

*** 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

Sleepers, Wake, A Voice Is Calling

J.S. Bach

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Isaiah the Prophet

arr. Shaw, Parker

*** THE POSTLUDE**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Michael Burkhardt



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 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

Lo, How a Rose Is Growing
Sarah Martin, guest organist

Michael Burkhardt

THE INTROIT

What Shall I Give to the Child in the Manger? Spanish carol
arr. Angela Diller, Kate Stearns Page
Prepare a Way for the Lord Michael Bedford
Cherub Choir (Rebecca Shipley, director)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Young Adult Bible Study Group

*** Unison Prayer:**

Eternal God, creator of all light and life, we give you thanks for the coming of the Christ, the light that shines in the darkness, the life of all people. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6** *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending***THE CALL TO CONFESSION****THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, we do not know how to seek you. If we place our trust in worldly ways, we are left comfortless. If we seek to place ourselves in your place, we find your ways inscrutable, and our understanding is confused. Our sin obscures our knowledge of your goodness and mercy. Our transgressions cloud our vision of your holiness. And yet, we seek you because you have first sought us. So with confidence we confess our sin, knowing you will forgive us, cleanse us, and redirect us. Set our eyes on your ways and our feet on your paths, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Leader: Believe the Promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - Philippians 2:5-11*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 9)

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of Thy people be; before Thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on Thy mercy call. 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 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

Romans 15:4-13

(page 153 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

(page 602 in the pew Bible, OT)

THE SERMON*"A New Zoo"*

Baron Mullis

THE HYMN 450O Day of Peace*

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: Eleanor Attwood 404.783.9429

DEACON ON CALL: Anthony Owens 404.781.3269

USHERS: Ann Benson, Gloria Joiner, Callie Lensing, Nancy Lane

GREETERS: Jane Stack, Curt Barrett, Michael Perez, Carol Senf

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Holly Campbell

COUNTERS: Marshall Hunter, Lynsley Tyler

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Lisa Harris

2s VOLUNTEER: Sarah Brownlee

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Alyssa Durden

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Jennifer James

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Jim McKelvey

4th-5th GRADE VOLUNTEER: Mindy Potter

FELLOWSHIP: RHO Readers

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 (Sandy Jones' friend)

The family and friends of Grier Christenbury

Jean Clark (Sue Ballay's sister)

Jackie Cleveland

Tarrance Eatman

Kristi Ferrick (Sandy Jones' friend)

Brenda Fishpaw

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Finley Holaway

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Kaitlin

Andry, Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson

Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr., and Sharon Foote

Gayle Jones (Jill Klotz's mother)

Holly Klotz

Jan McMahan

Meghan Pauls and Alex Page

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 Room 005.

SERVICE MUSIC

The Prelude and Postlude are innovative settings of very familiar Advent carols by Michael Burkhardt. Dr. Burkhardt is currently Director of Worship and the Arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lavonia, MI. He is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader. The organ offertory is probably one of J. S. Bach's most familiar works. "Wachet auf," one of the six Schübler Chorales, is a literal reduction in score by Bach himself of the tenor aria from his cantata of that same name. This work is a trio, with the chorale melody in the middle voice, representative of Jesus as Mediator. One writer has commented that "the achieving of a melody independent of the chorale is spectacular." The Schübler Chorales were written in 1748.

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, you are invited to come to Room 201 at 12:30 p.m. this Sunday, December 8. We will talk about whatever you want - the sermon, the way we plan worship, what's going on in the Presbytery, or whatever!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group Christmas party is tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. The youth and their advisors are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift (\$10) for a "white elephant" exchange. RSVP to Chris Peters chrispeters@morningsidepc.org for the party. We are grateful to have 11 youth assisting as stage crew for the December 15 pageant. The stage crew **only** practice is 3:45 to 5 p.m. today in Fellowship Hall. If you can help (as this month's service event) with the chili and soup dinner following the pageant contact Chris.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE

Soup and/or chili needed for December 15 following the pageant. Sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Mary Chapman today chapman.maryv@gmail.com if you can provide a pot filled with something delicious.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY-DECEMBER 15

As the season of Advent dawns, and decorations go up in houses, businesses, and here at Morningside, the Chancel Choir is preparing a special program of music for next Sunday - rather than the hanging of the greens, we will present *The Singing of the Greens*, a selection of Advent and Christmas carols that draw on images from the natural world. Spanning music from the 14th through 20th centuries, and featuring our quartet of soloists, the Morningside Handbell Ensemble, and the incomparable Sarah Martin on the organ, we hope this bouquet of musical treats will fill you with the wonder and joy of Advent.

