



# Morningside Messenger

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## October 2010

### Worship at Morningside

October 3, 2010

#### World Communion Sunday

Sermon: "A Place at the Table"

Text: Luke 14:15-24

Christopher Henry preaching

*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

October 10, 2010

Sermon: "Why Bother?"

Text: Luke 18:1-8

Christopher Henry preaching

October 17, 2010

Sermon: "Please and Thank You"

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Christopher Henry preaching

*Celebration of 20 years of Joyful Music with Walter Huff*

Chancel Choir selections by Rutter, Haugen, Bach

*New Member Sunday*

October 24, 2010

Sermon: "The Problem with Piety"

Text: Luke 18:9-14

Christopher Henry preaching

October 31, 2010

Sermon: "Crowded Out"

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Christopher Henry preaching

## Dear Friends,

In early September, I participated in a panel discussion co-sponsored by Columbia Theological Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Seminary, and our Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The topic was the future of our denomination and its congregations. Like many conversations on this topic, there was quite a bit of justifiable anxiety and uncertainty about where we might be headed. The fact is that the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a denomination of many struggling congregations whose futures are much in jeopardy due to dwindling financial resources, diminished enthusiasm, and lack of younger members.

While this may be factual, it does not tell the whole truth. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is also a denomination filled with inspiring leaders, hopeful new church developments, and congregations like Morningside that have experienced revitalization and growth in recent years. Like so many sources of anxiety in our lives, the truth depends partly on your perspective.

As a college student, I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as student minister for the Warrenton Presbyterian Church along the North Carolina-Virginia border. Warrenton is a small town and the Presbyterian congregation there is small as well, with 17 active members, several of whom are no longer able to attend worship regularly due to health issues. These are the facts. But they do not tell the whole story. About a decade ago, a retired professor from Duke University who is also an ordained Presbyterian minister accepted the call to serve that congregation. Not long after, the church began holding services each Sunday rather than twice a month. Soon, the Presbyterians joined with other congregations in town to begin a new ecumenical prayer service each Wednesday. Recognizing the growing needs of those in the town and the ample resources of the congregation, members of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church proposed to give away their entire offering one Sunday each month. This monthly love offering now serves vital ministries in the area.



We live in a time when anxiety about the future threatens to overcome almost every part of our lives. Poll results show the prevalence of dim expectations for coming years and even future generations. There are, of course, facts that support such a gloomy outlook. But for people of faith, they do not tell the whole truth. The truth that we proclaim is of a God whose sovereignty over the world is as sure now as it has ever been, and whose loving kindness is as present with us today as it was with our ancestors and will be with our descendants. Our faith gives us cause for joy because it shifts our perspective and realigns our thinking.

When Thomas Long preached for us in January of this year, he closed his sermon with a story that I have rehearsed in my mind regularly ever since. He told of how Angelo Roncalli, whom we remember best as Pope John XXIII, led the Catholic Church through a period of radical and rapid change unlike any the church had seen in centuries. In every corner, there was fear and anxiety that the church was going to come apart at the seams from such revolutionary reshaping. Each night, before the Pope went to bed he would say the ancient prayers and read the ancient scriptures. Then, as he reached to turn out the light, he would say to himself, "Who runs the church? You, or the Holy Spirit? Go to sleep, Angelo. Go to sleep."

When we are tempted to fear the future, or to grasp for total control over the chaos in our lives, we would do well to remember the One who holds our lives, and the future, in hands of grace, mercy, and hope. We come to church, if for no other reason, to be reminded of this good news.

Grace and peace,

Christopher Henry

## Preschool Offers Two October Opportunities

Here are two fun ways to boost the coffers of Morningside Presbyterian Preschool: Funderball and El Taco Night.

Funderball is a casual cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, and a fun way to meet some of the wonderful parents at MPP as you enjoy the city skyline from The Warren City Club, above Dark Horse Tavern in Virginia-Highland.

