

*** 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

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Paul Manz

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 284**

O God, What You Ordain Is Right

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Watch Between Me and Thee

David Eddleman

The Lord watch between me and Thee. Amen. — Genesis 31:49



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2011

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THE GATHERING

Meredith Loftis

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

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

People: **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

People: **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our
God is holy. Let us worship God! - from Psalm 99

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.)*

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THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.

People: **All this is from God, who reconciled himself to 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!** - 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 210)

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

* 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 MINUTE MESSAGE

Al Adams

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

(page 77 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM *God of Comfort, God of Courage* Wilbur Chenoweth

God of comfort, God of courage, present help in time of need, who the fainting soul doth nourish, make us strong in faith and deed. Though the mountains shake and crumble in the mighty crashing of the sea; keep us steadfast, humble, ungirded, Lord, by thee. Through the ages moves a river, faithful souls who do thy will, ever giving to the giver, those thy purpose shall fulfill. 'Tis that pathway we are seeking, which thy loyal saints have always trod; through earth's turmoil thou art speaking: "Peace! Be still! And know thy God." Yea, thy purpose moving in us breaks the bow and stills the fray, from all hate and fear shall win us, proving love the only way. At thy whisper wars may cease to the borders of the earth. Understanding may increase bringing a new world to birth. They that labor in thy spirit shall their strength and power renew, shall the peace of God inherit—one with thee. Like the eagle bravely soaring, they shall rise up strong. They shall triumph, thee adoring—God, the source of all in all.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

(page 23 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

"Impossible Choices, Unexpected Opportunities"

Katherine Higgins

* THE HYMN 413 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

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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Coffee and Conversation Host: Kathi Pramik

Greeters: Curt Barrett, Todd Brawner, Maria Ragland, Lisa Harris

Counters: Shannon Harris, Jay Myers

Infant Volunteer: Cindy Humphries

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Eleanor Attwood

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Ibby Bailey, Anna Palmer

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Heather Regnault, Brooke Williams

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Ward Howell

4th-5th Grade Volunteer: Mary Michael

Fellowship: Shari Tant, Alan and Robin Boren, Nan Cunningham

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October 16, 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 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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Charlsie Woolley to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Ann Woolley Cadiente's and Lily Brooks Woolley's birthdays on October 14, and in memory of Dan Woolley who died October 14.

GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Katherine Higgins back to our pulpit. Katherine is a Chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Officer Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons. As you think about nominations for these roles, keep in mind what the *Book of Order* states about church leaders, "In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord" (G-6.0106a). When nominating, be sure the person is willing to serve a three-year term. Forms are in the Narthex and Welcome Center and should be returned in the

offering plate, or placed in the marked boxes in the Welcome Center and Narthex by today.

SUPPORT YOUTH GROUP

Regular Sunday Youth Group is 5-7 p.m. tonight and next Sunday, with an afternoon outing to a Corn Maze on October 30. On November 6, parents are invited to join their youth for an evening led by Youth Director Chris Peters. If you are able to support Youth Group by providing a meal (for approximately 10) on a Sunday evening, contact Tish Woolley woolleyt@gmail.com.

MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

MPP celebrates 10 years at the Fall Open House this Thursday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All current and former families are invited to visit the classrooms, chat with friends and hug teachers!

COUPLES GROUP

All couples are invited to the Couples Group get-together this Friday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sanda and Bill Means (1071 McLynn Ave., 30306). To RSVP or for more information about the group, please contact Kathy and Alan Bremer kdbremer@bellsouth.net.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Thinking about joining Morningside Church? **Sunday, October 23** is a great time to do it. Plan to attend the Inquirers' Class next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Session Room. Contact Baron Mullis baron.mullis@morningsidepc.org to let him know of your interest.

YOUNG ADULTS EXAMINE CAREERS

Are you where you want to/need to be in your profession or career? If not--or if so!--come explore your work life Sunday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brad Odom (2183 Ellwyn Dr., Chamblee 30341). Dr. Glenn Small will facilitate. RSVP to Brooke Lampe (brookelmsw@gmail.com).

