

*** THE HYMN 335**

Though I May Speak

*** 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

Intermezzo in E Major, Op. 116, No. 6

Johannes Brahms

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 344**

Christ of the Upward Way

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Greatest of These

Jane Marshall

Faith and hope, and love we see, joining hand in hand, agree; but the greatest of the three, love.

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 30, 2012

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

THE GATHERING

Drew Stockstill

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

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

THE INTROIT

I Will Praise God

Vicki H. Wright

Treble Choir and Chancel Choir Ensemble
(Rebecca Shipley, director)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.
People: Give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

Leader: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”
People: We have come to worship God, who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. - Psalm 66:1-4

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have called us, and we confess we do not know sometimes what that means. Where you have been clear that you want our whole selves, we have been held back, thinking instead you might be satisfied with a half-measure. Where you have told us what is required of us, we have substituted easy piety. So forgive us when we cling to our own ideas about what your kingdom looks like and open our minds to your vision for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! - Philippians 2:5-11

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 579)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* 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 Matthew 22:34-40 (page 24 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart David Childs
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm. For love is as strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 13 (page 164 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON “Thinking Theologically About Modern Life” Sermon Series
IV.- “The Sex Sermon” 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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GREETERS: Curt Barrett, Bill Humphries, Nan Cunningham

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Brenda Fishpaw

COUNTERS: Martin Dunlap, Richard Brownlee

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Emilee Terry

2s VOLUNTEER: Cathie Gay

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Anne Barnette

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Doug Scribner

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Randy Parrish

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September 30, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting following worship today for the purposes of hearing an interactive reading of the Strategic Plan the Session has been working on since January. This meeting will take place following worship and will run about 20 minutes. The Session really wants your feedback in setting the direction for the congregation for the years to come. Child care is provided.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight for supper, group games and the activity “Good/ Abundant Life.” Please bring recent magazines for “Good Life” activity. Magazines will be cut and should be appropriate for 11 years and up! For more information contact Chris Peters at chrispeters@morningsidepc.org.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The men of Morningside will meet at 7 p.m. this Tuesday, October 2 for dinner, fellowship, and a faith-oriented discussion led by Baron Mullis at the home of Michael Siedschlag and Jeff Peters (1812 Meadowdale Avenue, NE 30306). RSVP to the church office office@morningsidepc.org.

DINE OUT OCTOBER 2

Support the preschool by dining at El Taco (1186 N. Highland) this Tuesday, October 2. Ten percent of the night’s profits will go to MPP (tell El Taco you are with MPP).

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS BIBLE STUDY

This small group gets together the first and third Wednesdays of every month to study God's Word. Meeting in members' homes on a rotational basis, the hour or so that we spend in fellowship is a blessing to all. If you would like to attend this Wednesday, October 3 meeting or for more information, email Link Marx at fmarx225@yahoo.com.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Next Sunday, October 7, MPC will join churches around the world as we receive the Peacemaking Offering. 25 percent goes toward local efforts, 25 percent goes to the Peacemaking efforts of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and 50 percent goes to worldwide efforts of the PC(USA). Read of these efforts in this week's insert and give generously next Sunday.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's time to nominate Elders for the Session and Deacons for the Board of Deacons. On October 7 and 14, nomination forms will be in the bulletin, the Narthex and the Welcome Center. This is your opportunity to nominate someone to be a candidate for office. Please prayerfully consider your nominee(s), then ask their permission before you submit their name for consideration to the Officer Nominating Committee. You can turn in nomination forms to the church office, place them in the offering plate or put them in one of the boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center. The Officer Nominating Committee will announce the final slate of officers at the end of October.

JUNGLE JAM

Back by popular request, MPP’s Jungle Jam will be Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., so mark your calendars and bring friends and family to this fun event! If you can volunteer at the event, contact Sarah Tomaka, Preschool Director, at mpp@morningsidepc.org 404.685.8758. Jungle Jam is sure to be a great day, and we’re looking forward to spending it with your family!