To attend the event on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., pick up a reply card at the church and return it with your donation. Of course, you can contribute to MPP even if you can't attend the party. The planning committee promises, "All funders will have a ball! And more importantly, the donated funds will ensure the continuation of our wonderful MPP enrichment programs including music, science, Spanish and yoga."

Also, for the second year our generous friends at Fifth Group Restaurants will donate 20 percent of the dinner service proceeds at El Taco on Tuesday, Oct 26, to MPP. Bring your family early for some simple and fresh Mexican food, or grab a babysitter and enjoy an adult evening later on.

The restaurant is at 1186 N. Highland and dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. Reservations accepted for parties of seven or more at 404 873.4656. And remember to mention to the hostess that you are there in support of MPP – if we have more than 40 supporters we will receive 20 percent from the entire restaurant sales that night. With fewer than 40 supporters, we receive 20 percent from just our supporters' dinner checks.

## Morningside Milestones

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- New faces! Really new is Sarah Beth Sommerfeld, born to Liz and Larry and little sister of Daniel and Charlotte. Also welcome our September harvest of new members: Cynthia Holzheimer, Daniel Easton, David Ecton and Lance Jackson, Dale Gustafson, Jason and Julie Loring and William Kitchens
- Our parking lot will be a rest stop for the intrepid walkers of the Breast Cancer 2-Day on their way to the finish line Saturday, Oct. 2.
- Our children's worship program said both hello and goodbye recently as we celebrated the service of Alicia Wilson who led the second and third graders and is now in residency at Emory Midtown Hospital as she begins her Clinical Pastoral Education training. Joining us are Debbi Loomis, who teaches at MPP and now leads the kindergartners and first graders on Sundays, Shavon Starling-Louis who's in her first year at Columbia Theological Seminary and is leading the second/third-grade class and Heather Bardole who is also in her first year at Columbia and is leading our fourth-seventh grade Double Digits.
- In addition, Daniel Altman has stepped in as our Music Administrator, keeping our choir's repertory materials organized and ready for performance.
- Many thanks go to Anna Best, Brenda Fishpaw, Betsy Holland, Bill Humphries, Van Jensen, Bill Means, Lloyd Prince, Lysley Tyler and Nathan Zook for their skills as organizers, photographers and technology experts as we continue to work on our digital church directory. If you didn't get your picture taken in September, watch for more dates this fall to join the crowd.

## New Group Discussion Tackles Surprising Questions

So you think you understand the fundamental beliefs of Christians everywhere and particularly of those sitting next to you on Sundays at Morningside Presbyterian Church. Or you were raised in a different faith tradition and are still not really sure what this ‘Reform Theology’ is all about. Or you feel embarrassed to ask some questions because you think you’re the only one who doesn’t have the answers.

Do we ever have an opportunity for you! A casual conversation led the Adult Christian Education Ministry Team to interview various members of our congregation about their faith concerns—and the resulting list was more than three pages long! We’ll explore five of the most common topics in a weekly series called “Questions Christians Ask” on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Session Room.

Each session will be led by a knowledgeable theologian and you’re invited to attend all the classes or any one that speaks to your particular interest. Our own Dr. Mardee Rightmyer begins on Oct. 3 with a discussion of

what Presbyterians believe happens during the Lord’s Supper. For instance, why shouldn’t we partake of communion in a Roman Catholic church? On Oct. 10, Professor David Bartlett looks at the divinity of Jesus and the accuracy of the Gospel accounts of his life.

Professor George Stroup joins us Oct. 17 to talk about why Christians use the cross for our symbol rather than an empty tomb or other reminder of the resurrection, and Amy DeBaets follows up Oct. 24 with “What does ‘Jesus died for my sins’ mean?”. The series ends with a discussion of baptism led by Rev. Mary Miller Brueggemann on Oct. 31. In November, a new series will go in depth about Presbyterian mission in the world as we consider the Great Ends of the Church as defined by our *Book of Order*.

