

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the *Scots Confession*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life, God's church in all ages since Adam, until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh. 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

Blessed Assurance

arr. Thygerson

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 248**

You Are Before Me, Lord

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

O Lord, You Are My God and King (Jerusalem)

Parry

O Lord, You are my God and King, and I will ever bless Your name; I will extol You every day, and evermore Your praise proclaim. Eternal is Your kingdom, Lord; forever strong, forever sure. While generations rise and fall, Your high dominion will endure.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor

Drew Stockstill, Minister of Young Adults & Adult Education

Walter Huff, Organist/Choirmaster

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

THE GATHERING

Robert Gray

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord!

People: **It is right for those who do right to praise God.**

Leader: Sing to God a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts!

People: **The Lord's word is right; God's every act is done in good faith.**

Leader: God loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.

Let us worship our God! -Psalm 33

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 489** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace. Amen.

- from *Iona Abby Worship Book*

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: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: So believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 139)

**To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Threes and fours are in Room 011; Kindergarten-1st grade are in Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade are in Room 001; and 4th-5th grade 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

Taylor Morton

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

(page 592 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE ANTHEM*I Will Arise* Sacred Harp/Walker's *Southern Harmony*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

(page 70 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"Lit Lamps and Fastened Belts"*

Drew Stockstill

*** THE HYMN 301***Lord Jesus, Think on 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: Hillery McNeill 404-814-0777

DEACON ON CALL: Curt Barrett 404.310.4665

USHERS: Ann Benson, Robert Gray, Nancy Lane, George Logan

GREETERS: Vickie and Marshall Hunter, Carol Senf

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOSTS: Jon and Patty Nelson

COUNTERS: Martin Dunlap, Daisy Ottmann

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Nancy Crow

2s VOLUNTEER: Claire Burke

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Ibbly Bailey

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Angie Keller

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Ian Irwin

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Sandy Jones

FELLOWSHIP: Deacons

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:6-7

Keep in your prayers...

Sue Ballay

P.J. Britton (Lenna Turner's niece)

Becky Carlisle

Grier Christenbury

Jackie Cleveland

Tom Franks (Alex Watts' uncle)

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

Jim Holler (father of Natalie Holler)

Holly Klotz

Jan McMahan

Robert Marshall

Taylor Marshall

Guerry Mashburn (foot surgery)

Wynn, Beth, and Gus Nettles (Callie Lensing's friends)

Tamara Nix

Emil Sanders

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

Katrina Weis

Please submit prayer requests using the prayer cards in the pew racks.

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 in the library. 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 and fours are in Room 011; Kindergarten-1st grade are in Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade are in Room 001; and 4th-5th grade are in Room 005.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and dedicated with love and gratitude to those who care for our children in the nurseries and our children's worship leaders here at MPC each Sunday. Deepest appreciation from the Children's Ministry Team and the whole congregation, as we kick off the new school year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Following the kickoff this morning, we begin our school year classes with kids "moving up" to their new grade during children's worship: three and four year olds in Room 011 with Kyra Hall; Kindergarten-1st graders in Room 003 with Debbi Loomis; 2nd-3rd graders in Room 001 with Jessica Coons; 4th-5th graders in Room 005 with Sally Horne.

THORNWELL OFFERING

During worship this morning, we will collect the annual offering for Thornwell Home for Children. This Presbyterian outreach in Clinton, SC,

serves at least 100 children each year - from toddlers to teens. Some stay for only a few months, others grow up at Thornwell. The envelopes in your worship bulletins were once again made by the Mission Camp attendees. Please join us in supporting the children at Thornwell.

COUPLES GROUP

Morningside couples are invited for a fun social evening at the home of Peter and Sarah Mercer Chatel, at 7 p.m. Friday, August 16 (4588 Pine St., Smyrna). All duos are welcome! To learn more and RSVP, be in touch with Kathy and Alan Bremer kdbremer@bellsouth.net.

FAREWELL WALTER HUFF-AUGUST 18

Morningside will honor our dear friend, Walter Huff, with a reception after church on Sunday, August 18. If you would like to contribute something to the gala occasion, please contact Susan Oder at susanoder@gmail.com or 404.308.6337. We look forward to letting him know how much we appreciate his many years of love and service to us.

