

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

from A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.

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

Loving Jesus, We Are Gathered

J.S. Bach

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 538**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

*** THE POSTLUDE**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor
Drew Stockstill, Minister of Young Adults & Adult Education
Robert Bolyard, Interim Choirmaster
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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

Praise to the Lord J.S. Bach
Sarah Martin, organist

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

People: **Praise the Lord with the lyre. Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

People: **Let us worship God, who creates us, redeems us, and sustains us. Amen.**
- Psalm 33:1-5

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we have not loved as we have been loved. We have allowed the world's way of loving to shape our actions and our thoughts rather than your holy way of loving. We have loved selfishly, grasping; seeking for ourselves. You have loved selflessly, giving and living for others. You have shown us what is good. We have not met your expectations. So teach us again, we pray, how to be your people. Remind us of the ties of love that bind us together so that we may be truly your followers. In the name of Jesus we pray, 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: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
People: **but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.** - Hebrews 4:15-16

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 572)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

Amos 8:4-7
(page 807 in the pew Bible, OT)

Doug Selph

THE ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (from *Mass for Four Voices*)

William Byrd

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; grant us peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:1-13 (page 74 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

"Giving an Accounting"

Baron Mullis

*** THE HYMN 429** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (verses 1 through 3)

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: Leslie Prince 770.377.0027

DEACON ON CALL: Jeff Peters 404.254.0706

USHERS: Chase Robinson, Bryant Hand, Jill Klotz, Jack Klotz

GREETERS: Bill and Sanda Means, Bill and Cindy Humphries

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOSTS: Emilie Paille and Jeanne McCarthy

COUNTERS: Debbie Fox and Randy Parrish

INFANT VOLUNTEERS: Carolyn and Taylor Morton

2s VOLUNTEER: Betsy Holland

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Mary Hardy Holaway

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Bryan Smith

2nd- 3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Jim McKelvey

FELLOWSHIP: Handbell Choir

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...

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| Tom Adams (John Adams' father) | Robert Marshall |
| P.J. Britton (Lenna Turner's niece) | Taylor Marshall |
| Grier Christenbury | Tamara Nix |
| Jackie Cleveland | Rev. C.B. Peter |
| Ann Herndon (Will's mother) | Anne and Nate Reid |
| Jason Hickman | Emil Sanders |
| Finley Holaway | Jason Trapani (friend of Katherine Johnston) |
| Jim Holler (Natalie's father) | John Vytal (Katie Watts' father) |
| Holly Klotz | Katrina Weis |
| Jan McMahan | 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 & fours-Room 011; K-1st grade - Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade - Room 001; 4th-5th grade - Room 005.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dale and Barbara Ray in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary September 19.

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 Doug Selph.

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

All the organ music this morning is by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750. The prelude is one of his six Schübler Chorales, published in 1748. It is an actual transcription by Bach of a movement from one of his chorale cantatas. The prelude is in trio form with the melody in the pedals and is based on Hymn 482.

The offertory is a highly embellished chorale prelude based on Hymn 454. The postlude is from *Orgelbüchlein*, Little Organ Book, a collection of short chorale preludes based on the Christian Year, written in 1714-1716. In this prelude the melody is in the top voice with harmonic decoration in the lower three voices. All three pieces are examples of this great composer's religious convictions.

CHURCH RETREAT - OCTOBER 25-27

The fee balances are due **today**, September 22. Help us complete our plans by turning in today. Tom Long is our featured speaker, and his topic is *Reading Other People's Mail: Fresh Insights from the Letters of the New Testament*. Contact Mary Chapman chapman.maryv@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

Tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. the youth will explore their faith through art - individually and in small groups, and we will play games in small and large groups. Meet in Fellowship Hall.

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

We invite you to come out this Thursday, September 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. when food trucks will be in the MPC parking lot! Bring your camping chairs and picnic blankets and enjoy the food from *Atlanta Burger* and *On Tapa The World*. For dessert we will have popsicles, and the first 100 King of Pop popsicles are free! Don't miss the fun! Spread the word with your neighbors.

CLIFTON DINNER

We need food for 25 men at the shelter for our first fall dinner next Saturday, September 28 from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board or with David Johnston dmjohnst@gmail.com if you can bring an item (fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, and dessert) or if you can help serve. After serving dinner, we invite you to go out to dinner with us (always a fun activity).

