

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Excerpted from *The Confession of 1967 (Inclusive Language Version)*

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 *Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise* Wilbur Held

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

***THE HYMN 361** *How Firm a Foundation*

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

***THE POSTLUDE** *Improvisation on Foundation*



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 14, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor

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Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

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 V*

C.M. Widor

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: Let us worship God, who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. - Psalm 96:1-4

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our sin is before us. Your way for us is clear, we are to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Who among us may claim such love? In this calling, we have fallen short. We need reconciliation. And yet, we remember as well that our calling to live lives of humanity and kindness does not fail, and so we ask once more that you would strengthen us in discipleship, guide us, and give us the courage to live as you have called us, we ask this in the name of Jesus, and for his sake. 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: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

People: **By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?**

Leader: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: **Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.** - Romans 6:1-4

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 265)

With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown, we to your guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before your feet.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Threes, 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 MINUTE MESSAGE

Alex Bach

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

(page 46 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

True Light

Keith Hampton

Megan Mashburn, soprano; Mac Frampton, piano

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light. In the beginning out of the darkness God created true light. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light. Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world true light.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

(page 19 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“What *Not* To Do”

Baron Mullis

***THE HYMN 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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: Duncan Spears 678.612.5746

DEACON ON CALL: Ann Bowers 404.580.8285

USHERS: Emilie Paille, Jeanne McCarthy, Nancy Lane, George Logan

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOSTS: Pat and Jim Antenucci

GREETERS: Sanda and Bill Means, Bill and Cindy Humphries

COUNTERS: Randy Parrish, David Wingert

INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEERS: Robin and William Hackney

TWOS VOLUNTEERS: Brian Johnson, Bryan Rogers

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS: Carrie Branon, Emily O'Brien

K-1st VOLUNTEER: Tish Woolley

2nd-3rd VOLUNTEER: Amy Jarratt

4th-5th VOLUNTEER: Melanie Davidson

FELLOWSHIP: Young Adults (Katie Watts, coordinator)

Find a complete list of our church officers and staff at <http://www.morningsidepc.org/leaders>.

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...

The family of Linda and Ann Claire Booker

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

Sandra Crawford

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

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

Jane Huff (Walter Huff's mother)

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Kaitlin Andry, Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson

Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr.

Kevin Jones

Vicky Langford (James Beasley's mother)

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

Jan McMahan

Hugh McNeill (John McNeill's father)

Marilyn Neforas (Hugh Bell's friend)

Anne and Nate Reid

Jennifer and Jason Swafford (Sandy Jones' friends)

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

Ethel Young (John Young's mother)

Please submit prayer requests using the prayer cards in the pew racks.

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 year olds are in Room 012. Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes: Threes, fours, and fives-Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 001; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 003; 4th-5th grade in Room 005.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration and honor of Trenton Tunnell III's birthday by his brothers with love from his family.

SERVICE MUSIC

Adagio, from *Symphony No. 5* - Of course we all know Charles Marie Widor for his single hit *Toccata* from his 5th symphony. While it is a famous piece, Widor wrote 10 fabulous symphonies in total, all consisting of several movements. The *Adagio* occurs in *Symphony No. 5* just before the *Toccata* would be played. Imagine the drama of this sweet choral-like tune heard just before his roaring *Toccata*. This piece is played on the foundation stops, consisting of 8' pitch, with the tune heard in the pedal at 4' pitch.

INSTALLATION OF DREW STOCKSTILL

On September 28, Morningside will join with representatives of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to install Drew Stockstill to the office of Associate Pastor at MPC. This special service will take place at the 11 a.m. service of worship with Dana Hughes preaching. A reception will follow.

OUR CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

You have noticed that our elementary age children return to worship during the offering. We are strengthening our children offerings by providing them an opportunity to participate in more worship time while having their own age appropriate children's worship. By returning during the offering, they participate by presenting their offerings, and they can be present with their families on Communion Sundays.

THURSDAY THEOLOGY

Engage with a small but lively group of members hashing out theological terms with Baron in his office this Thursday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring a lunch.

