

*** 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

Petit Prélude

Joseph Jongen

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father and the Son. And praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† *Children return to the Sanctuary from Children's Worship.*

***THE HYMN 341**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

This Is My Story

ASSURANCE

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jonathan Crutchfield



AUGUST 26, 2018

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 A.M. WORSHIP

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

**The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

THE GATHERING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Introduction to "Joshua"

George F. Handel

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

Many: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;**

One: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Many: **Let us worship God.**

- Psalm 84

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 207

How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your promise of salvation. We have turned away from you, living God, and have chosen to follow idols of our times, spurred by our fears, our own self-interest, power and wealth. Forgive us our sins, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our words, our deeds, serving you with our whole being. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Many: **No powers, not height, not depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

- Romans 8:38-39

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 181)

You change my grief to joy-filled dance, my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing, my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore, my life shall sing your praise.

*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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

(page 205 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

God Is Seen

Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around, search hills and valleys through, there he's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare God is there, in meadows dressed in green, God is seen. See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run, the mist that veils the sky hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways, the God who n'er declines his designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies the comet in her blaze 'God,' she cries; the singing of the stars, the moon when she appears, his holy name declares; see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.

(text: American traditional)

† *Children exit the Sanctuary for Children's Worship.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:52-69

(page 93 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

"The Scandalous Life of Faith"

Rev. Mathew Frease

*THE HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

ELDER ON CALL: Suzanne Macpherson, 678.429.2816

DEACON ON CALL: Margaret Hofland, 678.907.8829

GREETERS: Mark and Susan Gilbreath, Lisa Ladds, and Emilie Paille

USHERS: Callie and David Stewart, Carolyn and Peter Cobb

COUNTERS: Leslie Prince and Beth Fain

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Carolyn Cobb

NURSERY: Courtney Smith and Brianne Guzewicz

TWOS/THREES: Debbi Loomis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mardee Rightmyer and Volunteer

FELLOWSHIP: Young Adults - Katy Watts

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)

Allen Burke and family

Sue Cox (Holly Greene's aunt)

Pat Dumbleton (Austin Davis-Selph's aunt)

Chuck Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's son)

Taylor Fishpaw (Brenda Fishpaw's grandson)

Nancy Hamilton

Terri Healey (Ward Howell's cousin)

Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)

David Lowery and family

Sue Lutz and family (Pat Antenucci's sister)

Philip Marshall (Robert Marshall's brother)

Jan McMahan

Ted McMahan

Anthony Owens

Maria Padilla (Victor Carballosa's mother)

Bev Reed

Joy Reed (Lenna Turner's niece)

Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)

Marlie Ann Senf

Kathy Shaw (Mathew Frease's aunt)

Kimball Sweatt (Frampton family friend)

Elaine Tomkinson

Lynsley Tyler and family

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Rev. Mathew Frease** is our preacher and **Rev. Emma Neishloss** is our liturgist.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield is our organist/choirmaster.

-Hearing aids, large print hymnals and Bibles are available; ushers will gladly assist.

-Please complete the information in the Friendship Pads 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 to participate in worship every Sunday. Worship bags for children can be found in the Narthex.

-Childcare for children from 0-23 months is in Room 105, and Room 012 for 2 & 3 year olds.

-Pre-K/K go to Room 107 after the **Anthem**, returning during the **Doxology**.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and to honor and thank those who gave their time and talent to make the gala "Put On Your Sunday Clothes" such a wonderful event.

ANNUAL THORNWELL OFFERING

Thornwell is a Presbyterian ministry providing resources to "hurting children and families." With locations in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, Thornwell offers foster care, residential care, parenting classes, and early childhood education for families in crisis. You can read more on the information sheets on the Mission Bulletin Board or go to www.thornwell.org.

Today, we take up a special offering for Thornwell, using the envelope inserts in your bulletin.

CHURCH OFFICE COVERAGE

Please welcome Schnita Dixon, who will cover Megan Mashburn while she is on maternity leave. Megan's official last day in the office is Friday, August 31st, unless Baby Girl Mashburn decides to come early.

MPP DINE-OUT AT EL TACO

Support our Preschool by picking up take-out or eating-in at El Taco (1186 N. Highland Ave, N.E.) this Tuesday, August 28th. Be sure to tell them you are with MPP, so that 20% of the proceeds from our meals are donated to MPP's children's programming.

GOSPEL HYMN SING

We love singing hymns at MPC - all kinds of hymns. Next Sunday morning, September 2nd, we will hold our annual "Hymn Sing Sunday." Send your favorite Gospel hymn ideas by this Tuesday, August 28th to Jonathan Crutchfield (jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org).

