

***THE HYMN 527**

Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE

*** 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

Be Still, My Soul

David Cherwien

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

***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!

***THE HYMN 399**

We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Walk On, O People of God

Cesareo Gabarain

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jonathan Crutchfield



SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 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

Prelude on CASSELL

Austin Lovelace

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: **But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on God’s law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: **In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

- Psalm 1

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna - our daily bread - but we want more. We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things. Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame.

People: **Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone.**

Leader: I announce to you this day, our sins are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 343)

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Ellen Behm

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome this child into Christ’s church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.**

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE (sung by congregation) *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King. Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children. Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31

(page 579 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

King of Glory, King of Peace

Eric Thiman

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and, that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me: thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee; e’en eternity’s too short to extol thee. Amen. (Text: George Herbert)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:13-4:8

(page 216 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“Peace, Love and Understanding”

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

ELDER ON CALL: Catherine Fleming, 404-317-1165

DEACON ON CALL: Julie Green, 404-455-3840

GREETERS: Mark & Susan Gilbreath, Lisa Ladds, and Nancy Anderson

USHERS: Ellen & Roland Behm, Jill Klotz, and Curt Barrett

COUNTERS: Suzanne Macpherson

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOSTS: Sandra Ward

NURSERY : Courtney Smith, Natasha Smith, and Michelle Robinson

TWOS: Brianne Guzewicz and Amy Millard

THREES : Debbi Loomas and Mark Gilbreath

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, K-4TH GRADE: Mardee Rightmyer and Martin Dunlap

FELLOWSHIP: "Cookies & Punch, Let's Make a Sack Lunch" - Sandra Ward and Emma Neishloss

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)
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
Billy Jones (Melissa Lawson's father)
Gail Kitchens
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
Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)
Marlie Ann Senf
Kathy Shaw (Mathew Frease's aunt)
Peggy Johnson Smith
Family of Scottie Scott
Kimball Sweatt (Frampton family friend)
Elaine Tomkinson
Lynsley Tyler and the family of Michael Tyler

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, Chaplain at Agnes Scott College** is our preacher and **Rev. Matt Frease** is our liturgist. **Rev. Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield** is our organist/choirmaster.

-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 will remain in worship today.

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

This morning, Andrew Tuuk, son of Peter and Alex Tuuk, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Sandra Ward is the assisting elder.

COOKIES AND PUNCH

Join us after worship today as we assemble Sack Lunches for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. You can even make a sandwich for yourself! Bring a plate of cookies to share!

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

We're excited to kick off our new season of Roundtable on September 24th at 6:30 p.m., by welcoming Nicole File as our speaker. Nicole is a Senior Editor at CNN and will talk about Softer Streets Inc., the nonprofit created in conjunction with CNN's Amy La Porte. Their goal is to provide durable, insulated, easily portable, water-resistant, and easily

cleaned sleeping mats to every person who regularly sleeps on the streets. All women are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship. This month's host is Hillery McNeill (20 Stratford Place, Atlanta). RSVP to Sarah Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

FLU SHOTS

The Preschool has arranged a flu shot clinic on Tuesday, September 25th at 8:30 a.m. This is open to all adults in the community-teachers, parents and church members. Since this is the first time that we are offering it, we do ask for an RSVP so that we have enough shots (please indicate if over 65 for different shot). The Clinic will be able to take insurance or you can pay for a shot \$41. Please keep in mind that Preschool arrival is 8:50-9:10, so 8:30-9:30 may be a busier time. They will be offered in the Session Room.

MORNINGSIDE MINGLE

Mark your calendars for the Morningside Mingle Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Deacons of Morningside at the home of Tish and Charles Woolley (1796 Noble Dr., N.E.). Come for the fellowship with old and new friends and delicious food and drinks! Email boardofdeacons@morningsidepc.org with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mark and Megan Mashburn who welcomed their baby girl, Margaret Jane on Wednesday, September 5. Both mother and baby "Maggie" are doing well.

