

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!  
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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**

*Adonai, Adonai* (from *Chichester Psalms*)

Leonard Bernstein

(sung in Hebrew)

Quartet: Megan Mashburn, Tami Giusto, Chris Boggs, Rob Cromwell

Lord, Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty, neither do I exercise myself in great matters  
or in things too wonderful for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of  
its mother; my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever.  
*Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity.* - Psalm 131/133

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

(Hymn 592)

**RECOGNITION OF JOANNA ADAMS AS PASTOR EMERITA**

**\* THE HYMN 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Paul Langston

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged  
to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2011

CELEBRATING

Joanna Adams as Pastor Emerita

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THE GATHERING

David York

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 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The stories of the Bible tell us as often as we will look of your steadfast mercy. Yet we live as though it would be better for us not to know. We live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, 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: Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:  
People: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed in through the world, taken up in glory.  
Leader: Friends, believe the promise of the Gospel:  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. - 1 Timothy 3:16

\*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; 4th-5th 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

Isaiah 40:28-31

(page 628 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

The Prayer of Saint Francis

René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith; where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring light; where there is sorrow, let me bring joy. O Lord, Master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and in pardoning that we are pardoned. For in dying, we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

(page 32 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“The Power of Hope”

Baron Mullis

\* THE HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

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:** John Watson 404.273.9435

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**Ushers:** Alan Bremer, Kathy Bremer, Jill Klotz, James Klotz, Link Marx, Linda Sweum, Maria Ragland, Collier Maxwell, Guerry Mashburn

**Coffee and Conversation Host:** Mary Chapman

**Greeters:** Sanda and Bill Means, Curt Barrett, Maria Ragland

**Counters:** Martin Dunlap, Brad Odom

**Infant Volunteer:** Nancy Crow

**Toddler/Two's Volunteer:** Georgia Moore

**Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers:** Robin and Jeff Hackney

**K-1st Grade Volunteers:** Jim and Melanie McKelvey

**2nd-3rd Grade Volunteers:** Maggie and John Adams

**4th-5th Grade Volunteer:** Lisa Jern

**Fellowship:** In honor of Joanna and Al Adams

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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 note-books 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 are Room 005.

### FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given today to the glory of God in celebration of the dedication and ministry of Reverend Joanna Moseley Adams, Pastor Emerita of Morningside Presbyterian Church, by Mr. and Mrs. Guerry Leonard Mashburn, on behalf of the entire Morningside Congregation.

### ADAMS RECEPTION

Today following worship, we continue the celebration of Joanna Adams as Pastor Emerita with a reception in Fellowship Hall. At 12:30, we will hear a brief word about some of the highlights of Joanna's Morningside ministry and then unveil the portrait of Joanna that was commissioned at the time of her retirement. Please proceed to the fellowship hall to enjoy food and company with Joanna and Al and to enjoy this special celebration."

### YOUTH GROUP

This evening, September 18, the youth will get to "Ask the Pastor" from 5-7 p.m. here at Morningside.

### NEW PARAMENTS

This morning marks the debut of our new green paraments for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. They are a joint gift of the LGBT Group and our Worship Team, given in honor of Joanna Adams on her retirement from parish ministry. The inscription panel on the reverse reads: *Given to the glory of God and in honor of The Reverend Dr. Joanna M. Adams, Senior Pastor of Morningside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, on the occasion of her retirement from parish ministry, January 2010.* The design and fabric choices were a collaboration of church members and Patrick Boylan of Grace Vestments of New York who crafted the set.

### HAITI SECOND SUITCASE

MPC members will soon travel to Haiti. Join them in spirit and donate items in *September* that they can give to the Haitian people. For a list of requested items contact Bryan Davis [bdavis@mindspring.com](mailto:bdavis@mindspring.com). Donations can be placed in the Welcome Center.

### DOUBLE DIGITS IN ACTION

Next Sunday, September 25, the Double Digits will bake bread at 10:15 a.m. as they look ahead to World Communion. On Sunday, October 2, they will head to Calvin Center for horseback riding after church. RSVP **today** to Lisa Jern [lisa.jern@sutherland.com](mailto:lisa.jern@sutherland.com) so that we can reserve enough horses.