SUPPORT MEN AT JOURNEY SHELTER

On October 14, MPC will provide dinner to the men staying at Journey. Sign up to provide one of the dishes by contacting Curt Barrett email-curt@mindspring.com. Needed are - main dish (15); main dish (15); starch (30); veggie (30); salad (30); bread (30); dessert (30); and drinks (30). You can learn more about the good work being done at the Journey shelter by visiting www.journeyeee.org.

LGBT & FRIENDS

All are invited to join LGBT & Friends on Tuesday, October 16 as Rob Payne facilitates this month’s discussion: “The Complexities of Voting Gay and Christian in the 2012 Election.” LGBT & Friends welcomes all who wish to grow and be energized through Christian fellowship and service. The meeting, including dinner, will be at the home of Rob Payne (1095 Balmoral Rd, 30319), 7 - 9 p.m. RSVP to Michael Siedschlag (michaelmspnyc@yahoo.com or 404.254.0706).

AIDS WALK

Join the MPC walking team or make a donation to the 2012 AIDS Walk Atlanta on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m. Contact Keith Blount, Team Captain, with questions at bkeithblount@gmail.com. Thanks for your participation.

LET’S BUILD A PLAYGROUND!

MPC will partner with local churches to help the congregation of El Nazareno Presbyterian to cre-

ate a playground for the community in Hapeville on Saturday, October 27, 8-4 p.m. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact shepherds Jack Klotz jacksklotz@gmail.com and Lloyd Prince lloydprince@comcast.net.

SCOTTISH PLAY

Morningside has reserved group tickets for the 2 p.m. performance of “Macbeth” at Georgia Shakespeare on Sunday, October 28. Turn in your \$30 check to Melinda Sandkam by October 14 to reserve your seat.

FALL RETREAT IN THE MOUNTAINS

We are accepting late registrations for our church retreat in Montreat, NC, October 19-21. Be sure to sign up ASAP. Our theme for the weekend: "Living in Three Tenses" led by Rev. Dr. Doug Oldenburg. Contact Mary Chapman 404.234.0580 or chapman.maryv@gmail.com for more information.

MORNINGSIDE “CARMEN” OUTING

MPC will have a group outing to see Atlanta Opera’s *Carmen* on Friday, November 16, at 8 p.m. The performance will be at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre on Cobb Galleria Parkway. Tickets are on the floor in the orchestra, section D, and the price is \$40.80. To reserve your tickets or for more information, contact Sarah Brownlee at rsbrownlee1046@att.net.

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

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

Join the post-sermon discussion at 12:30 p.m.
in Room 201 each week.

Christian Education at Morningside

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

Next Sunday, October 7, our class will be led by newly ordained Drew Stockstill, and his topic will be "*The Book of the Twelve: The Voices of Israel's Prophets*." Join Morningside's Adult Sunday School class this fall as we explore the rich texts of ancient Israel's prophets.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

Today our Preschoolers will hear *A Very Sad Day* and learn what happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. K-1st and 2nd & 3rd grade classes will study I Samuel 4-6 and learn how the Philistines defeated the Israelites and captured The Ark of the Covenant. The older elementary class will study Communion as a component of Worship.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship
12 noon Congregational Meeting with Fellowship immediately following
12:30 p.m. Post-sermon discussion
2 p.m. Venture Crew
5-7 p.m. Youth Group
6 p.m. Clifton Graduation Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
11 a.m. Yoga
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
5-10 p.m. MPP Dine Out
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. MLPA Zoning; Theology on Tap

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Morningside Preschool
6 p.m. Cherub Choir
6:30 p.m. Treble Choir
7 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
11 a.m. Worship/Communion
12 noon Fellowship
12:15 p.m. Deacons
12:30 p.m. Post-sermon discussion
5-7 p.m. Youth Group

Giving Update

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$14,151
RECEIVED 09/23/12—\$8,604
NEEDED YEAR TO DATE—\$551,887
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE—\$519,544