

*** 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

Capriccio

Tarquinio Merula

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 309**

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Three In One

Jeffrey Torres

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, we lift up our voices, Holy Trinity, three in one. Alleluia.



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23, 2011

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

THE GATHERING

Shavon Starling-Louis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

THE INTROIT

God’s Holy House

Robert Lau

Lead Me in Your Truth

Daniel Barta

Treble Choir (Rebecca Shipley, director)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Let us worship God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer. - Psalm 100

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 459 Father, We Praise Thee

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we have not loved as we have been loved. We have allowed the world’s way of loving to shape our actions and our thoughts rather than your holy way of loving. We have loved selfishly, grasping; seeking for ourselves. You have loved selflessly, giving and living for others. You have shown us what is good. We have not met your expectations. So teach us again, we pray, how to be your people. Remind us of the ties of love that bind us together, so that we may be truly your followers. In the name of Jesus we pray, 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.)

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THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

People: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand to be our way of life.

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. - Ephesians 2:8-10

*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-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 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Brad Odom

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

(page 157 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

Forever I Praise Thee

Johann Freydt

Forever I praise Thee for what Thou hast done. I will praise Thee, and will glorify Thy name, for it is blessed to offer praises to God.

(This anthem by Prussian composer Freydt was written for the Moravian Church in 1778. Moravians coming to America over 200 years ago brought hand-copied manuscripts by European composers of the period.)

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

(page 24 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“The Impossible Commandment”

Baron Mullis

* THE HYMN 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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: Brad Odom 404.386.3478

Deacon on call: Betsy Holland 404.216.6398

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

Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Lynn and Tom Daniel

Greeters: Sanda and Bill Means, Cindy Humphries, Gail Kitchens

Counters: Jim Armstrong, Bobbie McCrackin

Infant Volunteer: Amy Jensen

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Tish Woolley

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Billy Palmer, Jenn James

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Andrea and Dave Arnold

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Alex Bach

4th-5th Grade Volunteer: Julie Zook

Fellowship: Couples Group

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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 in Room 005.

MPC YOU-TUBE VIDEO

Morningside has been blessed by a wonderful video filmed and edited by Bob Wells to highlight our "Visions and Dreams 2012" campaign. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-CcrMMmowM> or go to www.morningsidepc.org and spend a few minutes watching the video. You'll be excited about all that is going on at Morningside!

SUPPORT YOUTH GROUP

Regular Sunday Youth Group is 5-7 p.m. tonight, with an afternoon outing to a Corn Maze next Sunday, 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.

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 tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brad Odom (2183 Ellwyn Dr., Cham-

blee). Dr. Glenn Small will facilitate. RSVP to Brooke Lampe brookelmsw@gmail.com.

BIG FUN FOR ELEMENTARY AGES

Kindergarten-5th grade is invited to Big Fun this 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 this 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on *Sunday, November 6*, immediately following worship for the election of a slate of Elders; a slate of Deacons; and the congregational representatives for the 2012 Officer Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

WOMENS ROUNDTABLE

At their October 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. Tomorrow, 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 kimkperez@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 end this Friday, October 28. Our House is a Decatur childcare and support center 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Mark your calendars now for the next gathering of MPC’s men’s group, Theology on Tap! On Tuesday, November 1, Philip Hawkins (4291 Briarcliff Rd., Atlanta, 30345) will host the group at 7 p.m. The night’s program, led by Baron Mullis, will be “If forgiveness is necessary, why does it have to be so hard?” RSVP to the church office at office@morningsidepc.org

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 6. Please contact Brad Odom at jbradleyodom@gmail.com if you can help set up, serve and/or clean up for the lunch, and to make your lunch reservation contact the church office at office@morningsidepc.org. Donations will be accepted.

SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS
NOVEMBER 6

Join us in discussing the 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. 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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Information is now available for participating in the pageant which will be Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. Those with children 4 years old through 5th grade should sign up before Wednesday, Nov. 2. If anyone is willing to sew a costume, build a prop or help on the weekend of the event itself, contact Melinda Sandkam msandkam@morningsidepc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Eric Frampton and Angela Carr on their October 14 marriage. John is the son of Morningside members Nancy and Mac Frampton. Congratulations also to Jennifer Wise and Jason Williams on their October 15 marriage at MPC.

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 30, we will continue our 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 meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201.

Children’s Classes

The Pre-K class will hear *Plenty to Eat* and discover how a famine reunites Joseph with his family. The K-1 and 2-3 Classes will hear how Abigail acted as peacemaker between David and her foolish husband as they study 2 Kings 4:1-7. Double Digits will continue their study of Worship with a lesson on Baptism.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

9 a.m. MPP
6:30 p.m. Womens Roundtable
7 p.m. Parliamentarians; Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9 a.m. MPP
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Atlanta Opera Chorus Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9 a.m. MPP
6 p.m. Cherub Choir
6:30 p.m. Treble Choir
7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

10 a.m. Big Fun

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Youth Group to Corn Maze

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship with Baptism
12 noon Fellowship
2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
5 p.m. Venture Crew

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845

Received 10/16/11—\$9,970

Needed Year to Date—\$581,501

Received Year to Date—\$528,600

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.