LAST CHANCE - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT **Register before this coming Saturday, September 1st and receive \$25 off!**

Registration forms for MPC's Annual Retreat at Montreat Conference Center are available both online and in hardcopy form in the church office and attached to the retreat posters in the Narthex and Welcome Center. This year's retreat begins Friday, October 19th and goes through Sunday, October 21st.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Mark your calendars! Sunday morning worship returns to the 11 o'clock hour, beginning **next Sunday, September 2nd**. There will be no Sunday School* or Chancel Choir that day, as the worship service will be in a "Hymn Sing" format.

* *The Adult Faith Development Class will meet in the Session Room at 9:30 a.m.*

SAVE THE DATE!!!

MORNINGSIDE SUNDAY FUNDAY PEP RALLY

All children, youth and adults are invited to join our **Sunday FUNDAY Pep Rally** on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall! We'll kick-off a new year of Sunday School, introduce our wonderful Sunday School teachers and then head to the classrooms for a brief lesson. Parents are invited to stay in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about our Faith Formation for Families Sunday School class. Children (and adults!) are invited to wear their school colors, favorite team jerseys or cheer uniforms. Breakfast will be served. Your participation will help everyone get excited about **Sunday FUNDAY @ Morningside Presbyterian!** Come ready to have fun!



SIGN-ME-UP SUNDAY - SEPT. 9TH

During the Fellowship Hour, group tables will be set up for information on each ministry. You will have the opportunity to sign up and get involved in our Morningside community. More details to come.

LGBT & FRIENDS FALL MIXER

Plan to join us on Tuesday, September 11th from 7 - 9 p.m. at the home Rob Payne and Steve Smith (1100 Balmoral Drive, 303019) for refreshments and dinner, where we will socialize and discuss our upcoming season. *All are welcome* who wish to grow and be energized through Christian fellowship. RSVP to Michael Siedschlag (mwseidschlag@gmail.com).

DOBBS ELEMENTARY TUTORING

Tutoring at Dobbs begins on Wednesday, September 12th at 10:15 a.m. and continues every 2nd Wednesday of the month throughout the school year. If you have a heart for children and books, volunteer by contacting Bill Means (billmeans@bellsouth.net) or Leslie Prince (leslieprince@comcast.net).

IN CONCERT - ANGELA BROWN

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, September 16th at 3 p.m., as Angela Brown, world-famous soprano, comes to Morningside. Ms. Brown's highly successful Metropolitan Opera debut in the title role of *Aida* catapulted her onto the world's most prestigious opera and symphonic stages. With a charming personality larger than life, Angela Brown unites opera, pops, and gospel in one sensational voice. **Due to a donor's generosity, the concert is free and open to the public.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Reverend Mathew Frease, who was officially voted into the Presbytery this past Saturday, August 18th.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

David, Charlotte, and William Lowery following the death of David's mother, Annette S. Lowery on Saturday, August 18th.

Allen, Claire, Liza, and Nash Burke on the death of Allen's father, Jack Foster Burke, Jr., on Sunday, August 19th.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

This week, Sandy Mashburn leads MPC's Adult Sunday School class, reading and discussing the lectionary from 9:20 - 9:50 a.m. in the Session Room.

"DEALING WITH THE REAL: EXPLORING THE PSALMS"

Over four Sundays, beginning September 9th at 9:30 a.m., Jennye Guy will lead this class in exploring this collection of worship songs for individuals and communities of faith to sing. Hopefully, by the end of the class, participants will feel at home in the Psalms and be encouraged to seek their help when needed.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:20 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Commitment Team
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Kick Off

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 p.m. Mandolin Society
Parliamentarians
MPP 101
Officer Nominating

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
5:00 p.m. MPP Dine-Out, El Taco
7:30 p.m. Strategic Implementation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

6:00 p.m. Night Yoga

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

*Early Bird Discount Ends -
Retreat Registration*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. Women's AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
11:00 a.m. *Worship*
12:00 p.m. Fellowship

THANK YOU FOR THE GALA

Bravi to all who dedicated their time, talents and efforts to the spectacular gala concerts this past weekend. Special thanks to Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag; our 5 Principal singers: Shannan, Nan, Alex, Michael, and Brandon; the featured soloists and chorus who worked tirelessly and delivered tremendously. Many thanks to Jonathan Crutchfield, Mac Frampton, Derek Matthews and all who worked behind the scenes to make everything come together so perfectly on stage. Thank you to those who loaned stage props and wardrobe pieces – you will find them in the Session Room ready to return to you.