

**\* 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**

*Hymnus*

Franz Liszt

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

(Hymn 592)

**\* THE HYMN 361**

*How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1 through 5)

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

George Lynn

I know that my redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! Alleluia! He lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ever-living Head. Alleluia!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2011

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THE GATHERING

David Bothwell

Leader:       The Lord be with you.

People:       And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:       I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People:       **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader:       O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People:       **I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader:       Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

People:       **We have come to worship God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer.**

- Psalm 34:1-5

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483   *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, at our best, we fall short of the discipleship you call forth from each of us. At our worst, we belie the grace given us in Jesus Christ. Our sin remains before us and we are powerless to save ourselves. The strength of our own efforts cannot make us whole. Wholeness comes only from you, and we affirm once more our need of your grace. Forgive our sin, we pray, and work wonderfully within us so that faithful discipleship may indeed shine forth as a light to the nations, for Jesus’ sake. 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:       God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

People:       **Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.**

Leader:       Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People:       **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

- John 3:16-17

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 3-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three through five-year-olds in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; Double Digits are in Room 005.*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE RECOGNITION OF MORNINGSIDE GRADUATES

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119:1-4; 12-19

(page 535 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

*Jacob’s Vision*

Traditional English tune

As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone for a pillow he lay; he saw in a vision a ladder so high, that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky. Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree and hath laid up a ladder of mercy for me. This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made, has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed; many millions have climbed it and reached Sion's hill, and thousands by faith are climbing it still. Come, let us ascend! All may climb it who will, for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still; and remember, each step that by faith we pass o'er, some prophet or martyr hath trod it before. And when we arrive at the haven of rest, we shall hear the glad words: "Come up hither, ye blest. Here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss." O, who would not climb such a ladder as this?

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:14a; 36-41

(page 111 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

*“For All Who Are Far Away”*

Baron Mullis

\* THE HYMN 223

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* (verses 1 through 4)

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.

**Elder on call:** Sarah Beth Gehl 404.803.1989

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**Greeters:** Lisa and Shannon Harris, Browning Fergus, Carson Myers, Gail Kitchens

**Counters:** Doug Self and Bill Southwood

**Infant Volunteer:** JoAnn Bertrand

**Toddler/Two Volunteer:** Cathy Keaveney

**Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers:** Ibby Bailey and Marlo McDonald

**K-1st Grade Volunteers:** Heather Regnault and Kelly Goldsmith

**2nd-3rd grade Volunteer:** Ward Howell

**Fellowship:** Mary Leight, Ann Watson, Kent Balch & Tony Fishpaw, Betsy McKay and Faye Clegg, Sandy Jones, Daisy Ottman, Todd Brawner, Leslie Prince

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### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. 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 located on the kiosk outside the sanctuary. Nursery for infants is in Room 105; toddlers 18 months through 2 years are in Room 012. Children ages 3-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; Double Digits are in Room 005.

### CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

This morning, we honor MPC seniors as they graduate high school. Annie Reynolds McNeill will be attending Wake Forest University and Lindy Jacqueline Menefee will be attending University of Georgia. We wish them all the best!

### SERVING DINNER AT DRUID HILLS NIGHT SHELTER

Sign up today to provide a dish to serve 30 men at the night shelter this evening. Contact Curt Barrett [emailcurt@mindspring.com](mailto:emailcurt@mindspring.com).

### PICK A PAN SUNDAY

Take home an empty pan from the narthex today and return it by 10 a.m. this **Tuesday, May 10** filled with the requested item to help feed 45 men attending the Common Ground program at AIDS Alliance for Faith and Health.

### LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle, a group of young female professionals and moms, welcomes MPC members and visitors to join them for their next gathering this Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Atlanta Botanical Garden for cocktails and fellowship. Email Tara Parrish [taraparrish@bellsouth.net](mailto:taraparrish@bellsouth.net) to RSVP and for more information.

### COUPLES GROUP

The next meeting of the couples group will be this Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan and Tom Oder (1334 Old Johnson Ferry Rd., 30319). New couples are welcome, so if you haven't been yet, now is the perfect time! For more information or to RSVP email Susan and Tom at [susan.oder@harrynorman.com](mailto:susan.oder@harrynorman.com).

### ATTEND THEATER TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S SHELTER

Purchase a ticket to see Anton Chekov's 'The Seagull' on **Saturday, May 14** at 8 p.m. or **Sunday, May 15** at 3 p.m. at Fabrefaction Theater. Proceeds go to the Shearith Israel Women's Shelter. Contact Melinda Sandkam at [msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org) with questions or if you would like to go with a group from MPC.

### BIBLE & BRUNCH

Our final field trip this spring will be on Thursday, May 19 to visit the Hindu Temple in Riverdale. Meet for 9:30 a.m. departure from MPC, returning by 11:30. Childcare provided at MPC. RSVP to church office.

### LGBT & FRIENDS GET TOGETHER

Save the date for the next LGBT & Friends gathering at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20 at the home of Nancy Collins. This group is open to all MPC members and friends who support full inclusion within the church. RSVP to Peter Dickson at 404.839.1281 or [peter.dickson@comcast.net](mailto:peter.dickson@comcast.net)

### CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

RSVP this week to the church office to enjoy a delicious meal after worship on Sunday, May 22. Suggested donation is \$10. Contact Brad Odom at [jbradleyodom@gmail.com](mailto:jbradleyodom@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer to set up, serve or clean up.

