

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We Believe**

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

**Therefore, We Reject Any Ideology**

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

**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 My Hope on God is Founded*

arr. Charles Callahan

**\*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

**\*THE HYMN 386**

*O for a World*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Sevenfold Amen*

K. Lee Scott

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation*

Jonathan Crutchfield



September 6, 2015

11 a.m. Worship

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**THE GATHERING**

Baron Mullis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**

*Fanfare*

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

Jonathan Crutchfield, organist

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord! -Psalm 146: 5-10

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God of majesty, you made all humans in your image so all should be treated with dignity. You see all people as your children and have promised to care for the poor and the vulnerable through your miracles and acts of compassion by those who follow you. Yet, we confess we have not loved and treated the poor and outcast with the dignity they deserve and you command. We often think first of ourselves and do what is convenient and comfortable. Forgive us for disregarding your commands to love and serve our neighbors in need. Heal us of our anxious pursuits to impress others and help us to serve you with pure and joyful hearts. 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: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Christ has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.**

Leader: Therefore, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!**

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 576)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-10 are invited to exit to the narthex after the **Peace of Christ** where their teachers will take them to their classrooms. Fours & fives are in Room 011; K-5th Grade in worship.)*

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

(page 623 in the pew Bible, OT)

**THE ANTHEM**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

T. Frederick Candlyn

Megan Mashburn, soprano; Nan Nowell, alto; John Young, tenor; Brandon Odom, baritone

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen. - Charles Wesley

**THE EPISTLE LESSON**

James 2:1-10, 14-17

(page 215 in the pew Bible, NT)

**THE SERMON**

*"A Good Faith"*

Drew Stockstill

**THE HYMN 421**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age* (verses 1 through 5)

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:** Laura Fillyaw 404.583.9323

**DEACON ON CALL:** Robin Hackney 404.329.1574

**USHERS:** Doug Selph, Brad Strickland, Monirah Womack

**GREETERS:** Sanda and Bill Means, Austin Davis, Carol Senf

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST:** Jane Stack

**COUNTERS:** Peter Cobb, Sarah and Richard Brownlee

**INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEER:** Michelle Gorman

**TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER:** David/Esther Patrick

**3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS:** Ibbey Bailey, Suzanne Macpherson

**FELLOWSHIP:** Session (Kim Nuckols, 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...***

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

Hamilton family (friends of the Nuckols)

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)

Jan McMahan

Marilyn Neforas (Hugh Bell's friend)

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)

Mike and Amelia Tyler (Lynsley Tyler's brother and niece)

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

Lincoln Weis (Sienna Weis's dad)

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### **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Drew Stockstill, Associate Pastor**, will be our preacher, and **Baron Mullis, Senior 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 exit to the narthex after the **Peace of Christ** where their teachers will take them to their classrooms. Fours & fives are in Room 011; K-5th Grade in worship.

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Will and Suzanne Lee in loving memory of Suzanne's mother Peggy Crow.

### **WELCOME JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD!**

We are very excited to be led in worship this morning by our new organist/choirmaster, Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield. Jonathan comes to us from the Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC, where he has served the past nine years. Jonathan has also served churches in Tennessee and Kentucky and earned a doctoral degree in conducting along the way. We look forward to seeing our choirs thrive under his expert leadership. Welcome, Jonathan and Rick!

### **\$5 FILL-A-BAG SALE**

RHO Readers books and other media go on clearance sale today. We'll give you a bag to cram full -- all you can take away for \$5 on our final day. Proceeds support children's literacy outreach.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**

It's time to kick off our new Sunday School year! If you have a little one, age 18 months through fifth

grade, join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, September 13 at 10 a.m. for face painting, crafts, dress-up games, and light refreshments. For those children moving into a new classroom, we will escort them to their new room at 10:55 a.m. If you or your youth would like to help, contact Liz Sommerfeld at [elizabethsommerfeld@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsommerfeld@gmail.com).

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY@EMORY RESUMES**

If you are interested in providing a meal for a Tuesday night meeting or becoming a Campus Ministry Friend, contact Leslie Prince [leslieprince@comcast.net](mailto:leslieprince@comcast.net) or visit <http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/meals.php?t=XIME6870>.

### **MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS**

Morningside will make its sixth mission trip to New Orleans Wednesday, November 4 through Sunday, November 8. We will work with Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), an urban outreach ministry of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. There is a place for everyone at the worksites, including homebuilding with Habitat for Humanity, working in community gardens, volunteering at food banks, and other activities with RHINO community partners. We will stay at the Brent House Hotel (cost: approximately \$250 per person). Contact Roland Behm ([roland.behm@mail.com](mailto:roland.behm@mail.com)) for more information or to indicate your interest. Registration deadline is September 14.

