

**\* THE HYMN 234** *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

**\* 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** *Partita in C major* Thomas Canning

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

**\* THE HYMN 361** *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1-3, 5)

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Turn Back, O Man* Gustav Holst

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, nor till that hour shall God’s whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, peals forth in joy man’s old undaunted cry: “Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!”

*Congregational Meeting following worship.*



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2011

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

THE GATHERING

Sarah Chatel

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

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
People: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his hosts!  
Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!  
Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.  
People: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
Leader: Let us worship God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer. - Psalm 148:1-6

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, though we are made in your image, we fail to live as you made us to live. Where we have missed opportunities to serve, we need forgiveness. Where we have been unkind, we need forgiveness. Where we have caused pain, we need forgiveness. Where we harbor guilt and unease, we need forgiveness. For what we know but cannot name, we need forgiveness. So remake us, we pray. Call us and lead us where you would have us go. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
People: But we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.  
Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. - Hebrews 4:15-16

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 341)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

\* 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.)*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

(page 645 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

*I Know Not What the Future Hath*

Zaninelli (adapted from an American folk hymn)

I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise, but this I know, that life and death God’s mercy underlies. No offering of my own I have, nor works my faith to prove. I can but give the gifts He gave, and plead His love for love. I know not where His islands lift their froned palms in air, I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care. - poem by John Greenleaf Whittier

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

(page 15 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

*“When You Begin to Sink”*

Baron Mullis

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:** Jay Myers 404.388.0943

**Deacon on call:** Jeanne McCarthy 404.274.7992

**Ushers:** Gloria Joiner, Sandy Jones, Todd Jones, Nancy Lane

**Coffee and Conversation Hosts:** Lynn and Tom Daniel

**Greeters:** Austin Davis and James Beasley, Maria Ragland, Todd Brawner

**Counters:** Link Marx, Bobbie McCrackin

**Infant Volunteer:** Amy Millard

**Toddler/Two's Volunteer:** Heather Regnault

**Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers:** Braxton and Amy Jarratt

**K-1st Grade Volunteers:** Andrea and Dave Arnold

**2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer:** Alex Bach

**Fellowship:** Please join in our fellowship hour after the service hosted by Dale Glendening in honor of Robert Gray's 85th birthday on August 13, 2011.

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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 grades in Room 003; 4th-5th grades in Room 005.

### THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Join us here at Morningside Presbyterian as we dedicate the new school year, celebrating and honoring not only the teachers, volunteers and students here, but throughout our communities. From preschool to graduate school, special education teachers to professors, and everyone in between, we are thankful. We also pray for students around the world; those at the Thornwell Home in South Carolina and the boys at St. Joseph's in Haiti.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship **today**. The purpose of this meeting is to allow Morningside to vote on extending the honor of "Pastor Emerita" to the Rev. Joanna Adams for her service to Morningside. Following the affirmative vote, we will celebrate this milestone with Joanna and Al on September 18 following worship.

### THORNWELL HOME OFFERING

As part of our Sunday School Kickoff, MPC is again collecting a special offering for Thornwell Home for Children. Founded as a Presbyterian ministry in 1875, Thornwell is a joyful Christian community, offering hope and wholeness to children and families. Its goals are to provide loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected children, to offer an opportunity for healing by providing healthcare and mental health counseling for the children, and offering them hope for a future by providing educational support and teaching self-advocacy. The offering envelopes for Thornwell were decorated by MPC children at July's Mission Camp.

### KICK OFF TO PROGRAM YEAR

Today, the children of Morningside Presbyterian kicked off their school year before worship in Fellowship Hall. Starting with children's worship today, they have each moved up to their next age level. Debbi Loomis continues as our kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade leader in Room 001. Shavon Starling-Louis will return September 4 as 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade leader in Room 003. And, Meredith Loftis leads the Double Digits in Room 005 and when they attend worship. Volunteer training is taking place in Room 001 at 10 a.m. the next two Sundays, August 21 and 28. Contact shepherds Lele Ruby (K-1<sup>st</sup>) [leleruby@bellsouth.net](mailto:leleruby@bellsouth.net) and Caroline Tanner (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) [caroline.tanner@hklaw.com](mailto:caroline.tanner@hklaw.com) to RSVP for one of them today.