**TORNADO RESPONSE**

As needs are being assessed throughout the tornado ravaged southeast, MPC is researching details for a trip in next few weeks or months to help with recovery. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already at work and you can give specifically to tornado relief at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). PDA is known for their long-term planning in recovery efforts as evidenced by on-going work for New Orleans, Haiti, Nashville and most recently Japan. In response to the current disaster that has affected so many people throughout the Southeast, MPC has chosen to send \$500 to PDA from contingency funds for mission. Additionally, MPC is going to be a donation site for the next three Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. for much needed items for those whose lives were devastated by the tornados. Check out the grassroots organization ‘Toomers for Tuscaloosa’ which is bringing rivals Alabama and Auburn together. MPC member Heather Regnault will be spearheading this effort which will not only collect donations of most critically needed items, but will also need volunteers to take two hour shifts on a Wednesday to receive them, drivers of vans or SUVs to move them to distribution center in Peachtree City and much more. Sign up today in the narthex or contact Heather [hpregnault@yahoo.com](mailto:hpregnault@yahoo.com) to let her know how you can do hands-on work for tornado victims.

**START YOUR BIDDING**

We wish to thank everyone who donated items for the auction to support our youth in their trip to the Heifer Global Challenge, June 8-11. Be sure to pick up a Silent Auction Booklet today or view it on-line to start bidding on all the exciting items including vacation homes, and Braves and Symphony tickets. The auction will close at the congregational lunch following worship on Sunday, May 22. Don’t miss this opportunity!

**SIX STAR**

Six Star Refugee Partnership will collect gently-used clothes for our family from Myanmar from May 8-29. Needed are: adult size men’s medium, 28-inch waist; women’s medium, sizes 6-8 and boy’s sizes 2-3 yrs. and 6-8 yrs.

**PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

Register now for Camp Morningside, Summer 2011. MPP’s summer camp is open to children ages 2 to 5. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and camp begins June 6 and runs through August 5 with a break for Vacation Bible School, June 20-24. For more information, contact Sarah Tomaka, at [mpp@morningsidepc.org](mailto:mpp@morningsidepc.org).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Register your 4 yr. old through 5<sup>th</sup> grader for *Adventures through the Wardrobe*, June 20-24, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon (registration deadline is May 29). Forms are on our website and the bulletin board across from the nursery Room 105. There is aftercare from 12-5 p.m. each day (if needed). Volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Melinda Sandkam at [msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org) to volunteer or for more information (first workday is this Wednesday, May 11, 9 a.m.-12 noon).

**MISSION CAMP**

‘It’s Not All About Me’ returns July 25-29 with favorite outings to learn about children and seniors in need, those facing hunger and homelessness, and how we can help animals and our environment. Register your (completed) 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader for a week of learning and fun. Forms are on our website (registration deadline is June 5). Volunteers are needed. Contact Melinda Sandkam to help make this week special for our kids.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE**

**Adult Sunday School Classes—*Did I hear that right?***

What makes a good sermon? A great sermon? What makes a good preacher? A great preacher? We all know good preaching when we hear it, but what makes it good? Lead by our own Baron Mullis, for the five Sundays in May, the Adult Bible Study Class will look at the form a sermon might take and what its function might be by looking at and listening to examples by five luminary 20<sup>th</sup> Century preachers. The Bible Class will meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201 and all are welcome.

**Children’s Classes**

The Preschool Class will hear the story *Sad Day, Happy Day* to learn about the way Peter helped a woman named Dorcas. Elementary children and Double Digits will read Colossians 3:12-15 and discuss the qualities that Christians are to show others: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love.

**THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Worship/ Mother’s Day Offering received
- 12 noon Fellowship
- 6 p.m. Serve at Druid Hills

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

- 7 p.m. Mandolin Society
- 7:30 p.m. MLPA

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

- 9 a.m. Walking Group
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Yoga Class
- 10 a.m. Common Ground
- 12:30 p.m. Playball
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers; Preschool Committee

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

- 10:50 a.m. Preschool Yoga Class
- 2 p.m. Tai Chi
- 6 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir
- 7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir; Venture Crew

In case of an emergency or urgent pastoral need, **BARON MULLIS** may be called at 404.876.7396 x11 or 404.398.3118 or you may contact the elder or deacon on call listed in this bulletin. **MORNINGSIDE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE NARTHEX.**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

- 12:30 p.m. Playball
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group; Walking Group
- 7 p.m. Lydia Circle; Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. MLPA Safety

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

- 9:30 a.m. MPP Movement Class
- 1 p.m. MPP Ballet Class
- 5:30 p.m. Colmer/Johnston Wedding Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Couples Group

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

- 8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers
- 4:30 p.m. Colmer/Johnston Wedding

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Worship with Baptism
- 12 noon Fellowship; Children’s Choir Picnic
- 12:45 p.m. RHO Readers
- 2 p.m. Harmony Chorus

**GIVING UPDATE**

**Needed Weekly—\$13,845**

**Received 5/1/11—\$ 8,274**

**Needed Year to Date—\$249,215**

**Received Year to Date—\$219,444**