

THE OFFERTORY

Innkeeper, Innkeeper
Morningside Handbell Choir (Jeff Peters, director)
Derek Matthews, piano
Isabella Perez, Tami Giusto, vocalists

Robert Groth

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Chancel Choir

Franz Schubert

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...
Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

(The round wafers on the plate are provided for our members and guests who are unable to consume gluten.)

Prayer after the Meal

*** THE HYMN 2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Carol of the Advent (excerpt)* arr. Dietterich

*** THE POSTLUDE** *Fugue in F Major* J.S. Bach



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, 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***Chorale Prelude on There is a Saviour Come to Us* Dietrich Buxtehude

Sandy Land, guest organist

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag

*** Unison Prayer:**

Eternal God, awaken our hearts to your light of grace and peace. Help us prepare the way for the fullness of your love to break into your creation. Amen.

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 7** *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth***THE CALL TO CONFESSION****THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, with our trust in you, we need fear nothing. Yet we live timidly rather than boldly. As your called people, we should be a light to the world. But we choose instead to live unto ourselves. As the recipients of great good news, we should be exuberant in our sharing. Instead we politely discuss it. We have sinned, and we need your forgiveness. Cast out our complacency and replace it with enthusiasm, O God. Call us, empower us, use us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

People: **And because you are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!"**

Leader: So you are no longer a slave, but a child, and if a child, then also an heir, through God. Believe the Promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - Galatians 4:4-7

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 9)

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-1st grade in Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade in Room 001; 4th-5th grade 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

Natalie Holler

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

(page 152 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams**THE SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 24:36-44

(page 26 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"Keep Awake... Keep Awake..."*

Baron Mullis

THE HYMN 515Now to Your Table Spread*

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants/toddlers are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, two year olds in Room 012.

ELDER ON CALL: Caroline Tanner 404.873.1519

DEACON ON CALL: Katherine Johnston 678.641.7630

USHERS: Link Marx, Jeanne McCarthy, Doug Selph, Emilie Paille

GREETERS: Marshall and Vickie Hunter, Sanda and Bill Means

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOSTS: Ann and John Watson

COUNTERS: Richard Brownlee, Bill Humphries

INFANT VOLUNTEERS: Carolyn and Taylor Morton

2s VOLUNTEER: Jane Stack

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Tish Woolley

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Jennifer James

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Jim McKelvey

FELLOWSHIP: Tish Wooley, Becky Schreiber, Liz Sommerfeld, Jen James, Ian Irwin

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...

Adrienne Adair (Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland's friend)

P.J. Britton (Lenna Turner's niece)

Judy Brooks (Sandy Jones' friend)

Grier Christenbury

Jean Clark (Sue Ballay's sister)

Jackie Cleveland

Charles Demars (Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland's friend)

Tarrance Eatman

Ginny and Browning Fergus

Kristi Ferrick (Sandy Jones' friend)

Brenda Fishpaw

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

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

Gayle Jones (Jill Klotz's mother)

Holly Klotz

Jan McMahan

Anne and Nate Reid

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 and toddlers is in Room 105; 2 year olds are in Room 012. Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the **Passing of the Peace** for special classes: Threes and fours - Room 011; K-1st grade - Room 003; 2nd-3rd grade - Room 001; 4th-5th grade - are in worship.

WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome Sandy Land today as guest organist. Sandy is recently retired as Administrator of the CHARA Project, a project in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Georgia State University. She is now studying to become a yoga instructor.

ADVENT BANNERS

Advent means a coming or arrival. The Advent banners represent the coming of the promises of God through Christ Jesus. The theme of the banners is "Heart Root Promises of God: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love." Purple batiks symbolize the living, powerful energy of the Holy Spirit bringing forth the promises through Christ into the world. Colors of green, blue, pink and gold signify the power and ever continuing evolution of these promises.

TALK BACK TO THE PREACHER

If you've ever wanted to ask Baron more about something he's preached, or to hear what scripture teaches about something, and you don't happen to find yourself in a class or have the right moment, you are invited to come to Room 201 following worship next Sunday, December 8. We can talk

about whatever you want to talk about - the sermon, the way we plan worship, what's going on in the Presbytery, or whatever! This is your chance.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth will take a break this evening for Thanksgiving weekend. Mark your calendars for our Christmas party next Sunday, December 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. The youth and their advisors are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift (\$10) for a "white elephant" exchange at the party. RSVP to Chris Peters chrispeters@morningsidepc.org for the party and also if you can help with chili and soup dinner on Sunday evening December 15 as this month's service event.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Our next Theology on Tap will be this Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m. Our host will be Peter Cobb (1150 St. Charles Place, 30306). RSVP to the church office@morningsidepc.org.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

This year, we will have a large, live tree in the Fellowship Hall to hold your special ornaments. We're inviting members of our faith community to contribute one, non-breakable ornament to decorate this tree. Place your special ornament in the collection baskets around the church (December 1-15).

