

*** 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

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Henry Purcell

THE COMMISSIONING OF HAITI PILGRIMAGE TEAM

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 298**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Michael Costello

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here, my peace be with you here.” That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight, with full and endless sight.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2011

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THE GATHERING

Tim Gargis

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

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.
People: That your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among the nations.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.
People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him!
Leader: Let us worship God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer, Amen. - Psalm 67

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, when we read the parables of Jesus, sometimes we see ourselves. Sometimes we are the laborers who have borne the heat of the day. Sometimes we are the latecomers who receive the benefits of others’ work and faith. Sometimes we miss the lesson that grace is a free gift. Perhaps we even resent that grace is wasted on sinners. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us again how much you love us all, remind us of how you came for us all, for the sinner and the saint in each of us. We ask all these things 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: In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
People: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being.
Leader: For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Believe the promise of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! - Romans 15:20-33

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 466)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 3-11 are invited to leave after the **Baptism** 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome this child into Christ’s church.
We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Swedish, arr. Kemp

THE FIRST LESSON Philippians 1:21-30 (page 185 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious.

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 20:1-16 (page 20 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON *“The Perils of Being a Morning Person”* Baron Mullis

* THE HYMN 408 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (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.

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Deacon on call: Bill Smith 404.438.2598

Ushers: Guerry and Michelle Mashburn, Kim Perez, Shari Tant

Coffee and Conversation Host: Nancy Anderson

Greeters: Jane Stack, Todd Brawner, Gail Kitchens, Nan Cunningham

Counters: Lysley Tyler, Mary Chapman

Infant Volunteer: JoAnn Bertrand

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Mary Hardy Holaway

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Bryan Smith, Carol Senf

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Kim and Michael Perez

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

4th-5th Grade Volunteer: Elizabeth Farleigh

Fellowship: RHO Readers

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September 25, 2011

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 *Baptism* 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.

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

Ellis LeMaster O'Brien, son of Eric and Emily O'Brien, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning.

HAITI SECOND SUITCASE

Six MPC members will leave for Haiti this Saturday, October 1 to once again partner for a week with Hearts with Haiti. We are commissioning Greg Cornwell, Bryan Davis, Tony Fishpaw, Tim Gargis, Shannon Harris and Brad Odom during worship today, and we invite you to keep them in your prayers during their pilgrimage. Following worship today, join us in Fellowship Hall for a packing party as we load up the six extra suitcases that will journey with them to Haiti.

RHO READERS

Today 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!

YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday it's the MPC Youth Great Virtual Visual Scavenger Hunt in and around the church and surrounding block. All you need to join this team event are sharp eyes! Our Youth Group meets 5-7 p.m.

DOUBLE DIGITS IN ACTION

The 4th and 5th grade Double Digits have been busy baking bread this morning and learning about World Communion. Next Sunday, October 2, they will head to Calvin Center for horseback riding after church, and Sunday, October 9, they will make dessert for the men at Druid Hills Shelter at 10:15 a.m.

LGBT PRIDE IN OCTOBER

Presbyterians will celebrate LGBT Pride this October, so mark your calendars now! Morningside and North Decatur Presbyterian Churches are partnering to lead the following events: On Sunday, October 2 at 4:15 p.m. join Covenant Network's Tricia Dykers Koenig as we discuss where the church is post Amendment A at North Decatur (611 Medlock Rd., Decatur, 30033). On Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m. here at Morningside you are invited to join in the annual Pride service of worship welcoming Rev. David Lewicki, Co-Pastor of North Decatur, as the guest preacher. On Sunday, October 9, join Presbyterians as we walk in the annual Pride Parade. For more information, contact Trenton Tunnell trentoniii@bellsouth.net and Collier Maxwell colliermxwell@hotmail.com.

WOMEN’S ROUNDTABLE

Women’s Roundtable resumes with a line-up of dynamic speakers and meaningful programs. The first meeting this fall is tomorrow 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 kimperez@gmail.com.

ONE GRAY HAIR

One Gray Hair will meet this 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 Wales for fun. RSVP to Sarah and Richard Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Anyone who has joined the church in the past year is invited to dinner at Leslie and Lloyd Prince’s home (91 Lakeview Drive, Atlanta, 30317) at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 2. RSVP to leslieprince@comcast.net by Friday, September 30.

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, Melinda’s home in Decatur, 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 with questions.

SORT AT FOOD PANTRY

MPC will provide volunteers to sort and distribute items at Intown Collaborative Ministries’ Food Pantry (located at Druid Hills Methodist, corner of Briarcliff and Ponce) on Saturday, October 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up today on the mission bulletin board or contact Nancy Collins ncollins0209@gmail.com with questions.

JOIN US AT MONTREAT OCTOBER 14-16

It’s not too late to sign up for the retreat! Spaces are still available, if you can sign up this week. Come join us for fun, fellowship and three sessions with Professor Peter Hobbie on “Growing in Faith”: 1) Knowing who we are: what distinguishes Presbyterians from other Christians 2) Loving our neighbors: understanding how our beliefs differ from those of other major world religions and 3) Keeping the faith: practices that strengthen our faith ... as individuals, as families, as citizens. Forms are available in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845
Received 9/11/11—\$13,326
Needed Year to Date—\$526,120
Received Year to Date—\$485,207

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

Next Sunday, October 2, Baron Mullis continues the series titled *Things You Never Knew You Wanted to Know* with “So I’m still a sinner? How does Jesus get me off the hook?” 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 Preschool Class will discuss the way people are to care for God’s world as they respond to *Take Good Care of My World!* Elementary children will study Exodus 2:1-10 and learn how Miriam looked out for her brother Moses. Double Digits will participate in a lesson about Music as a component of Worship

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9 a.m.	MPP
6:30 p.m.	Women’s Roundtable
6:45 p.m.	Parliamentarians
7 p.m.	Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9 a.m.	MPP
12 noon	One Gray Hair Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	Treble Choir

7 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9 a.m.	MPP
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group
7 p.m.	Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9 a.m.	MPP
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
Haiti Pilgrimage

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
Haiti Pilgrimage

9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m.	Church School
11 a.m.	Worship with Communion
12 noon	Fellowship
12:30 p.m.	Called Session Meeting
2 p.m.	Harmony Chorus
5-7 p.m.	Youth Group