We still have a long list of questions Christians ask, so the Adult Education team will be interested in feedback on how useful you find this series. Refer your comments or additional questions to Daisy Ottmann ([dazette@bellsouth.net](mailto:dazette@bellsouth.net)).

## *Bible Class Considers ‘Minority Report from Major Prophets’*

Through Oct. 17, the Morningside Bible Class will continue its study of the four Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. On Oct. 24, we kick off a four-week study on “Faithful Disagreement: Wrestling with Scripture in the Church.” This series examines some of the more controversial and debated pas-

sages of scripture, and some ways we in the church might approach them faithfully. The Bible Class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201. Children’s Sunday School and infant nursery are provided during all adults classes.

## ‘Continue the Conversation’ with Chris October 3

Take advantage of this new opportunity to raise questions—or rebut ideas—suggested by the sermon topic after worship Sunday, Oct. 3, in Fellowship Hall with Rev. Chris Henry. Chris’ sermon topic, on World Communion Sunday, will be “A Place at the Table”

based on the Bible text Luke 14:15-24. Refreshments will be hearty enough to provide a light lunch and childcare will continue to be available in Room 105. The discussion will end at 1 p.m.

## *Theology on Tap: Asks ‘Why Bible?’*

The Men of Morningside will converse on the topic “Why the Bible?” after supper at the monthly “Theology on Tap” program on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the

home of Todd McDonald (835 Rowland Street, Clarkston, 30021). For more information or to RSVP, contact Associate Pastor Chris Henry.

## One Week Left to Fill Suitcases for Haiti

Members of our Haiti Pilgrimage will be leaving Oct. 9 for Port-au-Prince, Haiti and a week at the St. Joseph's Home for Boys. Each plans to take a 'second suitcase' filled with items needed by the children and their caregivers. There'll be a Packing Party Friday, Oct. 8, to fill those suitcases.

The team is looking for items for activities with children, plus toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion, children's cough/cold syrup, pain relievers (child and adult), baby powder, clothes: child small, medium, and large; adult small and medium (new or gently used), tennis shoes/Croc-like sandals (youth 1 to men's 10), bath towels, twin sheets, lightweight blankets and tableware. Look for the donation suitcase in the welcome center.

## Nashville Relief Project Leads to Thoughts for Next Year

The third week in August five MPC members traveled to Nashville to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA expects to be in Nashville for at least two years rebuilding and repairing from flood damage experienced the first week in May when the numerous tributaries of the Cumberland River overflowed their banks.

John Adams, Jack Klotz, Duncan Spears, John Watson and I stayed at the PDA center hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. We worked at three different sites installing drywall, replacing a sun porch and unloading wood to rebuild a house that was stripped down to the studs. The Westminster congregation was incredibly welcoming and besides sharing their facility for lodging, they prepared

The group all read *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*, by Tracy Kidder and met to discuss its implications. Currently serving as United Nations deputy special envoy to Haiti, Dr. Farmer is a co-founder of Partners in Health, which opened its first hospital in Haiti in the 1980's and has expanded to other underserved countries.

Continue to pray for our delegates: Roland Behm, Carolyn and Peter Cobb, Bonnie and George Daneker, Bryan Davis, Amy DeBaets, Tony Fishpaw, Tim Gargis, Lisa and Shannon Harris, Todd Jones, Greg Morton, and Brad Odom. They'll share their experiences with us after worship in Fellowship Hall, Oct. 24.

Wednesday's dinner for the tired and hungry volunteers. They also restocked the food supplies for all the other meals.

The crew met Brenda, who lives in the home her parents built with her two 18-year-old daughters who are seniors in high school, holding down afternoon jobs and participating in ROTC, and Mrs. Wilson, who has lived in her home 51 years. As we reflect on the work that remains in Nashville and throughout the gulf region, we are already looking forward to how MPC can help on our next Lenten trip.

Melinda Sandkam  
Program Director

## Hammer Out Some Time for Habitat Homes

By now all Morningsiders should be familiar with our long-standing commitment to help build Habitat for Humanity houses to help make home-ownership a reality for a low-income working family. But did you know we also have begun participating in the organization's fall Interfaith Build?