LAST BRAVES GAME

It's coming up fast, but we have group seats for the final game on Sunday, September 29 at 1:30 p.m. We'll be in the upper box, \$11 per ticket for the first 12 seats and \$17 for all others. Contact Katherine Johnston kecjohnston@gmail.com or Jack Klotz if you want to join us!

WOMENS ROUNDTABLE

MPC Women's Roundtable will resume Monday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. We'll meet at Neiman Marcus (Designer II/Dress Collections, Level Two, Lenox Mall) for what is sure to be a wonderful presentation on fall fashion trends and styling tips. Neiman's is hosting our group for this fun-filled evening complete with light bites and beverages. Please email Sarah Brownlee rsbrownlee1046@att.net if you can attend.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Presbyterian Campus Ministry could use your help in supporting our local college students with a meal for their Wednesday night gatherings or to be on-call for rides to Sunday morning worship. For more information on how you can support our college ministry, contact Drew Stockstill dstockstill@morningsidepc.org.

PRIDE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

In recognition of 2013 Atlanta Pride, there will be a Service of Worship and Celebration on Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m. at Morningside Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. A social time with refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

INTERESTED IN A 2014 INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP?

The Mission Team is working to plan an international mission trip during 2014 and needs your input. The following link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QSV89LB>) takes you to a brief survey (only 10 short questions) designed to determine interest in, and preferences for, a 2014 International Mission Trip. Please complete the survey by October 15. Please contact mission chair, Tony Fishpaw tonyfishpaw@me.com, for more information.

OUR HOUSE

Their mission is to break the chains of homelessness by providing those affected children with early education and comprehensive support services for their families. It is time for our annual collection of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the children. New/gently-used jackets and sweaters are welcome. Bring items to the Mitten Tree in the Preschool September 30 through October 25. We will also collect Halloween costumes (infant-5 yrs.). See the Preschool board for requested costumes, and place a new/gently-used costume in the Preschool or Welcome Center bins by October 25). Contact Becky Schreiber becky.schreiber@gmail.com for more information.

ICM CLEANING SUPPLIES COLLECTION

We can help residents of Briarcliff Summit Food Co-op (supported by Intown Collaborative Ministries) as they move into their renovated apartments by supplying them with cleaning supplies. Please see a list of requested items in the Welcome Center, and put your donations in the baskets through next Sunday, September 29.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Chris Henry and Sara Hayden on the birth of their son, Samuel Joshua Henry, on September 16; and, Elaine Tomkinson on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Sophia Grace Bianco, on July 14, in Toronto, Canada.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, MPC welcomed the following new members: Gavin Embrick and Eric Harris, Kit Giffin, William and Suzanne Lee (children, Allison and Will), and Lee Anne and Hunter Sapp (child, Anna Gray).

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Chase Robinson and Bryant Hand on the death of Chase's grandfather, James Robinson, on September 17.

Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 09/15/13 — 178

Christian Education at Morningside ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—9:45 A.M. IN ROOM 201

Next Sunday, September 29, we will start a 10-week class using the History Channel mini-series *The Bible* at 9:15 a.m. in Room 107. We will watch one episode together and then at 10 a.m. we will have a guided discussion on the episode, what the Bible says, and what God might be saying to us today. This is a very approachable class and a great way to engage the Bible story anew or for the very first time. All are welcome.

The class in Room 201 will continue their series on *Reading the Bible for Understanding* at 9:45 a.m. where we learn new tools for reading and understanding Scripture. Everyone is invited to the adult Sunday school class. Bring your questions, bring your thoughts, bring your brain, and bring your heart. All are welcome!"

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Today, our preschoolers will hear *A Very Sad Day* and learn what happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Elementary classes will study Paul's message that the body of Christ includes a diversity of people, bonded in faith.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship

12 noon Fellowship

5 p.m. Youth Group

6 p.m. Morningside Mingle

7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. MPP Ballet/Tap

7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Yoga

1 p.m. MPP Playball, Mini Monets Art Class

2:15 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. MusiCanopy

6 p.m. Cherub Choir

6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Playball

5 - 8 p.m. Food Truck Thursday

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9 a.m. MPP

9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement

1 p.m. Kidz/Tennis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9 a.m. AA Meeting

6 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship/Baptism

12 noon Fellowship

5 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Meditation Group