

*** 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

The Gift to be Simple

Dale Wood

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 366**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen (excerpt)

John Rutter

*** POSTLUDE**

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor

Drew Stockstill, Minister of Young Adults & Adult Education

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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

Partita: Christ, Thou Art My Life and Light

Johann Pachelbel

Sarah Martin, organist

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

People: **Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.**

Leader: May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

People: **We have come to worship God, who creates, redeems and sustains us. Amen.**
- Psalm 134

*** THE HYMN 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, the challenge you have laid before us is not greater than we are. You have given us the resources we need to be bountifully gracious. You have taught us what it is to love people as they are, to invite the unwelcome, to risk mingling with the unwashed masses. No, the challenge is not greater than we are. We cannot claim ignorance of your wishes nor can we claim a lack of resources. The fault lies in our willingness, O God. Forgive us, we pray, and work in our inward hearts and motives until that day when we come to find that we have learned how to live in your kingdom. In Jesus' name 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: 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 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 worship.)*

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

Isaiah 11:1-9

(page 602 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE SOLO

How Beautiful are the Feet (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Megan Mashburn, soprano

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:7-24

(page 72 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

"A Worrisome Lesson In Etiquette"

Baron Mullis

*** THE HYMN 280** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (verses 1 through 5)

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: Eleanor Attwood 404.783.9429

DEACON ON CALL: Curt Barrett 404.310.4665

USHERS: Brad and Kaitlyn Strickland, Brenda Fishpaw, Laura Fillyaw

GREETERS: James Beasley, Bill Humphries, Gail Kitchens, Bill and Sanda Means

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: JoAnn Bertrand

COUNTERS: Tony Fishpaw, Shannon Harris

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Leigh Gobbel

2s VOLUNTEER: Beth Baer

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Becky Schreiber

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Billy Palmer

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Brooke Williams

FELLOWSHIP: Session

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 (Natalie's father)

Holly Klotz

Jan McMahan

Robert Marshall

Taylor Marshall

Tamara Nix

Rev. C.B. Peter

Emil Sanders

John Vytal (Katie Watts' father)

Katrina Weis

Patricia Zachery (William Grigley's aunt)

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 worship.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Regular practice for Children's Cherub Choir (K-3rd grade) begins Wednesday, September 11 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. 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 rebccashipley@mindspring.com for more information about practice schedule (9/18 to 11/3), singing dates and to confirm participation in the Youth Ensemble.

JOURNEY

Please help us serve the Journey Shelter by picking a pan today located in the Narthex for food to serve next Sunday, September 8 at 7 p.m. Next Sunday volunteers can either meet at Journey at 6:45 p.m. to help serve or leave filled pans in the church kitchen Sunday morning. Please complete the sign up form on the bulletin board, so we know who is bringing food. Questions? Contact Tamara Nix at tamaranix@yahoo.com.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING MORNINGSIDE

Morningside will offer visitors the following opportunities to learn more about our church. Next Sunday, September 8, we will hold an Inquirers Class followed by a New Members Class on Sunday, Sep-

tember 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Morningside Youth's annual Youth and Parent Night Kick-Off event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. next Sunday, September 8 in Fellowship Hall. The evening will feature a parent/guardian meeting and games and activities for youth in 6th-12th grade. The meal will be catered, so RSVP to Chris Peters chrispeters@morningsidepc.org by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3.

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

YOGA

Gentle Yoga at Morningside begins at 11 a.m. Tuesday mornings on September 10 and will run for six weeks. Suitable for almost everyone, props and mats are provided. All you need is comfy clothes, and the time and interest! Certified yoga teacher and personal trainer, Pam Sharpe loves her work and therefore classes are creative, fun, and accessible. Come and join us. For more information, contact Pam 404.217.5420, yogapam@bellsouth.net.

WELCOME TO MPP!

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool welcomes 96 students for the 2013-2014 school year. Our teachers are thrilled to start their new classes and to make new friends! We offer a special welcome to our 20 new families who are just starting out in our program. MPP has 9 preschool classes with ages ranging from 15 months to 5 years. Limited spots are available in the Toddler class and Pre-K class. Call Sarah Tomaka, Preschool Director, at 404.685.8758 or email mpp@morningsidepc.org for more information.

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.

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.

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.

ICM COLLECTS CLEANING SUPPLIES

Intown Collaborative Ministries supports many activities, including the Briarcliff Summit Food Co-op. The residents there—all low income, some formerly homeless—are moving into renovated apartments. We can help them keep things clean and nice by giving them cleaning supplies, items that they might not be able to purchase since they're stretching dollars to buy food. In September, MPC will try to give the residents 50 sets of cleaning supplies. Look for a poster with a list of the items they've requested.

Giving/Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 08/25/13 — 157

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,577

RECEIVED 08/25/13 —\$15,499

NEEDED YEAR TO DATE —\$529,615

RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE —\$483,492

In case of an emergency or urgent pastoral need, please call **BARON MULLIS** 404.876.7396 x11, 404.398.3118 or **DREW STOCKSTILL** 404.876.7396 x 14, 229.224.5557. You may also contact the elder or deacon on call listed on the back of this section.

Christian Education at Morningside

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

Next Sunday, September 8 we will continue our series on "Reading the Bible for Understanding." 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 to 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

Preschool children will engage in hands-on activities about color and light as follow-up for *Blue and Green and Purple, Too!* The theme for Fall Elementary Classes is "Messengers for God". Today the K-1 and 2nd-3rd grades will respond to Paul's message in Romans: "nothing can separate us from God's love". 4th and 5th grades will be in worship.

This Week at Morningside

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

MPP and Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day

7 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Playball

2:15 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9 a.m. MPP

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Playball

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

7 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9 a.m. MPP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School; Inquirers' Class

11 a.m. Worship with Communion

12 noon Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Deacons; Kids Participate in Worship

5 p.m. Youth Group Kickoff

6 p.m. Journey

7:30 p.m. Meditation Group