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

Chancel Choir is having a holly-jolly time preparing musical selections for Sunday, December 15, and there is sure to be something in this bouquet for everyone to enjoy - can you get to the root of the problem and guess the theme that will tie the music together?

ANNUAL CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual collection of non-perishable items for the Atlanta Community Food Bank is in full swing. Mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, canned veggies, meats, fruits and low sugar whole grain cereals are welcome. Help us fill our five canisters by December 15!

NEW "OUR DAILY BREAD" AVAILABLE

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WOMEN'S SHELTER

Morningside will provide volunteers at Shearith Israel's Women's Shelter again this year as part of our mission outreach program. The individual commitment this year is easier than in years past. Volunteers serve from 6 to 8 p.m. warming up the dinner meal (provided by others) and serving as the women arrive from their daily work or job searches. The kitchen is cleaned up before leaving. Our volunteer dates are: January 8-12 and February 5-9. If you can help on any of these dates, please e-mail Phyllis Grimes at grimes2230@bellsouth.net. Men are welcome to serve also. There is also a need for donations of mittens, gloves, and hats. Collection baskets will be in MPC's Welcome Center for your donations through Sunday, December 15.

Pledge Update as of 11/24/13

Pledged amount needed	\$790,000
Pledges received	\$595,000
Number of current pledges	130
Balance of pledges needed	\$194,900

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.

'TIS THE SEASON...

LGBT & Friends Holiday Celebration, December 7, 6:30 p.m., home of Cindy and Bill Humphries

The Cherub Choir will sing at worship next Sunday, December 8, and the Children's Choir families will serve at Journey on Sunday evening, December 8.

Youth Holiday Party, December 8, 5-7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

MPP Carols and Coffee, December 11, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.

Lydia Circle Holiday Event, December 12, home of Amanda Lewis, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

MPP Prospective Parent Tour, December 13, 9:15 a.m.

Couples Holiday Party, December 13, home of Kathy and Alan Bremer, 7-9 p.m.

Young Adult Holiday Party, December 13, home of Amy and Van Jensen, 7-9 p.m.

Special Music Sunday, December 15, 11 a.m.

Christmas Pageant, December 15, 5 p.m. followed by soup and chili dinner and Carol Sing in Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Worship for Families, 4 p.m. Children and grown-ups of all ages are welcome to attend! (A nursery is provided for any little ones.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, 8 p.m.

Experience one of Atlanta's great Christmas Eve traditions as our Chancel Choir, choir alumni and guest instrumentalists combine in offering an evening rich with variety, drama, and the beauty of our candlelit sanctuary (child care provided).



Christian Education at Morningside

CHARLES DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" AND THE BIBLE

Next Sunday, we continue to get into the Christmas spirit with the *joint* adult education class led by Drew and Ellen Stockstill and Joseph Brady. This class will be held each Sunday in December in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. All are invited to join us and to bring your friends! For more information contact Drew dstockstill@morningsidepc.org.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The preschool class will hear *The Good News*, a story about the birth of Jesus. K-1 and 2nd-3rd grade classes will study the angel's message of hope to Zachariah. 4th and 5th graders will be in worship.

This Week at Morningside

(Atlanta Food Bank Collection through December 15)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School; Christmas Pageant Practice
11 a.m. Worship/Handbell Choir
12 noon Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Adult Education Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Ballet/Tap
5-8 p.m. Free Holiday Babysitting
7 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga
1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball
2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Theology on Tap
7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. MusiCanopy
6 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Playball
5-7 p.m. Pageant Props Prep
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir; MLPA Public Safety

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 a.m. MPP
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Flower Committee
9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement
1 p.m. KidzTennis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School; Christmas Pageant Practice
11 a.m. Worship/Cherub Choir
12 noon Fellowship
12:15 p.m. Christmas Pageant Practice
12:30 p.m. Talk Back to the Preacher
3:45 p.m. Pageant Stage Crew Rehearsal
5p.m.-7 p.m. Youth Holiday Party
6 p.m. Journey (Children's Choir Sings and Serves Dinner)
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group