RHO READERS

Next Sunday, September 25, members of the RHO Book Group will host Fellowship Hour and offer a sale of used books along with refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the group’s two educational missions: The Global Village School in Decatur for refugee girls and the Fugees Academy in Clarkston for refugee boys. Be sure to stop by!

FORUM ON IMMIGRATION

You are invited to an immigration forum on Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m. hosted by Trinity Presbyterian (3003 Howell Mill Rd.). The forum will be moderated by GA Representative Elly Dobbs, and there will be a number of important speakers including: Charles Kuck, immigration attorney; Dr. Marie F. Marquardt, Candler School of Theology; Jerry Gonzalez, GA Association of Latino Elected Officials; and Charles Hall, GA Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

On Saturday, September 24, MPC will serve dinner for the 30 homeless men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to help serve or can prepare one of the dinner items, please sign up on the bulletin board located outside the session room. You may also contact Tony Fishpaw at 404.597.5485 or [tony@firstfidelityatl.com](mailto:tony@firstfidelityatl.com).

HARVEST MOON PARTY

Earth Covenant Ministry presents the 1st annual Harvest Moon Party (ECM Fundraiser with Local Foods, Dinner & Bluegrass). The stars will twinkle, the food will be good, and the music will get you on your feet! Come out and join the celebration on Saturday, September 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at East Lake Commons Co-housing Community (900 Dancing Fox Rd., Decatur). Cost: \$30, individual; \$55, couple; or \$70, family 4-pack. For tickets, [RSVP@earthcovenantministry.org](mailto:RSVP@earthcovenantministry.org)

WOMEN’S ROUNDTABLE

Women’s Roundtable resumes with a line-up of dynamic speakers and meaningful programs. The first meeting will be September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn Young (277 The Prado, Atlanta 30309). Drinks and a meal will be served. Our speaker will be J. Tom Morgan, former DeKalb County District Attorney and nationally recognized expert on crimes against children. For more information or to RSVP contact Kim Perez [kimkperez@gmail.com](mailto:kimkperez@gmail.com).

ONE GRAY HAIR

One Gray Hair will meet on Wednesday, September 28, at noon in Fellowship Hall for our first program of the fall. Catch up with your friends after a long, hot summer! Our program will be presented by Baron Mullis who will share his experiences as he traveled to Oxford, England for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and then on to Scotland for fun. RSVP to Sarah and Richard Brownlee [rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

LASERSHOW SPECTACULAR!

As summer turns to fall, let's join together in the cooler outdoors for the all-new laser show at Stone Mountain! Saturday, October 1, at 8 p.m., we can carpool from MPC or meet on the lawn for fellowship and a magnificent show. Chairs, blankets, and food (no grills or glass) are welcome, and it is free with the \$10 vehicle entrance fee. Email Katherine Johnston at [kecjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:kecjohnston@gmail.com) with any questions.

SYMPATHY

to David York on the death of his mother, Iris Crownover York, on September 12, 2011. Her service was held last Thursday, September 15, at Shallowford Presbyterian Church.

MPC CHURCH RETREAT  
OCTOBER 14-16  
Please join us! Registration forms available at the church and online.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE

Adult Sunday School Classes

Next Sunday, September 25, Baron Mullis continues the series titled *Things You Never Knew You Wanted to Know* with “What is sin? Am I a sinner? Really?” Please plan to participate in adult education as we consider what faith teaches about a variety of topics! The class meets 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 201.

Children’s Classes

Today, the story *Adam and Eve* introduces Preschoolers to what happened when God added humans to Creation. Elementary Classes will learn that it took many years for Esau to forgive his brother Jacob for a mean trick he played when they were young. Double Digits will participate in a lesson on the Call to Worship from the *Worship for Life* curriculum.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Special Service honoring Joanna Adams
- 12 noon Adams Reception
- 1 p.m. RHO Readers
- 2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Presbytery Meeting (McDonough)

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 6 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Newsletter Deadline

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
- 7 p.m. Handbell Choir; Immigration Forum at Trinity Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Worship/Commission Haiti Pilgrimage
- 12 noon Fellowship & Book Sale
- 2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group
- 5:30 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Dinner

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845

Received 9/11/11—\$18,524

Needed Year to Date—\$512,275

Received Year to Date—\$471,881

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.