### **DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS**

New "Daily Bread" devotionals are now available in the Welcome Center and Narthex. Please take one with you for your fall meditations.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

There will be a memorial service for Bob Coomes in Morningside's sanctuary Thursday, September 10, at 3 p.m. Reception follows.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FALL...

•**Yoga** begins this Tuesday, September 8, in Room 201 at 11 a.m. Pam Sharpe, fitness and yoga professional, leads the class with a gentle and restorative approach. Just come and wear comfy clothes and bring a yoga mat. Thursday's class, **Weights to the Oldies**, begins September 10, in Room 201 and combines work with free weights and upbeat music. Each class runs 6 weeks, and is \$69 per session. Come and bring your friends! For more information, contact Pam at [yogapam@bellsouth.net](mailto:yogapam@bellsouth.net).

•**LGBT & Friends** will kick off their 2015/2016 season this Tuesday, September 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. We will gather at the home of Mardee Rightmyer and Julie Green (2707 Pharr Rd NE 30317-Eastlake area). This month's meeting, *Marriage Equality: Check. So What's Next?* will be led by Morningside member Tim Holbrook. Dinner will be provided (a \$10 donation towards the meal cost is suggested). RSVP to [lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org](mailto:lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org).

•**One Gray Hair** begins the fall season on Wednesday, September 9 at noon in Fellowship Hall with lunch and a program. The program will be a talk and discussion led by Miranda Brownlee on her recent trip to Israel and Palestine. Please come with your questions and ideas as we talk about this critical part of our world so ravaged by conflict and violence. RSVP to Sarah and Richard, [rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net), so we may get a count for lunch.

•The **Couples Group** will gather together on Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. for a meal and fellowship at the home of Susan and Tom Oder (1334 Old Johnson Ferry Rd., NE 30319). All couples are invited to attend. For more information and to RSVP contact Kathy Bremer [kdbremer@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdbremer@bellsouth.net).

•Morningside's **Meditation and Discussion Group** will meet next Sunday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Pam and Ken Sharpe (1700 Timberland Road, Atlanta 30345). We will have a light dinner then discuss "The Light Within: Meditation as Pure Prayer" by Laurence Freeman, OSB. We conclude with a meditation period, the evening takes about 2 hours. RSVP to [kensharpe@bellsouth.net](mailto:kensharpe@bellsouth.net).

•**Children's Choirs** resume at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16. For more information, contact Jonathan Crutchfield [jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org](mailto:jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org).

•**Thriving and Surviving**...If you are the mother of a young child (or a mother to be), join us Monday, September 21 at 10 a.m. or Thursday, October 1 at 7 p.m. in Room 201. Facilitated by Dr. Sarah Juul, the mother of a young child and perinatal psychiatrist in private practice, we will discuss baby nurture, life changes, and coping and adapting resources. The free discussion needs a minimum of participants and will be limited to no more than 15. Child care will be provided, but children are welcome. RSVP to Ellen Behm [ellenbehm@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbehm@gmail.com) by September 19, indicating your preferred discussion date.

•A year-long evening **Bible Study with Baron Mullis** will begin Wednesday, September 30. The class is for those who have studied the Bible and for those who feel they know nothing. There will be a cost to attend which includes a Bible, materials, and supper each week. Registration deadline is September 23. RSVP to the church office [office@morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org). For more information, see this month's newsletter.

•Join us at Montreat for our **All-Church Retreat** when our speaker will be The Reverend Paul Roberts, President of Johnson C. Smith Seminary. Registration forms are available on the web and at the church.

## Faith Development at Morningside

**ADULT**...Morningside member Jennye Guy continues her introduction to Bible study that will, hopefully, whet attendees' appetites for studying and exploring the Bible on their own. With the help of reference works and methods of study, we can read and study the Bible and uncover many of its layers of meaning for ourselves. Using the book of 1 John as a teaching example, an overview of one system of study--The Inductive Method--will be presented. The class will meet at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201.

**CHILDREN**...The Preschool Class will respond to the story *It's a Noisy Place!* with animal activities.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Office and MPP closed in observance of Labor Day

7 p.m. Mandolin Society

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Yoga

2:15 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

7 p.m. Preschool Committee; LGBT & Friends

7:30 p.m. Troop 455

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9 a.m. MPP

12 noon One Gray Hair Luncheon

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Fun with Weights

3 p.m. Bob Coomes Memorial Service  
(reception follows)

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9 a.m. MPP

7 p.m. Couples Group

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

5 p.m. Young Adults Tailgate and Braves Game

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development Class; Inquirers' Class

11 a.m. Worship with Communion

12 noon Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Deacons

12:30 Craft Guild

4:30 p.m. MS Youth

5:30 p.m. Youth Games and Dinner

6 p.m. Journey (LGBT & Friends providing meal)

6:30 p.m. HS Youth



The **MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM** capped off a fun season this summer by winning the NACL Championship on August 31. They beat a team from Trinity Presbyterian 18-4 for the title!