

*** 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

Arioso in A Major

J.B. Bach

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 441**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (verses 1 through 5)

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor
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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

Air from Overture in D
Randy Romig, guest organist

J.S. Bach

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

- Psalm 89:1-2

*** THE HYMN 473**

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1 through 5)

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

Merciful God, our sin is before us. Your way for us is clear: we are to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Who among us may claim such love? In this calling, we have fallen short. We need reconciliation. And yet, we remember as well that our calling to live lives of humanity and kindness does not fail, and so we ask once more that you would strengthen us in discipleship, guide us, and give us the courage to live as you have called us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, and for his sake. 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: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

People: **By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?**

Leader: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: **Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

- Romans 6:1-4

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 280)

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

*** 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

Psalm 133
(page 543 in the pew Bible, OT)

Sarah Mercer Chatel

THE ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Spiritual, arr. Moore

Quartet: Tami Giusto, Lynnette Anderson, John Young, Brandon Odom

We shall walk through the valley in peace, if Jesus himself shall be our leader. There will be no trials there, if Jesus himself shall be our leader.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:20-21 (page 214 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

"This I Believe..."
Joseph Green, David Wingert

*** THE HYMN 357**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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: Sue Ballay 404.874.2132

DEACON ON CALL: Ken Sharpe 404.593.7498

USHERS: Jill and Jack Klotz, Guerry and Michelle Mashburn

GREETERS: Sanda and Bill Means, Gail Kitchens, Jane Stack

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Monirah Womack

COUNTERS: Lysley Tyler, Brad Odom

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Amy Jensen

2s VOLUNTEER: Katrina Weis

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Heather Regnault

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Michael Perez

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Heather Scribner

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Mindy Potter

FELLOWSHIP: Congregational Lunch

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...

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

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 by Rhonda and Robert McIntosh to the glory of God and in honor of Cameron McIntosh, Eagle Scout, with deep appreciation to those who guided Cameron along the way.

LAY READER

In keeping with the Presbyterian tenet of the priesthood of all believers, Morningside members participate regularly in worship leadership. Today's lay reader is Sarah Mercer Chatel.

"THIS I BELIEVE..."

These words prompt various responses from all of us. Some think of Starbucks cups, others of Edward R. Murrow, and many of us remember these services at MPC where our fellow congregants told us what they held as core values. During worship this morning we will repeat "This I Believe". This year's homilies will be delivered by Joseph Green and David Wingert.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Following worship today we'll say goodbye to summer on a high note at our Congregational Lunch. We always plan for guests, so don't hesitate to join us in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a burger bar from Yeah! Burger and frozen yogurt from Yogli

Mogli. MPC Youth will assist in serving the lunch as a thank-you for your support, and they will share about their summer trips.

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 tonight, 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.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

Through the close of today, 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.

Dine-out for ICM this Monday, August 26, at Yeah! Burger in Virginia-Highland. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of all proceeds to ICM. Please join us from 6 to 10 p.m. to support ICM's work to serve our homeless neighbors.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Children's Cherub Choir (Kindergarten through 3rd graders) will have a parent meeting and first practice this Wednesday, August 28 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Regular 6 p.m. weekly half-hour practices will begin Wednesday, September 11. Contact Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley rebecca.shipley@mindspring.com to confirm participation in Cherub Choir. The Youth Ensemble (4th graders and up) will begin a six-week segment on Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Contact Rebecca Shipley for more information about practice schedule (9/18 to 11/3), singing dates and to confirm participation in the Youth Ensemble.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING MORNINGSIDE

Morningside will offer visitors the following opportunities to learn more about our church. On Sunday, September 8, we will hold an Inquirers Class followed by a New Members Class on Sunday, September 15. Both will be held in the Session Room at 9:45 a.m. For more information or to register, please contact Baron Mullis 404.876.7396, ext. 11; baron.mullis@morningsidepc.org.

LGBT & FRIENDS

LGBT & Friends will kick-off its 2013-2014 season at the home of Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag (1812 Meadowdale Ave. NE) on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. This month's meeting will include discussion and preparation of Morningside's involvement in Atlanta's Pride events in October. RSVP to Michael Siedschlag mwsiedschlag@gmail.com.

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

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.

CHURCH RETREAT - OCTOBER 25-27

Rooms are filling up fast! 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)! Forms are available in the Welcome Center and Narthex. The balance of fees will be due by September 22. 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.

NEW "OUR DAILY BREAD" AVAILABLE

Copies of the devotional booklet, *Our Daily Bread*, (September through November) are available in the Narthex and Welcome Center. Pick one up as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

KIDS PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

If your 3rd-5th grader would like to carry communion elements into worship this school year, let Melinda Sandkam know that you will be joining us for a brief training session in the sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. This is a great way for older elementary children to connect with worship as leaders. Baron Mullis will talk to kids about the meaning of communion and worship leadership.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

After breaking for the summer, Theology on Tap resumes Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Ken Sharpe will host (1700 Timberland Road, Atlanta, 30345). Due to the Labor Day holiday we will meet on the second Tuesday. RSVP to the church office office@morningsidepc.org.

MORNINGSIDE MINGLE

Resolve to Mingle in September! Please join fellow Morningside members and guests for an adults-only evening of socializing Sunday, September 22, 6 to 9 p.m. Our third Morningside Mingle will be hosted by Tara and Randy Parrish and Hillery and John McNeill, at the Parrish's home (1206 Cumberland Rd. NE, 30306).

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. RSVP to the church office@morningsidepc.org by Monday, Sept. 16.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Trenton Tunnell on the death of his father, Trenton Tunnell Jr., on August 20, 2013.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The new contact information for Walter Huff is 290 S. Union Street, Apt 28, Bloomington, Indiana 47408.

Christian Education at Morningside

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

Does the Bible seem too hard to understand? Do you feel like you're missing something about these ancient texts? Ever wonder how to talk about scripture in a world that seems to be so divided by "what the Bible says?" Everyone is invited to the adult Sunday school class as we begin a new six-week series on "Reading the Bible for Understanding." We will explore the different types of literature in the Bible and some tools for interpreting scripture. Bring your questions, bring your thoughts, bring your brain, and bring your heart. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

This Sunday, the preschool class will learn about a man who was thankful that Jesus healed him in the story *Thank You Jesus!* The second through fifth grade classes will hear the story of Jesus' resurrection appearance to Thomas and explore what it means to have faith - to believe without seeing.

This Week at Morningside

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9 a.m. MPP

7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

9 a.m. MPP

2:15 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9 a.m. MPP

6 p.m. Cherub Choir Orientation/Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

9 a.m. MPP

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Giving/Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 08/18/13 — 304

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,577

RECEIVED 08/18/13 —\$19,867

NEEDED YEAR TO DATE —\$514,038

RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE —\$470,273