

THE SERMON

“Divine Foolishness”

Baron Mullis

* THE HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

* 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

Guide Me Ever, O Redeemer

Dale Wood

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)□

* THE HYMN 333

Seek Ye First

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Shepherd (excerpt)

David Childs

Goodness and mercy all my life shall follow me wherever I walk. And in God’s house, my dwelling place shall be forevermore.



3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2012

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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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

People: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Leader: Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. - Psalm 149: 1, 3-5

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God, you are the source of our life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Too often, we boast not in you, but in ourselves and in our feeble attempts to live unto ourselves. Justice does not flow down like waters, the ever-flowing stream of righteousness has dried up. Forgive us, and call us again to live into Christ, and witness by our actions not to human wisdom, but instead to divine foolishness. Through Christ our Lord we pray all these things. 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: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

People: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. - Colossians 3:1-4

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (KYRIE)

Hymn 572)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Children ages 3-8 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 grades are in Room 003.)

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

Baptized in Water

Gaelic melody

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

(page 63 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

Out of the Deep (from Requiem)

John Rutter

Charae Krueger, cello

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord; before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins. - Psalm 130

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(page 156 in the pew Bible, NT)

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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2s VOLUNTEER: Susan Kimball

3, 4, & 5s VOLUNTEERS: Ibby Bailey and Jenn James

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Liz Sommerfeld

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Kelly Goldsmith

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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 3-8 are invited to leave after the *Baptism* for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 001; and 2nd-3rd grades are in Room 003.

MISSION IN LENT

This evening, the MPC Youth will prepare and serve dinner for the men at Journey, but the sign-up is already available for providing a dish on Easter Sunday, April 8. This and many other opportunities for reaching out to others is highlighted on the mission bulletin board next to the narthex and also on our Mission Lent Calendar that can be found on the church website. Try a new mission project during Lent.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jenny and Dave Pass in honor of their son Steven Joseph Pass who will be baptized this morning.

BOBO NEEDS YOU!

Our growing youth program has great plans for a summer trip combining spiritual growth and service with getting to know their peers from all over the country. To support this and other activities, it's time again to donate items for BOBO--our **Buy One/Boost One** auction to support youth mission and programs. Please forward a description, the retail value and your desired minimum opening bid to Carolyn Morton carolynmorton@bellsouth.net no later than *tomorrow*

March 12. Preview date will be March 18, with the auction during fellowship hour March 25.

YOGA CLASS BEGINS THIS WEEK

MPC member Pam Sharpe, seasoned yoga teacher and fitness professional, will offer yoga classes on Tuesday mornings at MPC in Room 201 from 9:15 –10:15 a.m. for two six-week sessions (March 13-April 17; April 24-May 29). If you would like to participate, or for more information, contact Pam at 404.217.5420.

RETHINKING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Women of Morningside and friends from around the neighborhood and the city are invited to join Joanna Adams as she continues our Bible Study this Wednesday, March 14 with a focus on “How does the Bible answer the question, ‘What’s the matter with us?’” The class will meet in Room 201 at 10 a.m. Childcare provided by reservation. Contact the church office@morningsidepc.org.

LENTEN WALKING

We continue our Lenten walking discipline this Thursday, March 15 from 6-7 p.m. Remaining days to walk are March 22 and 29. Meet at church to begin our walk in the neighborhood. Contact Melinda Sandkam with questions or to RSVP.

VITAL SIGNS SUMMARY

Many thanks to all who "took the survey!" The session received a full report at its recent retreat. They were so pleased by the results and thought the congregation should have an opportunity to share in understanding the results. To that end, two opportunities to hear an abbreviated version of the Session's report are to be offered. The first is this Sunday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. The second will precede worship on March 18 at 9:45 a.m. Please come and hear about the results for yourselves!

REBUILDING AFTER 2011 TORNADOS

Fourteen MPC members will be traveling to North Alabama this Thursday evening for two days of work to repair homes damaged in last spring's tornados. Please keep Shirley Adair, Roland Behm, Richard & Sarah Brownlee, Gary & Holly Campbell, Phyllis Grimes, Lily Gu, Jack Klotz, Elisabeth McClure, Brad Odom, Melinda Sandkam, Duncan Spears, and John Watson in your prayers.

THE ONCE AND FUTURE FOREST

Trees Atlanta has generously offered to donate trees and lead a volunteer effort to plant them. Trees will be planted in and around the wooded ravine to rejuvenate the aging canopy. If you can join us for the tree planting Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.- noon, contact Mary Chapman, chapman.maryv@gmail.com /404.817.0496.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS IN FULL SWING!