Sign up in the Narthex or contact Lynsley Tyler ([lynsley@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynsley@bellsouth.net)) to help out. The build runs Sun-

days from Oct. 10 through Nov. 21, but Morningside's dates are Oct. 10, 24 and 31, Nov. 7 and 14. We participate through our presbytery's Peacemaking Committee with people from many faith traditions—Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Jews and Buddhists from all over the metro area. An interfaith worship service will start off each build day.

## Refugee Family Needs Household Basics

Six Star Refugee Partnership will begin hosting a new family in October and we are in need of furniture for their new apartment. As the name implies, Six Star families often come to the USA under difficult circumstances. Most of our recent families have emigrated from Afghanistan. They need all kinds of things--sofas, bedroom furniture (queen and twin only but no mattresses), table and chairs, a lawnmower and more. If you have anything to donate, please contact Holly Campbell at [hollycampbell1@gmail.com](mailto:hollycampbell1@gmail.com) or Betsy Armstrong at [jimbetsy30338@yahoo.com](mailto:jimbetsy30338@yahoo.com).

## Young Adults Put on Dancing Shoes to Benefit Our House

Want to spend a fun night out on the town volunteering for a great cause with other Morningside Young Adults? The "Our House, Our Dreams" Fall Fantasy Event to benefit Our House will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Miller-Ward Alumni House on Emory's campus.

Our House is a child care and support center for homeless families ([ourhousega.org](http://ourhousega.org)). Joanna Adams, founding board member of Our House, is the honorary chair of the event. Our House needs 15-20 volunteers to help with greeting, registration, and the fabulous silent and

live auctions throughout the evening. Several volunteer shifts are available, so you can enjoy the party before or after your shift (volunteers eat and drink free!). For more information, contact Lisa Harris at [Lisa.S.Harris@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.S.Harris@gmail.com).

Our active and growing Young Adult group announced that on Nov. 6, they'll gather at the home of Anna and Miguel Garcia and that Lloyd and Leslie Prince will host the annual Christmas gathering on Dec. 11. Mark your calendars now!

## MPC Team Will Join 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Walk

Keith Blount is captaining a team to represent Morningside at the twentieth annual AIDS Walk Atlanta and 5K Run Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. in Piedmont Park.

The AIDS Walk and its nine partners benefit more than 25,000 local people living with HIV/AIDS and works to prevent new infections as well. Anyone can partici-

pate in the walk or run or can support the effort through a donation to the team. To learn more about the walk or to donate, go to <http://aidswalkatlanta>, and click on the Donate tab. Select "donate to a team" and scroll down to Morningside Presbyterian Church. To join the MPC contingent, contact Keith at [bkeithblount@gmail.com](mailto:bkeithblount@gmail.com).

## Build Strength, Flexibility Through Tai Chi

Get moving now that the weather is cooler! Our tai chi instructors Bob Wells and Doris Williams will kick off (no pun intended!) a new series of classes at 2 p.m. Oct. 6, in Fellowship Hall. Sessions are tailored to all

levels of familiarity with this ancient Chinese practice and beginners are always welcome. Tuition is \$50 for eight weeks. To learn more, contact Barbara Ray ([barbray@mindspring.com](mailto:barbray@mindspring.com) or 404 876.7892).

## Bible and Brunch Continues Study of Church at Ephesus

This fall, we have begun a new monthly event at Morningside that combines Bible study and fellowship. On the third Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m., all are invited to gather in Room 201 for a study of the Letter to the Ephesians, which contains some of the most poetic and beautiful language in the New Testament and is a powerful call to unity and mission. Childcare is pro-

vided in Room 105.

At 11:15 a.m. we travel together to a local restaurant for brunch and table fellowship. Plan to join us for Bible and Brunch on Oct. 21 as we study Ephesians 2:1-22.