BRING YOUR ELECTRONICS TO CHURCH DAY

A good amount of work has gone into designing the membership section of our website to make it a secure and useful tool, but not everyone understands how to use it and how powerfully it can connect us. So everyone is invited to a hands-on tutorial after worship in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 21. Demonstrations by our members will be set up around the room, and if you bring your own laptop or tablet, guides will help you enter your own information.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

If you have thought about joining Morningside church, we will have a New Members' Class next Sunday, September 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Session Room. If you would like to attend, please get in touch with Baron Mullis baron.mullis@morningsidepc.org.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's time to nominate Elders for the Session, Deacons for the Board of Deacons. On Sundays September 14, 21 and 28, nomination forms will be in the bulletin, the Narthex and the Welcome Center. This is your opportunity to nominate someone to be a candidate for office. Please prayerfully consider your nominee(s) then ask their permission before you submit their name for consideration to the Officer Nominating Committee. You can turn in nomination forms to the church office, place them in the offering plate or put them in one of the boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center. The Officer Nominating Committee will announce the final slate of officers at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 12 when actual elections will take place.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be in Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17. All men are welcome to gather for a hearty breakfast, devotional and friendship. RSVP to allen_n_burke@hotmail.com by Monday, September 15.

LGBT & FRIENDS

The group will kick off its new season with "Touching Up Our Roots: A Look at the History of the Gay Pride Movement in Atlanta." We welcome guest speaker Dave Hayward who will discuss the history of Atlanta's Gay Pride movement from its beginnings in 1972. The discussion, including dinner, will be this Tuesday, September 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Austin Davis (2546 Haberfield Ct., 30319). All are welcome. RSVP to lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org.

HOMES

Volunteer with HOMES (Home Owner Maintenance and Enhancement for Seniors) to help the elderly with yard work next Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up on the mission bulletin board or contact Jack Klotz jacksklotz@gmail.com and Lloyd Prince lloydprince@comcast.net.

4TH & 5TH GRADE

The fourth and fifth graders will go bowling after worship next Sunday, September 21. If you would like to go, RSVP to Suzanne Macpherson suzanne@rocketfarm.com.

SIX STAR FAMILY

Six Star Refugee Partnership has learned their new family from Sri Lanka will arrive a week earlier than expected - Tuesday, September 23! This means everything must be accomplished a week earlier. Therefore, furniture pickup will be Saturday, September 20, and the apartment furnishing will be Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23. If you can help with any of these activities, please contact Holly Campbell hollycampbell1@gmail.com, 404.435.0676.

CLIFTON GRADUATION DINNER

Our next time to provide food for Clifton is Saturday, September 27, the day of their graduation celebration. We will help by bringing side items, desserts, and drinks to share from 4 to 6 p.m. Graduation is a special event to honor past and present graduates and is always memorable. Please sign up to help with Dave Johnston dmjohnst@gmail.com or on the bulletin.

BARON TO SPEAK AT WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE ON SEPTEMBER 29

Hear Baron talk about the influence of women in his life, on his faith journey and his call to ministry. We welcome members and friends for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 29 at the home of Lynn Young, 277 The Prado, 30309. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Register today for our sixth annual all-church retreat to Montreat NC, October 17-19! Registration forms are available at the church and on the website. Registration deadline is next Sunday, September 21. We must release any remaining rooms at that time. If there are additional rooms available, we can still register folks, but there is an additional charge of \$25 per person.

Christian Education at Morningside

ADULT CLASSES...

Join us in one of the two different groups meeting from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday through September 28. The class topic in Room 107 is *The First Christians* and how we wrestle with many of the same issues today. Dr. Carol Senf leads a discussion of *The Psalms* in Room 201.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES...

The story of *Adam and Eve* introduces preschoolers to what happened when God added humans to creation. Elementary classes will continue their worship in Room 001 by reading Genesis 4:1-16, the story of *Cain and Abel*. Graded follow-up activities will focus on the idea that even when Cain made a terrible choice, God stayed with him.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School; Inquirers' Class
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Fellowship
3 p.m. Walter Huff/Atlanta Opera Chorus (Emory Schwartz Center)
5-7 p.m. Youth Group Kickoff
6 p.m. Journey

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15 & 9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. MPP Ballet/Tap
7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga Class
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. LGBT & Friends
7:30 p.m. Troop 455
8 p.m. Walter Huff/Atlanta Opera Chorus (Kennesaw State)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Music Canopy; Bricks4Kidz
4:15 - 5 p.m. Treble Choir

5 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies
12:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday Theology
1 p.m. Playball
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP (Early Release and Teacher Lunch & Learn)
1 p.m. KidzTennis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School; New Members Class
10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting
11 a.m. Worship/New Member Class
12 noon Fellowship & Bring Your Electronics Forum
12:30 p.m. RHO Readers
12:30-2:30 p.m. 4th & 5th graders go bowling
5-7 p.m. Youth Group

*Youth Group Kick Off
Tonight, September 14, 5-7 p.m.
All Youth are welcome!
Come and bring a friend!*