

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right...

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

Sanctus (during the Great Thanksgiving) (Hymn 581)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty... Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion by intinction

(To receive communion by Intinction, please come forward by the center aisle, tear a generous piece of bread from the loaf, and dip it in the chalice before returning to your pew using the side aisles. Anyone unable to come forward will be served in their pew. For those unable to consume gluten, please go to Dr. Mullis's communion station.

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE HYMN** *The Christ Shall Come* CAROL

The Christ shall come in truth and love, a gift by God's own will; our ageless hope in him confirmed, God's promise soon fulfilled. The people who in darkness live, their one true Light shall see, and all the corners of the earth shall shout his majesty!

The ancient prophets did foretell the advent of our King; May we prepare our hearts to hold the joys that he will bring. From Jesse's stock a Child shall come, from David's line a Son to reign with God, as God he is, and make the nations one.

O God of hope, Thou Prince of Peace, give us the faith to know the Holy Comforter we seek shall come, and not be slow! Fill with your love our wanting souls this joyous advent tide; and make our hearts a home where Christ forever will abide. (Text: Michael Morgan)

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come* VENI EMMANUEL

***THE POSTLUDE** *Improvisation* Jonathan Crutchfield



December 4, 2016
11 a.m. Worship

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

THE GATHERING

Sarah Are

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE*Sleepers, Wake!*

J.S Bach

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

Youth Liturgists

***UNISON PRAYER:**

People: Eternal God, creator of all light and life, we give you thanks for LOVE shown in the coming of the Christ, the light that shines in the darkness, the life of all people. Let us walk in the light of the Lord, Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 3Comfort, Comfort You My People*

PSALM 42

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Are

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

Eternal God, remind us of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us of your unconditional love poured out for the world. Remind us of your incarnation, taking on flesh so that we might know the depth and width of your love for humankind. And reminding us of these things, let us be honest with ourselves and you about our failures. Where we have failed to love as you love, forgive us. Where we have lived only for ourselves, forgive us. Where we have hurt others intentionally, forgive us. Where we have offended others through omission, forgive us. Give us the grace to recognize our faults and seek fresh starts that we may indeed abound in hope, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

People: And because you are God's children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son unto our hearts, crying. "Abba, Father!"

Leader: So you are no longer a slave, but a child, and if a child, then also an heir, through God. Believe the Promise of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! - Galatians 4:4-7

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 12)

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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 GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 1-12

(page 2 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*Behold, the Lord Shall Come*

Daniel Pinkham

Behold, the Lord shall come in the clouds of heaven with great power, alleluia. The mountains and hills shall sing praise before God and all the trees of the woods shall clap their hands. For the Lord of all that has dominion shall come into his everlasting kingdom, alleluia, alleluia. (Luke 21, 27; Isaiah 55:12)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 15: 4-13

(page 153 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"Abounding in Hope"*

Baron Mullis

THE HYMN 11O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

THE OFFERTORY*Variations on "Infant Holy"*

Alexander Guilmant

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

ELDER ON CALL: Will Barnette

DEACON ON CALL: Joe Brady

USHERS: Kasey and Stephanie Libby, Callie and David Stewart

GREETERS: Nancy Anderson, Emilee Terry, Sanda and Bill Means

COUNTERS: Richard Brownlee and Jack Klotz

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Carol Senf

INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEERS: Suzanne Macpherson and Laura Fillyaw

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: Claire Burke

PREK AND KINDERGARTEN: Ibbey Bailey, Ali Broadway and Kelly Garrison

1ST-5TH GRADE: Remain in worship

FELLOWSHIP: MPC Handbell Choir

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...

Patricia Boyko
 Friends and relatives of Hugh Bell: Connie Crowley, Sandra Fortson, Timothy Johnson, Marilyn Neforas, Kent Smith, and Robin and Charles Wilkins
 Keri Catlett
 Victor Carballosa
 Walter Gilbert (Patrick Gilbert's father)
 Kat Harris (Eric Harris' mother)
 Ann Herndon (Will's mother)
 Family of Penny Hill
 Charlotte Hudson (Jeff Adams' mother)
 Ellen and Jim Landers
 Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson
 Jan & Ted McMahan
 Tom Oder
 Lin Parker (friend of Nancy Coomes)
 Marilyn Pentelovich (friend of Shari Tant)
 Karen Peterson and family (friend of Daisy Ottmann)
 Betty Ray
 Bev Reed
 Regnault family

Sandy Ryan
 Carlene Sauer (Kasey and Stephanie Libby's family)
 Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister)
 Helen Schroder
 Richard and Robert Stack (Jane Stack's family)
 Shannon Miller and Doug Strain (family of Bill Smith)
 Katie, Alex and Finley Watts
 Wells family
 Marty Wender (Phil Regnault's friend)
 Dr. Nathaniel West (Dr. West's father)
 Evelyn Wimberly (Nancy Frampton's ex-mother-in-law)
 Baby Oliver Whiddon (friend of Jill Klotz)
 Rick and Lorelee Wolters (Greg Wolters' parents)
 John Young

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor is our preacher, **Sarah Are, Interim Director of Youth Ministries** is our liturgist.

- 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. Those who wish to attend Sunday School may do so **after the Peace of Christ**.
- PreK and Kindergarten are in Room 001 and remain until after worship.
- 1st - 5th Grade remain in worship.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Morningside Presbyterian family during the continuation of Advent.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Regnault family on the death of Phil's father, Peter Regnault.