DINE OUT TO BENEFIT ICM

If you eat dinner at Manuel's Tavern this Tuesday, December 10, from 5 to 10 p.m., they will donate a percentage of the evening's profits to Intown Collaborative Ministries that supports those in need in our neighborhood.

ANNUAL CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual collection of non-perishable items for the Atlanta Community Food Bank wraps up next Sunday, December 15. Mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, canned veggies, meats, fruits and low sugar whole grain cereals are welcome in order to fill up our five canisters.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4 P.M.

Any 2nd-5th grader who would like to participate in the 4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service should contact Program Director Melinda Sandkam by this Wednesday, December 11. You must be able to attend a 3 to 5 p.m. practice on Monday, December 23 and arrive at 2:45 p.m. on December 24. There are roles in the tableau to join "Mary and baby Jesus" and opportunities to read liturgy.

VOLUNTEER AND DONATION

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. 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. Kitchen cleanup follows. Volunteer dates are: January 8-12 and February 5-9 (men are welcome). If you can help, contact Phyllis Grimes at grimes2230@bellsouth.net. The shelter could greatly use this winter donations of mittens, gloves, and hats. Please place your donations in the Welcome Center baskets by December 15.

Giving/Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 12/1/13 — 174
NEEDED WEEKLY—\$15,577
RECEIVED —\$35,456
NEEDED YEAR TO DATE —\$747,692
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE —\$688,289

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Meghan Pauls and Alex Page on the recent death of Meghan's aunt, Rebecca Branum.

'TIS THE SEASON...

- The Cherub Choir will sing at worship this morning, December 8, and the Children's Choirs and their families will sing and serve at Journey this evening.
- 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).

Pledge Update as of 12/1/13

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| Pledged amount needed | \$790,000 |
| Pledges received | \$637,000 |
| Increases from existing members | \$ 29,000 |
| New pledges | \$ 62,000 |
| Number of current pledges | 141 |
| Balance of pledges needed | \$153,000 |

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 Pre-K class will hear how the shepherds responded to the news of Jesus' birth in the story *Jesus is Born*. All elementary classes will study Luke 1:26-56 to hear about the strange and exciting message the angel Gabriel brought to Mary. God will bring a savior through her.

This Week at Morningside

(Atlanta Food Bank and Shearith Israel Shelter Collections through December 15)

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
6:30 p.m. Journey (Children's Choir Sings and Serves Dinner)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Ballet/Tap
6:30 p.m. Winter Service Challenge Meeting
7 p.m. Called Session Meeting; Mandolin Society
7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9 a.m. MPP
11 a.m. Yoga Christmas Party
1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball
2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. Tai Chi
5-10 p.m. ICM Dine Out (Manuel's Tavern)
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
7 p.m. Preschool Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 a.m. MPP
9:15 a.m. MPP Coffee and Carols
1 p.m. MusiCanopy
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
9 a.m. MPP
1 p.m. Playball
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir; Lydia Circle Holiday Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9 a.m. MPP
9:15 a.m. MPP Prospective Parent Tour
9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement
1 p.m. KidzTennis
7 p.m. Couples Group Holiday Party (Bremers); Young Adult Holiday Party (Jensens)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 a.m. AA Meeting
9-11 a.m. Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9:45 a.m. Church School; Christmas Pageant Practice
11 a.m. Worship/Special Music Sunday
12 noon Fellowship
5 p.m. Christmas Pageant followed by Soup/Chili Supper and Carol Sing