CORO VOCATI

Coro Vocati will be in concert at MPC Saturday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. Now in its ninth season, *Coro Vocati* is comprised of 25 professional singers including our own Brandon Odom, Shannan O'Dowd and Alex Masten. Jonathan Crutchfield is its pianist. *The Music of Pilgrimage* is the theme we will explore. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and may be purchased at the door.

SUNDAY SERVICE SEPTEMBER 30TH

On September 30th, our worship service will integrate a newly composed hymn for Morningside by Jonathan Crutchfield and Michael Morgan. The premiere of this new composition celebrates Morningside's Strategic Plan and Vision over the next horizon: Journey Together. This special service will focus on Morningside's faith journey and future vision as we Worship Together, Serve Together, Grow Together and Be Together as a congregation and family of faith. Following the service, videos created by Bob Wells depicting several members' Morningside Journeys will be shared in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams, our Pastor Emerita, will be preaching.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This special service recognizes our animals that make an important contribution to the beauty in our lives. All Morningside members with pets are welcome to bring them on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., so that we may bless them and give thanks to God for their life. We ask that your pet is properly restrained either by carrier or leash, and if your pet is not "pet friendly" please bring a picture of him/her.

SAVE THE DATE

MPC outreach **Clifton Sanctuary Ministries** will host a photo exhibition at Blue Mark Studio on **Oct. 6th** as part of **Atlanta Celebrates Photography** month, the largest annual community-oriented photo festival in the US. One of the photos featured will be of Joe, a man who was part of the Clifton community back in the 1970s-80s. Renowned photographer **Al Clayton** took this picture of Joe. Other photos on exhibit will include Al's stunning photos featured in the book *Still Hungry in America*, published in the late 1960s and recently re-released and copies will be available for purchase. This book brought to light the dire issue of hunger and helped spur legislation which expanded the food stamp program in the early 1970s. Join us for an evening of great photography at **Blue Mark Studio** and see how Joe made an impact in our community. Tickets are available at www.bit.ly/Cliftonevents.com

LAST CHANCE FOR THE RETREAT!

Printable reservation forms are on the church web site under Upcoming Special Events. Forms are also attached to Retreat poster easels in the Narthex and Welcome Center and are available in the church office as well. **Deadline is Sunday October 7th.**

PEACE AT ALL TIMES, IN ALL WAYS

From 2.Thess 3:16, this is the theme for the 2018 Peace & Global Witness offering. Presbyterians help transform lives through our work for peace, with the tools God has given us. Together, in the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division. **We join in the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday Oct. 7th** because it is boundless peace God offers.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Today and the past two Sundays, the Adult Sunday School Class looked at life through the lens of the psalms in the "Dealing with the Real: Exploring the Psalms" series. Next Sunday is the last class. Join them as they wrap up their examination of this unique and personal book.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR FAMILIES

Today, this class watched a short video from *Animate: Bible*, "Gospels: Unexpected Good News", a series that presents familiar ideas in new ways and encourages engagement and conversation. Faith Development meets each Sunday at 9:45 in room 201. Everyone is welcome.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Parliamentarians
7:00 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 a.m. Yoga
2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Beginners Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00 a.m. Yogasculpt
6:00 p.m. Night Yoga
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Women's AA
6:30 p.m. Morningside Mingle
7:30 p.m. Coro Vocati Concert

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

The IPNC (Interim Pastor Nominating Committee) wants everyone to know what they've been doing as they search for the right Interim Pastor for Morningside. They've completed phone interviews, done in-person interviews both offsite and at the church, had meals with several candidates, and conducted reference checks with members of previous congregations. They anticipate making an exciting announcement to the congregation in the not-too-distant future. Please continue to pray for this very committed and busy group.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Just a reminder - Church expenses for operations and missions are fairly uniform through the year. Receipts from pledges and offerings tend to lag during the summer which puts stress on church reserves. Please consider staying current with your pledge to assure our financial stability. Feel free to direct questions to church treasurer, Bill Humphries (billh6848@gmail.com).