OUR HOUSE OUR DREAMS

Don’t miss the fun at the Our House fundraiser this Saturday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Miller Ward Alumni House on Emory Campus. This is an important fundraiser for Our House preschool that serves children facing homelessness. The Young Adults will provide volunteers for a half shift before enjoying the event. Contact Anne Barnette sawyerbarnette@earthlink.net if you can help starting at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, visit www.ourhousega.org.

WOMENS ROUNDTABLE

At their next gathering, Women’s Roundtable will provide an opportunity for female members and guests to focus on fellowship and one another—getting to know each other in fun, new and exciting ways. On Monday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn Young (277 The Prado NE, 30309), we will start with beverages and conversation, then proceed with dinner. RSVP to kimperez@yahoo.com.

MITTEN TREE

The annual collection of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for the children (infant-5 years old) at Our House will run through Friday, October 28. Our House is a childcare and support center located in Decatur that serves children and families facing homelessness. Help us provide warm items for the children. You may place items on the mitten tree at the preschool end of building outside Room 107.

BIG FUN FOR ELEMENTARY AGES

Kindergarten-5th grade is invited to the first Big Fun of the school year on Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at MPC. We will explore our favorite Bible stories including a little pre-Halloween dress up and prepare items for our bake sale and lemonade stand for mission. If you are elementary age, RSVP today to Melinda msandkam@morningsidepc.org; if you are willing to volunteer to make the day

happen, also contact Melinda; if you can support the kids’ outreach project, come by for lemonade and treats in front of the church 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. that day.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY RESOURCE FAIR

Major issues facing Georgians are the theme of an event, to which everyone is invited, sponsored by Public Policy Advocacy Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. The fair will be held at Decatur Presbyterian on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Key legislative leaders from the Georgia General Assembly will share their views regarding major issue areas expected to take center stage in Georgia’s 2012 Legislative Session. The panel will be moderated by MPC member Shelley Senterfitt. To register, email Karen Turney: kt2654@gmail.com.

SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS NOVEMBER 6

Join us in discussing the action-packed three years of Jesus' ministry on earth as written by Mark in his sixteen-chapter gospel message to the Gentiles in Rome. This six week Sunday morning series begins at 9:45 a.m. on November 6 in Room 107. No preparation is required, just bring your Bible. We'll adjourn promptly at 10:30. If interested, contact Link Marx at fmarx25@yahoo.com.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING PLANS UNDERWAY

Volunteers are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Gathering, Monday, November 14, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. This annual event is our way of giving thanks for the Preschool Community. Games, crafts, music and dinner are featured. Come join us for a shift: set-up (4-5:15), serving food, leading activities (5:15-6:45), and clean-up (6:15-7:30). Please contact Jennifer James to volunteer at jennjames@comcast.net or 404-583-3207.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MORNINGSIDE

Adult Sunday School Classes

The books of Luke and Acts in the Bible actually are considered as one literary unit. How do scholars arrive at this conclusion? Next Sunday, October 23, we will begin a new five-week study, led by Paul Roberts, Dean of Johnson C. Smith Seminary. This class will explore the authorship, themes, distinctiveness, and practical application of what some consider the most engaging sections of the New Testament. The class will meet at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201.

Children’s Classes

Today, the Preschool class will learn how a beautiful coat creates trouble for Joseph in *Two Coats for Joseph*. Elementary Classes will learn how David depended on God in a lesson about David and Goliath. Double Digits participate in a lesson on Proclamation as they continue their study of Worship.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

All Church Retreat

- 10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon Fellowship
- 2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group
- 5 p.m. Venture Crew

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Newsletter Deadline

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 5:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary of MPP Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
- 7 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9 a.m. MPP
- 7 p.m. Couples Group

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Our House Fundraiser

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m. Church School; Inquirers Class
- 10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting
- 11 a.m. Worship/New Member Sunday
- 12 noon Fellowship
- 2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group
- 5 p.m. Venture Crew
- 6:30 p.m. Young Adults

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845
Received 10/9/11—\$11,225
Needed Year to Date—\$567,656
Received Year to Date—\$518,630

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.