

THE OFFERTORY *With Timbrel and Dance* Margaret Tucker
Handbell Choir (James Klotz, director)

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

Sanctus: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,** (Hymn 581)
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.

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 of the People

(The communion bread is gluten free.)

Prayer after the Meal

*** THE HYMN 420** *God of Grace and God of Glory* (verses 1 through 4)

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Blessed Art Thou, O Lord of Our Fathers* (excerpt) Martin Shaw



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 10, 2011

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

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: O Lord, Mighty Creator and Redeemer, who forgives us and helps us with troubles,
People: Let us praise you with love and forgiveness.
Leader: As we gather in worship to pray, sing and give thanks,
People: Let us be nice and show kindness to our neighbors, help those in the world who have less, and share God’s love.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461 God Is Here! (verses 1 through 3)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
People: All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Leader: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Believe the promise of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 455)

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* 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 - 2nd grade in Room 001; 3rd-7th grade are in worship today.)

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 Isaiah 55:6-13 (page 644 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand Earlene Rentz

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. O’er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day when love forevermore shall reign, and turn the night to day. There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir; ten thousand times was David blessed, the music rang with power. No fear or sorrows or distress shall reach that blissful shore; all sickness, suffering, pain, and death are felt and feared no more. I’m bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I’m bound for the promised land.

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (page 13 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON “The Extravagant Gardener” Katherine Higgins

* THE HYMN 329 Break Thou the Bread of Life

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: Philip Hawkins 678.772.8372

Deacon on call: Duncan Spears 678.612.5746

Ushers: Alan Boren, Robin Boren, Collier Maxwell, Nancy Lane

Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Ann and John Watson

Greeters: Lisa and Shannon Harris, Browning Fergus, Gail Kitchens

Counters: Emilie Paille, Van Crisco

Infant Volunteer: Nancy Crow

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Cathy Keaveney

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Mary Chapman, Beth Baer

K-2nd Grade Volunteers: Carol and Van Crisco

3rd-7th Grade Volunteer: Children attend worship

Fellowship: Habitat Build

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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 - 2nd grade in Room 001; 3rd-7th graders are in worship today.

WELCOME GUEST PREACHER

Katherine Higgins is a Chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. In her role at Children's, Katherine teaches clergy and seminarians about pastoral care with those in crisis situations. She is a life-long Presbyterian, originally from Charlotte, NC. Katherine attended Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Ordained by the Presbytery of Charlotte, Katherine is now a minister member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, serving in a validated ministry. When not working, Katherine enjoys travel, reading, Braves baseball, sewing and knitting.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning, our Call to Worship is being read by one of our Double Digits (4th-6th graders). The Double Digits wrote this Call to Worship during children's worship recently. This age group is enjoying the Worship for Life curriculum this summer which takes them through each part of worship week by

week. They are alternating this course with attending worship so that they can learn through experience.

PASTOR ON CALL

During Baron's study leave and vacation, The Rev. Dr. Glenn Small, Jr., an affiliate member at Morningside, will serve as pastor on call. Glenn is an ordained Presbyterian minister and a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice. He can be reached at 770.414.5957 or 404.862.7340. During office hours, you may also contact the church office at 404.876.7396.

STAGE/CLOSETS WORKDAY

Join us for any amount of time 9 a.m.-5 p.m. this Tuesday, July 12 to help sort, straighten and inventory items on stage and in Sunday school room closets. Even an hour of your time is valuable in this mid-year workday. Sign up on bulletin board outside Session Room 103 or contact Melinda Sandkam with questions.

UPDATE ON COMMON GROUND

AIDS Alliance for Faith & Health (AAFH) contacted MPC to let us know that the Common Ground program has been suspended at this time. They will keep in touch and let us know if or when the program resumes. Thank you to the many, many volunteers who always Pick-A-Pan for our turn on second Tuesdays. If making a dish once a month is a great fit for you in supporting the outreach programs of MPC, please consider signing up to provide a dish on a second Sunday evening for the men at Druid Hill Night Shelter or the fourth Saturday evening on odd months (that includes July 23) to feed residents at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries in the interim.

BACK-2-SCHOOL

Help more than 200 local school kids by helping out at the Back-2-School backpack-filling party, hosted by the Georgia Justice Project for the children of its clients. MPC will send five volunteers to help set up and work the event 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, July 16 near Turner Field. This is a great way to help at-risk youth get a good start for the new school year. To sign up, contact Bill Means, billmeans@bellsouth.net, 404.234.9718.

LGBT & FRIENDS

The LGBT Group’s next gathering will be this Saturday, July 16, at the home of Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland (568 Park Dr. NE, 30306). The LGBT Group meets regularly for fun, food, fellowship and building connections within our faith community. Our events are open to all MPC members and friends who support full inclusion of LGBT individuals within the church. RSVP for this event or add your name to the mailing list by contacting Peter C. Dickson (404.839.1281 or peter.dickson@comcast.net).

WELCOME HOME BASKETS

We are once again collecting items to create Welcome Home baskets for the men moving on from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. See the display in the Welcome Center for requested items and bring them in by July 17. Contact Shepherd Tony Fishpaw 404.597.5485 tonyfishpaw@me.com.

THEATER OUTING

Contact Melinda Sandkam today to reserve your group ticket to see ‘The Tempest’ at Georgia Shakespeare next Sunday, July 17 at 7 p.m. We will picnic together beforehand.

MISSION CAMP NEEDS YOU

We have 22 kids registered for our third Mission Camp July 25-29. Now, we are working to secure enough chaperones/drivers. This is a very important aspect of Mission Camp, as most of our week is spent visiting outreach programs. Contact Melinda Sandkam today to sign up for a morning, afternoon or whole day, or see needs on the bulletin board outside of Session Room 103.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MONTREAT

Save the dates October 14-16! Our church retreat has moved to a prime fall foliage date. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this year’s retreat in the mountains. Registration forms are available at the church and online.

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845
Received 7/3/11—\$13,710
Needed Year to Date—\$373,822
Received Year to Date—\$334,322

MORNINGSIDE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE NARTHEX.

In case of an emergency or urgent pastoral need, **GLENN SMALL** may be called at 770.414.5957 or 404.862.7340 or you may contact the elder or deacon on call listed on the back of this section.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE

Adult Sunday School Classes

A new series on the Peter Gomes book, *The Good Book*, began today and will run until September 4.

Children’s Classes

This morning, the preschool class will hear *One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven!* They will learn how Elisha helped Naaman who was very sick. K-2 children will participate in the lesson “Tears by the Rivers of Babylon” to learn how God’s people dealt with exile. 3rd-7th graders are in worship today.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
10 a.m. Mission Team Meeting
11 a.m. Worship with Communion
12 noon Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Children and Youth Team;
Retreat Committee
6 p.m. Druid Hills

MONDAY, JULY 11

9:30 a.m. MPP Camp
7 p.m. Mandolin Society
7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, JULY 12

9 a.m. Stage/Closet Workday
9:30 a.m. MPP Camp
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

9:30 a.m. MPP Camp
7:30 p.m. Venture Crew

THURSDAY, JULY 14

9:30 a.m. MPP Camp
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. MLPA Security

FRIDAY, JULY 15

9:30 a.m. MPP Camp

SATURDAY, JULY 16

11 a.m. Georgia Justice Project Back-to-School Day
7 p.m. LGBT & Friends (home of Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland)

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9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Fellowship
12:45 p.m. RHO Readers
7 p.m. “The Tempest” theater outing