CHOIR HONORS THE WINGERTS

This morning the Chancel Choir is honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Sheryl Wingert. Choir members have purchased and will sing an anthem by American composer, Daniel Pinkham - a distant cousin of Sheryl's. We will sing the anthem, "Behold, the Lord Shall

Come" this morning as our way of saying thank you to the Wingert's for years of service to this church choir. If you have a similar interest in honoring or memorializing someone, please contact Jonathan Crutchfield at jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST SERVICE

Tea, a lemon/orange yeast roll, beeswax candles, Christmas carols and anthems by our choirs will be combined *Sunday morning, December 11*. The Moravians began this tradition of sharing a simple meal in 1727. Servant leaders called *Dieners* will serve the meal and candles in the Sanctuary as carols and anthems are sung. We hope this begins a new tradition here at MPC. Join us for this beautiful service of worship.

MORNINGSIDE FACTS

How wonderful is it to know that the text for the final hymn was written by our very own Michael Morgan.

PLEDGE NOTIFICATION

Please consider donating appreciated securities (stocks and bonds) as you fulfill your pledge for this year. Generally, this results in favorable tax treatment. Also, if you have reached age 70 1/2, remember that contributions from a pre-tax 401 (k) or IRA are also tax advantaged. Consult your tax advisor for definitive advice. If you choose to contribute in this manner, please contact our church treasurer, Bill Humphries, bill48@bellsouth.net or 770.565.8490.

POSITION AVAILABLE

If you are interested in becoming our new Director of Children's Ministries and haven't already applied, please do so by applying to directorsearch@morningsidepc.org.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will be led by Baron Mullis at Tom Daniel's home (1681 Council Bluff Dr. Atlanta, GA 30345) on **Tuesday, December 6** at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to the office office@morningsidepc.org.

LET'S WATCH A MOVIE!

Pre-register for a showing of *Newtown*, a film exploring the aftermath of the December 14, 2012 school shooting on **Wednesday, December 7** in the auditorium of the Lovett School. A group of Morningside folks organized by Peter and Carolyn Cobb, Alex Page, and Katye Watts will be attending. To reserve your spot, visit bit.ly/NewtownATL.

YOU'RE INVITED TO TOUR MPP

MPP invites you to share the Prospective Parent Tour dates (**Tuesday, December 13** and **Friday, January 13** both at 9:15 a.m.) with friends and neighbors. These tours are led by current parents and are a great way to be introduced to the Preschool. RSVP to Director Melinda Sandkam mpp@morningsidepc.org today or contact her for individual tours.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Christmas Pageant is **December 18** at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by our famous chili cook-off dinner in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this sweet MPC tradition. Please see the link for the SignUp Genius to sign up for food items for the dinner. Dessert will be provided. For the link, please contact Sarah Tomaka sarah.tomaka@gmail.com or the

office office@morningsidepc.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The women's shelter at Shearith Israel's (SI) Rebecca's Tent has been an important part of Morningside's Mission Program in years past. We have scheduled our volunteer dates for **Wednesday - Sunday (January 8 - 12 and February 5 - 9)**. Please contact Phyllis Grimes grimes2230@bellsouth.net if you wish to volunteer. Men are welcome!

Here's the forecast for DECEMBER

DECEMBER 9 @ 7 p.m.

* *MPC Couples Holiday Celebration. RSVP to kathydaybremer@gmail.com*

DECEMBER 10

* *Young Adult Christmas party. RSVP to adriennemogge@gmail.com*

DECEMBER 11

* *Love Feast*

DECEMBER 14

* *MPP Carols and Coffee*

DECEMBER 18

* *Christmas Pageant*

DECEMBER 24

* *Christmas Eve Services
4 p.m. Worship for Families
8 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (doors open at 7:15 p.m.)*

DECEMBER 25

* *Christmas Service begins at 10 a.m.*

Faith Development at Morningside

ADULT CLASS

Next Sunday we continue our Advent Series: *People, Look East!* — *The songs of Advent and Christmas* led by Michael Morgan, who will conduct Advent and Christmas Songs from the 21st Century.

CHILDREN

Mary's story: Children will learn the story that unfolds in the New Testament which begins with a visit by the angel Gabriel to an innocent young girl in a country town. Mary seems an unlikely person with whom to begin the story. Yet the fact that the story unfolds in this way show us that God loves us and that Jesus was born for all people regardless of who they are, how old they are, or where they live. Luke 1:26 - 38, 46 - 47.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development
10 a.m. Listening Session w/DCM/ Search Committee
11 a.m. Worship/Communion w/ICM Food Donation/Children's Sunday School (PreK-5th)
12 noon Fellowship
2 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
5 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9 a.m. MPP
12 noon. Arts and Crafts Guild
1 p.m. MPP Ballet
7 p.m. Mandolin Society/ Children's Ministry Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. Mini Monet's
2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Girl Scout Leadership
7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. MPP Music

5:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Fun with weights
12:30 p.m. Poetry Group
1 p.m. Playball
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9 a.m. MPP
7 p.m. MPC Couples Holiday Celebration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
7 p.m. Young Adult Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Faith Development
11 a.m. Worship/Love Feast/Children's Sunday School (PreK-K)
12 noon Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Deacons
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

WE'VE GOT THE PERFECT GIFTS!

A holiday gift market featuring crafts hand-made by women in Kenya will offer shopping opportunities in Fellowship Hall after worship today and next Sunday, December 11. Come down and view our selections! The market supports two Kenyan non-profit organizations.