**THE CHOIR WILL LOOK COOLER IN AUGUST...LITERALLY**  
Due to the heat and elevated temperatures in the Chancel, our choir is going “sans robes” for August. They’ll re-robe in September and as always, we thank our choir for their wonderful leadership in worship!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL KICK-OFF**  
There are officially 10 Middle School Youth at Morningside Presbyterian Church! They will begin their program year with Youth Group this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. They will be going on a shopping adventure to decorate their new Middle School Loft in the steeple space. Your support is needed to make all their programming a success. Contact Shannon Lazzaro [lazzaroshannon@yahoo.com](mailto:lazzaroshannon@yahoo.com), if you could provide dinner for youth group one Sunday this fall. Contact Youth Committee Chair Carolyn Morton [carolynmorton@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolynmorton@bellsouth.net) if you can help in other areas.

**CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING**  
This training will be offered on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All are welcome. Cost is \$20. RSVP to Sarah Tomaka at [mpp@morningsidepc.org](mailto:mpp@morningsidepc.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS TO LUNCH**  
Everyone is welcome to join the Young Adults for lunch at George’s on Sunday, August 28 at 12:30 p.m.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11**  
As our nation approaches the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, Walter Huff and the Chancel Choir are preparing special musical selections to be presented in worship on

Sunday, September 11, 2011. Mark your calendars to be with us.

**WE NEED YOUR BIG BOXES**  
As we look ahead to a new introduction to the Christmas pageant, we need your big boxes. Please bring any large (think big enough for a kid to fit in) boxes to the stage in Fellowship Hall. Please check for any staples or other sharp edges.



**GIVING UPDATE**  
**Needed Weekly**—\$13,845  
**Received 7/31/11**—\$14,826  
**Needed Year to Date**—\$443,049  
**Received Year to Date**—\$407,758

**MORNINGSIDE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE NARTHEX.**  
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 on the back of this section.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE**

**Adult Sunday School Classes**  
Each Sunday through September 4, the class is studying select chapters from Dr. Peter Gomes’ book, *The Good Book; Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*. Dr. Gomes’ book takes a look at how we should read scripture and what scripture actually says on a variety of continually controversial subjects. Next Sunday, August 21 we will look at Chapter 10, “The Bible & Suffering” with Daisy Ottmann leading the discussion. Join in and see why some call this book “the best contemporary book on the Bible for thoughtful people.” This class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201.

**Children’s Classes**  
Today, preschool children will learn about Moses and the burning bush in the story *I’ll Do It!* Both the K-1st and 2nd-3rd grade classes will adventure with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee as they learn how Jesus brought calm to the stormy sea. 4th-5th graders will learn about the sacrament of communion from the *Worship for Life* curriculum.

**THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE**

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 14</b>		7 p.m.	Handbell Choir
9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation		
9:45 a.m.	Kickoff to Program Year; Church School; Inquirers Class		<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 19</b>
10:40 a.m.	Called Session Meeting		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
11 a.m.	Worship/Thornwell Offering		
12 noon	Congregational Meeting; Fellowship		<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 20</b>
12:30 p.m.	Church Retreat Meeting	9 a.m.	MPP CPR/First Aid Training
5-7 p.m.	Youth Group		
6 p.m.	Druid Hills Night Shelter		<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 21</b>
		9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10 a.m.	Teacher/Volunteer Training
		11 a.m.	Worship
		12 noon	Fellowship
		1 p.m.	RHO Readers
		5-7 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 15</b>			
9 a.m.	MPP Teacher’s Meeting		
7 p.m.	Session Meeting; Mandolin Society		
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 16</b>			
6:30 p.m.	Weight Watchers		
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17</b>			
7:30 p.m.	Venture Crew		
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 18</b>			
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group		