

*** THE HYMN (422) AND THE OFFERING OF PLEDGES**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

(You are invited to come forward and place your pledge cards on the communion table during the singing of the hymn.)

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Westminster Confession of Faith

Good works are only such as God hath commanded in his holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention. These good works done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life. 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

Awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound (from *Samson*)

G.F. Handel

Mark Mashburn, trumpet

Awake the trumpet’s lofty sound. The morning dawns, our hearts with joy abound when Christ, the King of all the earth, is crowned.

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 467**

How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 2, and 4)

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan, arr. Martin

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten-thousand beside!



RESPONSE SUNDAY

November 13, 2011

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

THE GATHERING

Chris Peters

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

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.
Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
People: For you, O Lord have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I will sing for joy.
Leader: Let us worship God, who has created, redeemed and sustained us. Amen.
- Psalm 92

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, creator of the winds and rains, sun and moon, the earth and all that is in it, too often we utter your praises without pausing to consider what it is we sing. Too often, our words bear no evidence that we bear the imprint of your Word. Too often, we mumble our joy, suppress our sorrow and live as though you do not matter. Forgive us, we pray, for our attempts to domesticate your transcendence. Break through into our hearts and lives and minds, and transform us by your power. Through Jesus Christ we pray, 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: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.
People: He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.
Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! - Titus 2:11-14

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 276)
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

* 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

Walter Huff

THE FIRST LESSON Amos 5:18-24 (page 805 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM You Are Salt for the Earth, O People Marty Haugen, arr. Huff
Tami Giusto, soloist

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God! Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God! You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 (page 26 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON “The Importance of Being Prepared” 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.

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Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Gary and Monirah Womack

Greeters: Curt Barrett, Gail Kitchens, Nan Cunningham, Todd Brawner

Counters: Tony Fishpaw, Martin Dunlap

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Heather Regnault

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Todd and Marlo McDonald

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Vickie and Marshall Hunter

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Mindy Potter

4th-5th Grade Volunteer: Lisa Jern

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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.

RESPONSE SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Today, we celebrate our commitment to follow Jesus Christ by offering pledges of our time, talent and treasure for the coming year. Please join us downstairs after worship to enjoy some entertaining music, to help us celebrate during the fellowship hour. Atlanta Opera soprano Amy Little and Walter Huff will provide several vocal selections (inspirational and popular).

TODAY'S ANTHEM

Composer Marty Haugen wrote *You Are Salt for the Earth* to be used as a "processional song" for outdoor worship, during a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington.

YOUTH GROUP

Regular Youth Group is 5 to 7 p.m. tonight. Be sure to be here next Sunday, November 20 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for bowling with Chris Peters! Keep up with all the youth news by joining our email list. Contact Chris Peters at chrispeters@morningsidepc.org.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING TOMORROW

This event is our way of giving thanks for the Preschool Community. Games, crafts, music and dinner are featured. We hope you will join us. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, November 14.

ONE GRAY HAIR LUNCH

Canine assistance comes in many forms and this month's luncheon program for One Gray Hair will introduce one of the less-familiar: Diabetic Alert Service Dogs. At 12 noon on Wednesday, November 16, the group will welcome Trevor Jordan, of Marietta, and his four-legged friend Boss. Come learn more about this new possibility, as diabetes continue to rise. RSVP to Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

LGBT & FRIENDS GATHERING

Start your Thanksgiving celebrations early with the next LGBT & Friends gathering at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 at the home of Leslie and Lloyd Prince (91 Lakeview Dr. NE, 30317). The LGBT & Friends group meets regularly for fun, food, fellowship and building connections within our faith community. Events are open to all MPC members and friends who support full inclusion of LGBT individuals within the church. RSVP for this event or add your name to the mailing list by contacting Peter C. Dickson (peter.dickson@comcast.net).

BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Thanks to all who came out for Beautification Day yesterday.

RHO READERS

RHO Readers’ final book selection for 2011 takes us to 18th Century Japan with the novel *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell. Daisy Ottmann leads the discussion on Sunday, November 20 at 12:45 p.m., in the Session Room.

ANNUAL CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

We have one month (November 12-December 10) to partner with the Preschool to fill five large canisters to overflowing. This annual holiday canned food drive will benefit Atlanta Community Food Bank which strives to provide healthy food to those facing hunger. Bring in your items throughout this season of thanksgiving to help us reach out to those in need. (Lists of recommended items are on website and the barrels themselves.)

FREE HOLIDAY BABYSITTING

On Monday, December 5, we will offer a gift to the community of three hours of free babysitting from 5 to 8 p.m. for children, three months through fifth grade. We will serve pizza and have planned activities for each age group. You must sign up your child ahead of time, so we can have enough babysitters in place. Contact Jennifer James jennjames@comcast.net by Wednesday, November 30 with the names and ages of your children or to volunteer to help make it all happen.

MUSICAL OUTING

On Tuesday, December 13, All Saints Episcopal is hosting its annual Christmas program of sacred and popular favorites presented by soloists from The Atlanta Opera Chorus. Directed by our own Walter Huff, this concert traditionally sells out. If you would like to attend, go to www.allsaintsatlanta.org to purchase tickets now! Once you have purchased tickets, email

the church [office @morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org) to let us know you are coming. We plan to meet for dinner and carpool to the 7:30 p.m. performance.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Information is now available for participation in the pageant held on Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. Practices have started on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 001. **Don’t miss next week, November 20, when Children’s Choir Director Rebecca Shipley will teach us new songs.** If anyone is willing to sew a costume, build a prop, bring a pot of soup or chili, or help on the weekend of the event itself, contact Melinda Sandkam msandkam@morningsidepc.org or sign up in the Narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

MPC’s newly elected deacons, elders and officer nominating committee members! Deacons are: Pat Antenucci, Curt Barrett, Robin Boren, Jeff Peters (filling Anna Garcia’s unexpired term), and Ken Sharpe. Elders are: Sue Ballay, Peter Cobb, Bonnie Daneker, Jennye Guy, Leslie Prince, and Caroline Tanner. Congregational representatives to next year's officer nominating committee are: Will Barnette, Van Jensen, and Becky Medearis.

GIVING UPDATE

Needed Weekly—\$13,845
Received 11/6/11—\$19,699
Needed Year to Date—\$623,037
Received Year to Date—\$571,146

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

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, November 20, we will continue our study, led by Paul Roberts, Dean of Johnson C. Smith Seminary. This class is exploring 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. All are welcome.

Bible Series

Join us next Sunday, November 20, as we continue the discussion of Jesus' ministry on earth as written by Mark in his sixteen-chapter gospel message to the Gentiles in Rome. The class begins at 9:45 a.m. in Room 107. For more information, contact Link Marx at fmarx25@yahoo.com.

Children’s Classes

This morning, preschool children will learn about Moses and the burning bush in the story *I’ll Do It!* Younger elementary children will learn how Jonah tried to run away from the job God gave, only to find he could not hide from God. As they continue their study of worship, Double Digits will have a lesson on “The Offering.”

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship/Response Sunday
12 noon Fellowship
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting
12:45 p.m. Congregational Nurture
2 p.m. Harmony Chorus
4 p.m. Harmony Ensemble
5 p.m. Venture Crew
5-7 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9 a.m. MPP
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Gathering
7 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9 a.m. MPP
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers; Community Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9 a.m. MPP
12 noon One Gray Hair Lunch
6 p.m. Cherub Choir

6:30 p.m. Treble Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7 p.m. LGBT & Friends Gathering

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Bowling
12:45 p.m. RHO Readers
5 p.m. Venture Crew