### Elders on Call for October

Anne Barnette	October 3-9
Sarah Beth Gehl	October 10-16
Bobbie McCrackin	October 17-23
Mardee Rightmyer	October 24-30
John Watson	October 31-November 6

### Deacons on Call for October

Tim Gargis	October 3-9
James Klotz	October 10-16
Shari Tant	October 17-23
Brenda Fishpaw	October 24-30
Bradley Odom	October 31-November 6

## Yesterday's Flowers Continue to Make Smiles

Fresh flowers in the chancel to the glory of the Lord and to honor loved ones—that's the mission of the MPC Flower Guild. If you ever been interested in learning more about flower care and arranging, our Flower Guild is a wonderful place to learn. But you may also have wondered what happens to those blossoms after the service is over.

The answer is that Flower Guild members rearrange the blooms and greens into smaller 'take home' vases. The Congregational Care and Nurture Ministry suggests members whose day might be brightened by a bouquet. Other arrangements go home with the sponsors of that Sunday's flowers and still others grace church offices. One such arrangement was delivered recently to the home of member Ruth Wells. Here's a note from her daughter-in-law, Rose Mary:

*Dear flower committee,*

*I've just thrown away the last few flowers from the beautiful bouquet you brought to Grandmother (Ruth Wells) last Sunday. She had a lovely bouquet by her chair for eight full days because of you! She commented on them each day and enjoyed them fully. Many, many thanks for remembering her, as well as all the others you serve in this special ministry.*

*Gratefully,*

*Rosemary Wells*

The Flower Guild needs more volunteers. You can learn flower-arrangement by working with experienced designers. There's also much else to do 'conditioning' the blossoms before they're ready to arrange, making the smaller bouquets, helping decorate the church for Advent and Easter and delivering flowers. If this mission intrigues you, be in touch with Georgia Marshall ([gkmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:gkmarshall@gmail.com)). You can also help by sponsoring flowers—just sign up on the calendar posted in the Narthex.



## Music and More Highlight 'Walter Weekend'

Tables are nearly filled for the dinner party at Druid Hills Country Club Oct. 16 honoring Walter Huff's 20 years as organist/choirmaster at MPC—if you've been waiting to send in your response, hurry!

Also, don't miss worship the following Sunday, Oct. 17, when more festivities are planned, including a special fellowship hour celebrating the leader of our fabulous music program. The church welcomes additional donations to benefit our music ministry.

## More October Doings Fill Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 3, we take note of peacemaking around the world and in our own community with one of our five annual special offerings. Join in giving to this denomination-wide outreach.

All are invited to attend a forum among candidates for Georgia School Superintendent on Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue.

The Women's Round Table will meet on Monday, Oct. 25, at the home of Amy Jarratt (1697 N. Pelham Road). Speaking on "Church and State: Why Presbyterians Care About Government" will be Dr. Belle McMaster, professor emerita at Emory's Candler School of Theology.

Let Kent Balch (404.597.7352; [email@kentbalch.com](mailto:email@kentbalch.com)) know if you would like to join the MPC table at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Annual Graduation & Honors Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian.

Final payments are due Oct. 31 for reservations at the charming William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC. for our Nov. 19-21 retreat. It's not too late to get in on this great opportunity to have meaningful fun and spend time with Revs. Chris and Sara and many Morningside friends, both old and new.

### BABIES NEED HUGS!

Spend an hour spreading the love in the infant nursery. Contact Melinda Sandkam to be an occasional volunteer hugger.