We continue building a home in the Thomasville Heights area with other churches. Volunteers are needed for Saturday build dates through March. We are particularly looking for more volunteers this coming Saturday, March 17. Look for the signup sheets on the Habitat bulletin board or contact Lysley Tyler (lysley@bellsouth.net).

ONE GRAY HAIR LUNCHEON

Come to lunch at noon on March 21 when Bob Wells will tell us about the “Mystery of the Trees,” curious, oddly shaped trees that were used by Indians to guide themselves across the North American Continent to trade, to hunt, to communicate with other tribes, to gather plants for medicines and more. The Trail Tree Project is the subject of a recent book documenting and attempting to preserve these records of Native American life. RSVP for lunch to the Brownlees (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

OUR HOUSE COLLECTION

Join us this month in donating gently-used spring and summer clothing for children (infant through 5 years) facing homelessness that attend Our House preschool in Decatur. Diapers and wipes also needed. Bring items to baskets in the Welcome Cen-

ter through March 23. Contact Heather Scribner hscribner12@gmail.com with any questions.

MISSION FOR KIDS

The Big Fun event on Saturday, March 24 for elementary age children will have a slightly different twist this time. It will be in the afternoon 3-5 p.m. and will focus on preparing the whole meal for 30 men staying at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. RSVP to Melinda Sandkam msandkam@morningsidepc.org by March 20.

MORNINGSIDE MEET-UP

Looking for an opportunity to get to know your fellow Morningsiders better--perhaps socially? Come to the Morningside Meet-up! This gathering for the adults of our congregation is a chance to enjoy conversation, meet new people and catch up with friends. Our spring meet-up is being hosted by Hillery and John McNeill (20 Stratford Pl., 30342) on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Brad Odom (jbradleyodom@gmail.com). As they say, “Be there or be square!”

GEORGIA MARATHON-SUNDAY, MARCH 18

The race begins at 7 a.m., and the course travels through Atlanta including: Sweet Auburn, Inman Park, Decatur, Druid Hills, Virginia-Highland and Midtown. See their website for more information.

MPP DINE OUT OPPORTUNITY

On Thursday, March 29, Gordon Biersch (3242 Peachtree Road, 30305) will donate 10% of the day’s proceeds to Morningside’s Preschool. Grab lunch that day or an early dinner and support the preschool at the same time!

MPP SUMMER PROGRAM

Camp Morningside summer program for children, ages 2-5, is now open for registration. We will provide 8 weeks of summer fun! Registration forms and session information are available online at <http://www.morningsidepc.org/preschool/summercamp.html>. If you need more information, contact Sarah Tomaka, Preschool Director, at 404.685.8758 or mpp@morningsidepc.org.

Christian Education at Morningside

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—9:45 A.M. IN ROOM 201

Next Sunday, we continue our study of the curriculum “Feasting on the Word.” Edited by Barbara Brown Taylor and David Bartlett, this curriculum explores the scripture reading that will be used in worship that morning. The leader will be Collier Maxwell.

BIBLE STUDY—DIVISIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—9:45 A.M. IN ROOM 107

Incest in the church. Lawsuits between Christians. Learn how Paul addresses these issues with the Christian church in Cornith. We’ll be discussing these topics and more in Room 107 this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. For more information contact Link Marx fmarx25@yahoo.com

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

Preschool children will hear *A Wonderful Sight*, a story about Jesus and a blind man. K-1 and 2-3 grade classes will explore what it means to believe in Jesus as they learn about Martha’s confession of faith in the story of Lazarus.

This Week at Morningside☐
SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Our House Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School

10:10 a.m. *Ten Ten* Program

11 a.m. Worship with Baptism

12 noon Fellowship

12:30 p.m. Vital Signs Summary

2 p.m. Venture Crew; Harmony Chorus

5 - 7 p.m. Youth Group

6 p.m. Journey

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Our House Collection

9 a.m. MPP

7 p.m. Mandolin Society

7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Our House Collection

9 a.m. MPP

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers; Preschool

Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Our House Collection

9 a.m. MPP

10 a.m. Women’s Bible Study with Joanna Adams

6 p.m. Cherub Choir

6:30 p.m. Treble Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 15☐

Alabama Mission Trip

Our House Collection

9 a.m. MPP

6 p.m. Lenten Walking Group

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

7 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Alabama Mission Trip

Our House Collection

9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Alabama Mission Trip

Our House Collection

8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Habitat Build/Lunch provider

9 a.m. Trees Atlanta Planting

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

BOBO Preview

Our House Collection

Georgia Marathon

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

9:45 a.m. Vital Signs Summary; Church School

10:10 a.m. *Ten Ten* Program

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

12:45 p.m. Session; RHO Readers

2 p.m. Venture Crew

5 - 7 p.m. Youth Group

Giving Update

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