Seating will be at a premium that day, so please be advised that while we will make every effort to place as many chairs in the sanctuary as the fire code will allow, there is a limit to what our sanctuary can safely hold. Please plan adequate time for parking.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE OFFERING

Walter Huff's impact on the life of our congregation is immeasurable. In order to share our love for Walter on his final Sunday, August 18, members who wish to contribute financially to a "love gift" for Walter are invited to do so through the church. Make your check to MPC and write "love offering" on the memo line.

THIS I BELIEVE-AUGUST 25

Included in our worship service August 25 will be our now-traditional "This I Believe" Sunday featuring Morningside members speaking from their hearts. This year we'll hear from Joseph Green, Kim Perez, and David Wingert. Afterwards, we'll say goodbye to summer on a high note at our next Congregational Lunch. Please fill out the enclosed insert to RSVP to the church office (RSVPs should be received no later than Monday, August 19). MPC Youth will assist in serving the lunch as a thank-you for your support of their programs and also will share about their summer trips.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

ICM provides a range of comprehensive services to our neighbors, including a food pantry (located at Druid Hills Methodist) which operates to provide the basic necessities of food to our homeless neighbors. ICM's Pantry is supported by MPC and other congregations, individuals, businesses, and organizations in zip codes 30306/30307. Through August 25, MPC will collect the following foods for the pantry: canned and boxed meals (stew, noodle bowls, chili, etc.); crackers; and sugar packets. Please bring your donated items to Welcome Center to help your neighbors in need. Contact Nancy Collins ncollins0209@gmail.com, 404.804.5191 with questions.

KIDS NEED NEW 'THREADS' FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Starting school at the end of summer usually means a shopping trip for new clothes. You can help kids who haven't the means to otherwise 'buy' fall outfits by donating gently used school and casual clothes to our Threads closet, located in the elevator hallway next to

Fellowship Hall. They'll go to the shop managed by All Saints Episcopal where kids and their families get vouchers to select their own favorite styles and colors. Clean out your child's closet--pass along the good stuff!

HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Handbell Choir will begin a new season on Thursday, September 5 with rehearsals each Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m., and you are invited to ring with the choir! If you are interested or for more information contact Jeff Peters at 404.731.9291, jeffcpeters@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

It's not too soon to mark off October 25-27 on your calendar and plan to get away to cool and lovely Montreat, NC, for our fifth annual all-church retreat featuring speaker Tom Long! The topic is "Reading Other People's Mail: Fresh Insights from the Letters of the New Testament." Each year, it's been an event to remember for the whole family. Contact Mary Chapman with any questions chapman.maryv@gmail.com.

MPP

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool still has openings for toddlers and Pre-K students for this fall. Toddlers must be 15 months old by September 1 and Pre-K children must be 4. Contact Sarah Tomaka, Preschool Director, for more information: mpp@morningsidepc.org.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Bryan Smith and Tamara Nix on the recent death of Tamara's step-father.

Christian Education at Morningside

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—9:45 A.M. IN ROOM 201 LED BY DREW STOCKSTILL

Next Sunday, August 18, we will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew focusing on Chapter 27. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The story *I Love You Jesus!* will introduce the preschool children to a special gift that Mary gave Jesus. K-2nd and 3-5th grade children will hear the story of a time when Jesus washed his disciples' feet as they explore the idea that serving others is a sign of love.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

ICM Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff
11 a.m. Worship/Thornwell Offering Received
12 noon Fellowship
12:15 p.m. Deacons
6 p.m. Journey (meal provided by Chancel Choir)
6:30 p.m. New Church Development Shalom Open House (Memorial Drive)
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Scotland Trip

ICM Food Collection

9 a.m. MPP Teacher Breakfast and Staff Meeting
7 p.m. Mandolin Society
7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

ICM Food Collection

2:15 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Preschool Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

ICM Food Collection

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

ICM Food Collection

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

ICM Food Collection

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

ICM Food Collection

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

ICM Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship with Special Music
12 noon Farewell Walter Huff Reception
1 p.m. RHO Readers
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

Giving/Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 08/4/13 — 153

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,577

RECEIVED 08/4/13 —\$9,107

NEEDED YEAR TO DATE —\$482,885

RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE —\$436,795