

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(A Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Cortège et Litanie
Mason Copeland, guest organist

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** THE HYMN 264**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Dona Nobis Pacem (from *Mass in B Minor*)
Grant us peace.

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Yvonne Toll, Mark Mashburn, Greg Holland - trumpets



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Service of Best Wishes to Walter Huff

August 18, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor
Drew Stockstill, Minister of Young Adults & Adult Education
Walter Huff, Organist/Choirmaster
1411 North Morningside Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306
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Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Drew Stockstill

THE PRELUDE

Praeludium in E Major
Sarah Martin, guest organist

Vincent Lübeck
(1654-1740)

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all Gods. For all the gods of the people are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who creates, redeems and sustains us. Amen. - Psalm 96:1-5

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *The Old Hundredth Hymn Tune* arr. R. Vaughan Williams

All: **All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make; we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.**

Choir only: O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

All: **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore, from men and from the angel host, be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in 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: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

People: **For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.** - Ephesians 2:8-10

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 210)

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

*** 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 FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:8-10

(page 181 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*The Old Church* (from *Prairie Songs*)

Stephen Paulus
(b. 1949)

The old church leans nearby a well-worn road upon a hill that has no grass or tree, the winds from off the prairie now unload the dust they bring around it fitfully. The path that leads up to the open door is worn and grayed by many toiling feet of us who listen to the Bible lore, and once again the old-time hymns repeat. And every Sabbath morning we are still, returning to the altar waiting there. A hush, a prayer, a pause, and voices fill the Master's House with a triumphant air. The old church leans awry and looks quite odd, but it is beautiful to us, and God. - text by Della B. Vik

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:18-19

(page 71 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"The Mustard Seed"*

Baron Mullis

*** THE HYMN 171***The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (verses 1 through 6)

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: Rob Payne 404-219-0538

DEACON ON CALL: Anthony Owens 404.781.3269

USHERS: Peter and Carolyn Cobb, Alan and Kathy Bremer, Todd and Sandy Jones

GREETERS: Cindy and Bill Humphries, Glenn Small, Curt Barrett

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Gail Kitchens

COUNTERS: Debbie Fox, Daisy Ottmann

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Ibby Bailey

2s VOLUNTEER: Ali Bradway

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS: Brian Johnson/Bryan Rodgers

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Susan Kimball

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Hal Nuckols

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Kelly Goldsmith

FELLOWSHIP: Reception for Walter Huff

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)

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

Patricia Zachery (aunt of William Grigley)

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 are given to the glory of God and thanksgiving for the ministry of Walter Huff by the congregation of Morningside Presbyterian Church.

A NOTE FROM WALTER HUFF

I want to express my gratitude to you - Morningside members, choir, staff, and Atlanta friends - for your support and presence today, and for the actions and words that you have displayed to me these (almost) 25 years. As I thank you, so does my family - my mother Jane, my brother Peter, and in spirit, my father Walter. This church has blessed them, in the special hours that they have shared with you through the years, experiencing with joy the words and music of the faith.

Today's musical offerings are examples of great works for the church, exhibiting the splendor and intimacy of God among us. The opening "Old Hundredth" tune is brought forth in a stirring arrangement by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. Stephen Paulus, a noted American composer, gives us a beautiful sound setting of Della Vik's nostalgic poem "The Old Church." The two organ works that we will hear today (composers Lübeck and Dupré)

display the colors and grandeur of our renovated Wicks-Coulter organ - made possible by many of your faithful contributions.

The final choral response today is the "Dona Nobis Pacem" from Bach's "Mass in B Minor." This movement ends Bach's inspirational Mass, seen by many as one of the towering achievements in the history of art.

Much can be said of the influence of Sarah and Gene Martin on my musical education (Sarah as my only piano teacher from age 8 to 18, and Gene - my church choir director in those same years.) Always active in the Atlanta musical scene, they taught me not only the ideas and techniques of music, but also how to musically serve a church, with quality and focus. Thank you, Sarah, for your Prelude today. Thanks also to Mason Copeland, a 3rd-year double major (organ and choral conducting) at Indiana University. Mason graciously accepted my invitation to play the Offertory today. As you shall hear, Mason is a fine representative of the Jacobs School of Music, and I have enjoyed this past year, being his professor there. I am also grateful that instrumentalists and Morningside friends Yvonne Toll, Greg Holland, and Mark Mashburn are able to join me today.

How can I fully thank the Morningside Chancel Choir - with hundreds of members singing in this chancel, from 25 years ago to the present? You have been the true messengers, having made thousands and thousands of pages of music come alive in this building. You are a huge part of my life.

Today, let us all let "music" speak for itself. It teaches us more than we will ever fully understand.

Walter

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 today, 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.

WALTER HUFF RECEPTION

Morningside will honor our dear friend, Walter Huff, with a reception after worship today. We look forward to letting him know how much we appreciate his many years of love and service to us.

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 this 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

Through next Sunday, August 25, MPC will collect canned/boxed meals (stew, noodle bowls, chili, etc); crackers; and sugar packets for ICM's food pantry. They provide a range of comprehensive services to our neighbors in need for the 30306/30307 zip codes. Please bring your donated items to the Welcome Center baskets.

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!

RETREAT NEWS!

If you plan to attend this year's retreat in North Carolina, the registration form and fee is due right away (\$30 for individuals, \$60 for couples, \$75 for families of 3 or more)! Rooms are filling up fast, and the only way to reserve one is to get your form and check into the church office. The balance of fees will be due by September 22. A meeting of the retreat committee will be held in the Session Room Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to come. Tom Long is this year's featured speaker, and his topic is "Reading Other People's Mail: Fresh Insights from the Letters of the New Testament." Contact Mary Chapman with 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.

Christian Education at Morningside

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

Next Sunday, August 25, we will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew focusing on Chapter 28. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Today, preschool children will hear *A Wonderful Sight*, a story about Jesus and a blind man. K-2 and 3-5th graders will read the story of Jesus' meeting with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and explore the idea that believers today encounter, experience and recognize Jesus in the Word proclaimed, studied and in the breaking and sharing of the bread.

This Week at Morningside

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
12:15 p.m. Farewell Walter Huff Reception
1 p.m. RHO Readers
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

ICM Food Collection

7 p.m. Session, Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

ICM Food Collection

12 noon MPP/MPC Staff Luncheon
2:15 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

ICM Food Collection

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

ICM Food Collection

9 a.m. MPP Meet and Greet
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

ICM Food Collection

9 a.m. CPR/1st Aid Training

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

ICM Food Collection

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

ICM Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship/This I Believe Sunday
12 noon Congregational Lunch/Youth Trip Report
7 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony and Reception
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Rhonda and Robert McIntosh with Boy Scout Troop 455 proudly invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Cameron Lewis McIntosh next Sunday, August 25, at 7 p.m. at Morningside Presbyterian Church. A reception and site dedication will follow. RSVP to Rhonda 404.876.2302, rimcin@bellsouth.net.

Giving/Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 08/11/13 — 194
NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,577
RECEIVED 08/11/13 —\$13,671
NEEDED YEAR TO DATE —\$498,462
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE —\$450,466