

- from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Chorale-Prelude in G Major

Buxtehude

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)□

*** THE HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(verses 1, 2 and 4)

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Of the Father's Love Begotten (excerpt)

arr. Willcocks

THE POSTLUDE



PRESBYTERIAN  CHURCH

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26, 2012

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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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.

People: Who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Leader: Let us worship God who creates us, sustains us and redeems us.

- Psalm 146:1-2; 5-9

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The stories of the Bible tell us as often as we will look of your steadfast mercy. Yet we live as though it would be better for us not to know. We live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, 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: God so loved the world that he sent his only son, so that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

People: Indeed, God sent the son not into the world that the world might be condemned but so that the world through him might be saved.

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

- John 3:16-17

* 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 3-10 are invited to leave after the *Peace of Christ* for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 001; 4th-5th grade 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 FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-28

(page 205 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM

To God Be Joyful

Mozart

To God be joyful, all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Know the Lord, that He is God. He hath made us and we are His. We are His flock, He the shepherd. O enter forth with thanksgiving, come with singing. Indeed, how good is the Lord. Alleluia.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 6:56-69

(page 93 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“To Whom Can We Go?”

Baron Mullis

* THE HYMN 309

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

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:** Jay Myers 404.388.3994
- DEACON ON CALL:** Curt Barrett 404.310.4665
- USHERS**■ Alan and Kathy Bremer, Peter and Carolyn Cobb
- GREETERS:** Marshall and Vickie Hunter, Bill and Sanda Means
- COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST:** Brenda Fishpaw
- COUNTERS:** Richard Brownlee, Bill Humphries
- INFANT VOLUNTEERS:** Taylor and Carolyn Morton
- 2s VOLUNTEER:** Cathie Gay
- 3, 4, & 5s VOLUNTEER:** Tish Woolley
- K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Susan Kimball
- 2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Van Crisco
- 4th-5th VOLUNTEER:** Ward Howell
- FELLOWSHIP:** Congregational Lunch

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August 26, 2012

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 3-10 are invited to leave after the *Peace of Christ* for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 001; 4th-5th grade in Room 005.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY
The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God with joy and thanksgiving by Tom and Lynn Daniel in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH
All are welcome to join us at the Congregational Lunch after worship today. We planned extra for visitors. So please come down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy good food and Montreat highlights.

ICM COLLECTION
MPC is collecting canned meats - tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages (preferably pop-tops), and crackers through today. Please place items in the Welcome Center baskets. Contact shepherd Nancy Collins ncollins0209@gmail.com with questions.

CALLING ALL TALENT FOR MUSIC MINISTRY ■
If you have ever thought about joining the Morningside Handbell Choir, now is a great time to join. The group plays at worship six times throughout the year and rehearses on Thursday

evenings from 7-8 p.m. Please contact Jeff Peters with your interest or any questions jeffcpeters@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR KICKOFF
The choir year is about to kick off and we would like to extend an invitation to your child to participate. Cherub Choir, boys and girls K-3rd, will begin practicing this Wednesday, August 29, 6-6:30 p.m. Treble Choir, boys and girls 4th grade and up, will start their practice the following Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Contact Choir Coordinator, Tamara Nix tamaranix@yahoo.com with questions.

LIBRARY WORK DAY
Work continues on organizing library books in the Session Room. Contact Melinda Sandkam msandkam@morningsidepc.org to let her know you can join us this Wednesday, August 29, 10am-12 noon.

THEOLOGY ON TAP
Morningside men will resume their monthly get-togethers Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m. at the home of Todd McDonald, 835 Rowland St., Clarkston 30021 (404.408.7776.) Baron Mullis will lead the discussion. RSVP to office@morningsidepc.org by Mon., Sept. 3.

YOGA RESUMES
Atlanta native and Morningside member, Pam Sharpe, certified yoga teacher, is continuing her yoga classes this September. She is happy to offer a gentle yoga class at Morningside on Tuesday mornings this fall, beginning September 11. The class is open to Morningside members and friends. To register or for more information, contact Pam at yogapam@bellsouth.net.

TAI CHI CLASS FORMING

Tai Chi is often called meditation in motion. Over three hundred years ago, Chinese martial artists developed softness as the most efficient way to move the body while maintaining balance. Medical research confirms benefits for people with stress, high blood pressure, arthritis, fibromyalgia and Parkinson’s disease, as well as preventing injury from falling among seniors. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. beginning September 11. The class will run for 8 weeks. Come give it a try. We think you’ll like it! For more information, contact Bob Wells wellscom@comcast.net.

LYDIA CIRCLE

After taking a summer reprieve, Lydia Circle will start up again on Thursday, September 13. Lydia Circle, a group of young female professionals and moms, welcomes members and visitors of MPC to join them on the 13th from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Tamara Nix, 1732 N. Rock Springs, 30324). Contact Tara Parrish to RSVP and for more information taraparrish@bellsouth.net.

ANOTHER DAY AT THE BRAVES!

Please join us for a summer MPC outing at Turner Field! Jack Klotz has gotten us \$15 seats in the upper box (on the shaded side) for Sunday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. Seats include a choice

of a commemorative Dale Murphy hat or shirt. Contact David and Katherine Johnston dmjohnst@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

FALL MISSION TRIP

We invite you to join us this fall as we work with Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (an outreach of St. Charles Presbyterian Church). We will leave Atlanta Thursday morning, November 1, and return Sunday evening, November 4. The \$150 trip cost includes housing for three nights (Brent House Hotel), dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday and snacks. If you are interested in participating in this trip, contact Roland Behm roland.behm@gmail.com (interest meeting September 9, 10:20 a.m., Room 107).

SYMPATHY

Our condolences to Anna and Gary Best on the death of Gary's father, Jack Best, on August 20. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of grief. A service for Mr. Best was in Louisville on Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Today’s rosebud celebrates a new life in our congregation. Congratulations to David and Katherine Johnston on the birth of their son, Walter Warford Johnston on August 19.

Christian Education at Morningside

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

Next Sunday, September 2, we’ll be taking a Sabbath rest. Our class will resume September 9.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

Today Preschool children will hear about a loving gift Jesus received from his friend Mary in the story *I Love You, Jesus!* The early elementary classes will study 1 John 3:1a and recognize that each of us, child or adult is a Child of God and can serve God in many different ways. 4th & 5th graders will experience a lesson about Worship.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

ICM Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Congregational Lunch
1:15-2:15 p.m. Finance Committee

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
7 p.m. Parliamentarians; Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
6 p.m. Cherub Choir begins
6:30 p.m. Business Debtors Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
7 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship / Communion
12 noon Fellowship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day — church office closed

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.

Giving Update

NEEDED WEEKLY — ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
RECEIVED 08/19/12 — ☐☐☐☐☐☐
NEEDED YEAR TO DATE — ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE — ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Sermon Series ~ Thinking Theologically About Modern Life ~ Dr. Baron Mullis preaching

To think about deeply personal matters is to think theologically. What is a uniquely Christian life? Let’s begin the conversation. Join the post-sermon discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 201 each week.

September 9 The Sin Sermon
Romans 8:7-25

September 16 The Violence Sermon
Romans 12:9-21

September 23 The Money Sermon
Luke 12:41-48

September 30 The Sex Sermon
1 Corinthians 13

October 7 The Politics Sermon
Jeremiah 29:1-7

October 14 The Earth Sermon
Genesis 1:24-31