

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: **The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

Leader: What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

People: **We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.** - The Heidelberg Catechism

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 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Wood

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 562** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Lowry, arr. Ellingboe

What though the tempest around me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth. What though the darkness around me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2011

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

THE GATHERING

Nancy Hamilton

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all Gods. For all the gods of the people are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Leader: Let us worship God, who creates, redeems and sustains us. Amen.
- Psalm 96:1-5

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, when chaos seems to reign, when disasters happen so often that we can scarcely keep up with the need to help, when we worry what will happen next, it is so easy to throw up both hands and want to walk away from faith. It is easy to wonder if you are an unknown God. But you are not unknown to us. You revealed yourself in Jesus. We know who you are. We know what you want for us and from us. So forgive us when we despair and remind us of your great promises for us: healing, wholeness, love and kindness. Help us to live those promises for all we encounter. We make our prayers in Jesus’ name and for his 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: For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:
People: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”
Leader: For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Believe the promise of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. - 1 Corinthians 1:18-19; 25

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 473)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

* 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 FIRST LESSON

John 14:15-21

(page 103 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Scholtes, arr. Bock

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, and who makes us one.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

(page 129 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“An Unknown God”

Baron Mullis

* THE HYMN 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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: Shannon Harris 404.863.4385

Deacon on call: Bill Smith 404.438.2598

Ushers: Nancy Anderson, Laura Fillyaw, Amy Jensen, Greg Morton

Coffee and Conversation Host: Nancy Anderson

Greeters: Ellen Brown Landers, Browning Fergus, Gail Kitchens, Lisa and Shannon Harris

Counters: Shannon Harris, Richard Brownlee

Infant Volunteer: Cindy Humphries

Toddler/Two Volunteer: Mary Hardy Holaway

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Brooke Williams and Bryan Smith

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Kira and Jeff Hullinger

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Meg Samuel

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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.

SUMMER YOUTH OUTING

MPC kids who have completed 3rd-7th grades are off to Six Flags on Friday, June 3. Contact Meredith Loftis today loftism@gmail.com if you would like to go and also if you are an adult willing to drive and chaperone.

TIME & TALENT FAIR

Wondering how to volunteer for MPC activities? After worship next Sunday, June 5, learn about the numerous outreach endeavors and church programs at Morningside. Chairs and leaders of many different committees will be available to discuss what our church is doing and how you can help. **ALL** members are encouraged to fill out a new Time & Talent form so we have a current record of your interests and abilities.

SPECIAL SUMMER CONCERT AT MPC

All are invited to The Atlanta Opera High School Institute Spring Concert at Morningside next Sunday, June 5, at 4 p.m. (free admission). This concert will culminate the 2010-2011 High School educational program, and will feature 11 select young singers from public and private

schools throughout the area, performing highlights from the operatic repertoire. Walter Huff is music director of the program and will accompany the singers.

PENTECOST BANNERS ON JUNE 12

We recognize Pentecost as the beginning of Christ's church. Titled "Anointing Power," the pair of banners you will see at the front of the sanctuary on Pentecost makes use of batik fabrics in red, gold and yellow, to convey the power and energy of the Holy Spirit coming upon the apostles as tongues of fire, inspiring and enabling the start of the church - this Spirit that moved on that first Pentecost continues to move in our midst and in our souls, across all boundaries and throughout all time.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Are you thinking about joining Morningside Church? *Sunday, June 12* is a great time to do it! Plan to attend the Inquirers' Class that Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Session Room. Please be in touch with Baron Mullis (404.876.7396, x11 or baron.mullis@morningsidepc.org) to let him know of your interest.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MPC's Advocacy Committee supports social-justice efforts year-round, including the Covenant Network, Interfaith Children's Movement, and Presbyterian Day at the Capitol. Come join a meeting of the Advocacy Committee on Sunday, June 12, at 12:30 in Room 201 to discuss what activities and issues we should support in the coming months. We'll discuss the new advocacy partnership at the Presbytery as well.

ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT

You are invited to the fourth annual Men of Morningside Saturday Escape! On Saturday, June 25, we will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and travel together to Suches, GA. There, we will be hosted by John Watson and John Hawkins at the Watson’s cabin (located two hours from Atlanta on the Appalachian Trail). There will be time to enjoy the setting and do some hiking, biking, fishing, and porch-swinging. We will take a group hike led by Bud Brad-dock, a retired Ranger with the National For-est Service. There will be a time of devotion and conversation led by Baron Mullis. We will share lunch, an evening meal and return Satur-day evening. For more information, contact John Watson. RSVP to the church office (office@morningsidepc.org; 404.876.7396) by Wednesday, June 15. Cost is \$20.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The Evangelism Committee is providing copies of *Our Daily Bread* for the months of June thru August for members and visitors. This free devotional booklet may be picked up in the narthex or the welcome center after worship this morning.

SIX STAR

Six Star Refugee Partnership collection of gen-tly-used clothes for our Myanmar family con-cludes today May 29. For more information, contact Holly Campbell hollycampbell1@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register your 4 year old through 5th grader now for *Adventures through the Wardrobe*. VBS registra-tion deadline is today. For more information, see the display in the Welcome Center for items that are needed for VBS – supplies, snacks and

more. Sign up today to bring in a few items to support this outreach for the children in our community. Also, volunteers are needed for a workday on Wednesday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and final set up on Sunday afternoon, June 19, 2-5 p.m.

MISSION CAMP

It’s Not All About Me returns with outings to learn about those in need and how we can help. Register your (completed) 2nd-6th grader now. Deadline is next Sunday, June 5. Contact Melinda Sandkam at msandkam@morningsidepc.org for more information.

DATES SET TO RETURN TO HAITI

MPC will take a second pilgrimage to Haiti October 1-7. Plan on attending an informa-tional meeting Sunday, June 19, 12:15 in Room 201 for all the details. Contact Brad Odom with questions jbradleyodom@gmail.com.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee is working on a Medi-cal Emergency Policy. If you are CPR certified and willing to respond to a medical emergency while at church, please email John Watson at atwatson@mindspring.com. If you need further AED training, please indicate that. Your re-sponse by June 6 will help us make decisions about medical emergency training needs for the church.

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845
Received 5/22/11—\$6,510
Needed Year to Date—\$290,751
Received Year to Date—\$254,494

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE

Adult Sunday School Classes—*Lost (and Found) in Translation*

Go to any bookstore for a Bible, and you’ll be overwhelmed by the variety of translations. KJV, NIV, TEB, NLT, RSV, NASB, NRSV, ETC. Why are there so many different English translations? What are the strengths and weaknesses of them? Is there an “original Bible” we can rely on? Explore the answers to these questions and more with the Morningside Bible Class and Jack and James Klotz in “Lost (and Found) in Translation”, Sundays in June at 9:45am in Room 201.

Children’s Classes

Today, preschool children will hear *A Song in the Night*. They’ll learn how Paul and Silas escape from prison in the middle of the night. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, elementary classes and Double Digits will learn Paul’s teaching that new life in Christ makes people part of God’s household.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 30

Church Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
7 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, MAY 31

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Atlanta Opera High School Institute Re-hearsal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

2 p.m. Tai Chi
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir; Venture Crew

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

5:30 p.m. Church Retreat Committee
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
7 p.m. Atlanta Opera High School Institute Re-hearsal

7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

10 a.m. Youth to Six Flags

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Heifer Meeting
10:30 a.m. Youth Parent Meeting
11 a.m. Worship with Communion
12 noon Fellowship; Time and Talent Fair
4 p.m. Atlanta Opera High School Institute Con-cert

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.**