpret the blood moon with the brown, gold and dark batiks left to represent the wrenching agony of the event. Again, the fabric coloring moves from light to dark representing the power of God's love of humanity through Christ's life, death and resurrection.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received Today

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering helps support ministries worldwide to provide food and water, disaster relief, and self-development resources to people striving to better their lives. Show your support today by using the envelope provided in your bulletin.

Faith and Film Series, 12:30 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
MARCH 29, 7 p.m.**

(including the Lord's Supper)

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
MARCH 30, 7:30 p.m.**

(joint service at Central Presbyterian, 201 Washington Street, SW)

**"RUNNING OF THE EGGS"
MARCH 31, 10:30 a.m.**

(formally known as the Easter Egg Hunt, and open to the Morningside Community)

We need help for set up, cookie decorating, hiding the eggs, providing a border along the street, asking children to empty their candy out of their eggs and returning the eggs to collection boxes on the sidewalk, and then cleaning up. A signup is on the bulletin board in the main hallway or call/email Mardee mrightmyer@morningsidepc.org.

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

(two identical worship services)

CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is having a paper goods drive (toilet paper and paper towels) through today. Please bring your donations to the bins in the stairwell by the church office.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

On Monday, March 26, come for dinner and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. This month's host is Lynn Young, 277 The Prado, 30309. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee at rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next meeting of Theology on Tap for the men of Morningside will be hosted by Alan Bremer on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. (785 Cumberland Road, 30306). RSVP to the church office office@morningsidepc.org.

SAFETALK TRAINING — APRIL 22, 2 P.M.

safeTALK is a powerful experience. You can expect to feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful. Your safeTALK trainer will demonstrate the importance of suicide alertness and help you identify ways people invite help when they're having thoughts of suicide. safeTALK's steps provide a simple yet effective method to engage with people who are having thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources that can carry out a full-scale intervention. At the end of the training, you'll have a chance to practice these skills firsthand. You can expect to leave safeTALK with practical knowledge of how to identify someone having thoughts of suicide and link them to life-saving resources. *All ages 15 and older are invited to attend a safeTALK training.*

Follow this link (<https://afsp.org/event/safetalk-training-4-22-18/>) for more information or to register. Contact Emma emma.neishloss@morningsidepc.org with any questions.

PRESBYTERIANS GOT TALENT!

Come one, come all to enjoy a spectacular show of song, dance, and poetry. On Saturday, April 28, performers from all over Greater Atlanta Presbytery will unite their gifts to raise money for Shalom International Ministry. Discover a fun restaurant in Virginia Highlands, and then attend the show at 7 p.m. at

Morningside Church. Got talent? Register to perform by Monday, April 2, by contacting Dee Raeside deeraeside@gmail.com or Lloyd Prince lloydprince@comcast.net.

Installation of the Rev. Emma Neishloss

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta will install Emma Neishloss as our associate pastor during the 11 a.m. service on April 8, 2018.

A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be present to celebrate our Associate Pastor on this day!

The Church Office

will be closed Monday, April 2 in observance of the Easter season.

The Morningside Preschool

will be closed for Spring Break—April 2-6

Mark Your Calendars for

MPP Spring Fling
April 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Youth Sunday
April 29, 11 a.m.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Today the class discussion centered on the genre of the books of the Bible, asking if there's more to understanding the kinds of writing in the Bible than simply identifying the genre. Bill Means facilitated. This class meets in the Session Room at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.

CHILDREN

The Pre-K/K class and the elementary classes learned about the events of Holy Week.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages/
New Member Class
11 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship/Children's
Choirs Sing
12 noon Fellowship
12:15 p.m. Youth Choir
12:30 p.m. Faith and Film
6 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 26

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Ballet
6 p.m. Girl Scout Unit Meeting
6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable
7 p.m. Mandolin Society, Parliamentarians

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. CrossFit One for Preschoolers
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. MLPA Neighborhood Group Meeting
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

8:15 MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
11:45 Yoga
1 p.m. Mini Monets
7 p.m. MLPA Steering Committee
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yogasculpt
1 p.m. Playball
6 p.m. Chancel Choir, Night Yoga
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

9 a.m. MPP, Creative Movement
1 p.m. Karate
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship, Central Presbyterian Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9 a.m. Women's AA
10 a.m. Brass Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

9 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion
10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
11 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion
12 noon Light Fellowship