# Your Session at Work: September 16 Meeting

- Pastor Nominating Committee Chairman **Martin Dunlap** updated the session on the PNC's work to date. The session complimented Martin on the committee's dedication and diligence, and rededicated itself to being in daily prayer for the PNC's faithful discernment about Morningside's next pastor.
- Reporting about our preschool, Children and Youth Ministries Team Leader **Carolyn Morton** noted that we have six openings in our pre-K class. This class meets five days per week and generates significant revenue for MPP, according to Carolyn. If you know of any families with pre-K-aged children, please let MPP Director **Sarah Tomaka** know.
- Rain, rain, go away. MPC is again in battle against water incursion. **Art Sweum**, reporting for Facilities Leader **John Watson**, explained that the roof above the swell organ chamber in the chancel is in need of repair due to falling plaster caused by water intrusion. This area received some attention when the sanctuary was renovated, but was not showing signs of water intrusion at that time. The Facilities team has undertaken immediate repairs to stem the damage. The team is using \$13,000 in funds available due to budget under-runs to date. Additional funding will be needed. Art moved that the session approve Facilities over-spending its 2010 budget by up to \$20,000 for repairs, possibly using some monies from the Ogram Fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Work should be completed in early October. By the way, "swell" is a technical organ term, not slang!
- **Tom Daniel**, team leader for Commitment Ministries, reiterated that Pledge Sunday is Nov. 7. This year's theme is Faithful to the Future. MPC's three areas of concentration next year will be children, mission and our new pastor. Tom highlighted the many initiatives his team is managing; their particular focus is on helping new members understand the importance of pledging and how the church's budget, plans and programs rely on pledges.

- **David Wingert**, chairman of the Officer Nominating committee, said the team will solicit nominations from the congregation for elders and deacons in the Life @ Morningside insert Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. The deadline for nominations will be Oct. 17. The session approved a congregational meeting Nov. 14 to elect the new slate of officers. Please be in prayerful consideration about the lay leadership of our church. (Read more about this on the back page.)

Ruthlyn Newell

Clerk of Session



## October Birthdays

- 1 Charlotte Spears
- 1 Whitney Maloy
- 1 Shelley Senterfitt
- 2 Carson Myers
- 2 Duncan Walker
- 2 Frances Bresnahan
- 2 Alan Godfrey
- 3 Jeannette McClure
- 4 Tia Bartis
- 4 Don Zahnle
- 5 Miranda Brownlee
- 5 David Wingert
- 7 Jo Faddis
- 8 Duncan Spears
- 8 Melisa Prevost
- 9 Jane Simpson
- 10 Megan Nelson

- 11 Daniel Sommerfeld
- 14 Lily Woolley
- 13 Amy Jarratt
- 13 David Yntema
- 14 Rachel Scalf
- 15 Joseph Brady
- 15 Sanda Means
- 15 Alex Regnault
- 16 Addison Berreth
- 16 Ann Brady
- 16 Philip Hawkins
- 18 William Grigley
- 18 Donna Scalf
- 20 Jessica Adams
- 21 Betty Blaine
- 22 Julie Green
- 24 Mary Brueggemann
- 24 Jeffrey Harris
- 24 Cate Branon
- 25 Riley Ruby
- 26 Brad Addicks
- 26 Finley Holaway
- 26 Pam Sharpe
- 27 Robin Hackney
- 28 Merwin Peake
- 29 Terry Lawson
- 30 Pat Antenucci
- 30 James Beasley
- 31 Don Grant
- 31 Jeff Peters

## New Officers Will Set Direction for Morningside

This is the month for officer nominations. Our choices will be critical in leading our church as we move into a new chapter of our faith journey together. To be an elder or deacon isn't about popularity—it's about a call and commitment to serve at the highest level.

The Officer Nominating Committee will begin accepting nominations for both elders and deacons Sunday, Oct 3. We will also be asking for a few nominees to serve on next year's nominating committee.

As you think about possible nominations for these important leadership roles, consider these words from the *Book of Order*: "In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

Church Officer Nomination Forms will be placed in the Bulletin Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. Before nominating someone for the office of Deacon or Elder, please be sure that the person is willing to serve a three-year term. Please understand that submitting a name to the committee does not mean that the person will ultimately be nominated.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact a member of this year's committee: Tim Gargis, Cindy Humphries, Marshall Hunter, Doug Self, or David Wingert. Nomination forms should be returned to the church office or placed folded in the offering plate no later than Sunday, Oct. 17.