

**\* 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**

*Be Merciful to Me, O Lord God*

J.S. Bach

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

**\* THE HYMN 256**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Amen, das ist, es werde wahr* German melody, arr. J.S. Bach

Amen, that is, it will come true! Strengthening our faith forever, that we may doubt not that which we pray in Your name, we say a fine Amen!

**\* THE POSTLUDE**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

J.S. Bach



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2013

11 a.m. Worship

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

**THE GATHERING**

Lucy Grant

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**  *Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dieterich Buxtehude  
Sarah Martin, organist

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; the Lord's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

People: **I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

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

Merciful God, we enter the sanctuary to worship and to sing your praises. Yet in reality, we often exalt ourselves. We compare our acts with our perceptions of others. We contrast our giving with assumptions about our neighbors. Lord, we seek to live each day as a response of gratitude to your grace. Yet in reality, we exalt powers of politics and privilege. We damage creation and degrade our neighbors. God, forgive us of our self-exalting and self-centered ways of living. Guide us toward faith and humility that rests in the promise of your grace. Direct us toward actions that exalt your name. In the name of Jesus, Lord hear our prayer. 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: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

People: **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 260)

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth; let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.**

**\* 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 MINUTE MESSAGE**

Doug Self ☐

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Joel 2:23-32  
(page 799 in the pew Bible, OT)

Miranda Brownlee  
☐

**THE ANTHEM***Also hat Gott der Welt geliebt*

Henrich Schütz

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Luke 18:9-14

(page 76 in the pew Bible, OT) ☐

**THE SERMON***"Where Are We Standing?"*

Chris Peters ☐

**\* THE HYMN 240***Out of the Depths*

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:** Laura Fillyaw 404.583.9323

**DEACON ON CALL:** Ken Sharpe 404.593.7498

**USHERS**██Guerry and Michelle Mashburn, Gary and Monirah Womack

**GREETERS:** Cindy and Bill Humphries, Michael Perez

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST:** Betsy Holland

**COUNTERS:** Doug Self, Bobbie McCrackin

**INFANT VOLUNTEER:** Nancy Crow

**2s VOLUNTEER:** Amy Kayler

**3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER:** Ibbby Bailey

**K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Angie Keller

**2nd– 3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Hal Nuckols

**4th– 5th GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Kelly Goldsmith

**FELLOWSHIP:** Doug Selph, Austin Davis, Rhonda McIntosh, Bob and Rose Mary Wells

*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)

Judy Brooks (friend of Sandy Jones)

Grier Christenbury

Jean Clark (Sue Ballay's sister)

Jim and Faye McKay Clegg

Jackie Cleveland

Ginny Fergus

Kristi Ferrick (friend of Sandy Jones)

Brenda Fishpaw

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

Marzena Holly (Roland Behm's friend)

Linda Johnson

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Peggy Johnson Smith, Katie Smith Higgins, Warren Johnson, Sr., and Sharon Foote

Jean Joiner (Gloria Joiner's sister)

Forrest Jones

Holly Klotz

Jan McMahan

Anne and Nate Reid

Emil Sanders

Ken and Pam Sharpe

Jason Trapani (Katherine Johnston's friend)

John Vytal (Katy 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 **Passing of the Peace** for special classes: Threes & fours-Room 011; K-1st grade - Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade - Room 001; 4th-5th grade - are in Room 005.

**TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC**

In a nod to Reformation Sunday, much of the music this morning comes from the Lutheran tradition. The music and the text of "A Mighty Fortress" were written by Martin Luther and published in 1531. Buxtehude (1637-1707) was organist at the St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, Germany for 40 years. His setting of the chorale is very embellished, with the melody hardly recognizable. In Bach's (1685-1750) setting of the chorale, however, the melody for the most part is easy to follow. The offertory chorale, "Erbarm dich mich," is a unique setting by Bach with string-like repeated progressions and the melody in long notes in the soprano. The anthem is by Heinrich Schütz, one of the early Lutheran church's most renowned composers, who blended a German sensibility with invogue Italian Baroque idioms. Perhaps the most "Lutheran" moment in the piece is the rapid repetition of "alle" - emphasizing that redemption through Christ is for all people. The choral response is a setting of the final verse of Martin Luther's poetic versification of the Lord's Prayer.

**LAY LITURGIST**

In keeping with the Presbyterian tenet of the priesthood of all believers, Morningside members participate regularly in worship leadership. Today's youth liturgist is Lucy Grant and lay reader is Miranda Brownlee.

**MPC YOUTH**

No Sunday evening Youth Group as we all gathered for our lock-in this past Friday night. We will meet again from 5 to 7 p.m. next Sunday, November 3. Hope to see you there!

**WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE**

Women's Roundtable will meet tomorrow, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn Young (277 The Prado NE, 30309). We will eat, drink, visit, catch up, and get organized for the year. Drew Stockstill will be our guest and will facilitate our discussion. Please bring your thoughts, ideas and enthusiasm! RSVP to Sarah Brownlee [rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net), or 404.876.3572.

**YOGA**

A new class of gentle Yoga at Morningside begins at 11 a.m. this Tuesday, October 29 and will run through December 3 with a Christmas luncheon on December 10. Suitable for almost everyone, props and mats are provided. All you need is comfy clothes, and the time and interest! Certified yoga teacher, personal trainer and MPC member, Pam Sharpe loves her work and classes are creative, fun, and accessible. Come and join us. For more information, contact Pam at 404.217.5420, [yoga-pam@bellsouth.net](mailto:yoga-pam@bellsouth.net).

**MPP DINE OUT**

The first dine-out of the school year will be this Tuesday, October 29 from 5 to 10 p.m. at El Taco (1186 N. Highland, 404.873.4656). Reservations for any size group are encouraged and please be sure to mention MPP so that 20 percent of the proceeds will go to our preschool community.



