

**\* 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**

*What Child Is This*

Richard Purvis

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

(Hymn 592)

**\* THE HYMN 28**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE POSTLUDE**

*Carillon, “Unto Us a Child Is Born”*

Michael Morgan



**1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**December 29, 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

Caroline Parrish

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Allen Orton Gibbs

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!  
People: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**  
Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord because only God’s name is high over all.  
Only God’s Majesty is over earth and heaven.  
People: **God has raised the strength of God’s people, the praise of all God’s faithful, the people of Israel who are close to God.**  
Leader: Let us worship the Lord! - Psalm 148: 1, 12-14

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 40 Joy to the World

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this is the season we joyfully sing of your birth and we declare the earth has received her king. But we confess that even as we repeat the sounding joy, we do not always live as if the wonders of your love have been made real in our lives and in our church. We are often blind to your beauty, doubtful of your presence and skeptical of your redeeming grace. At times, in our ignorance, we are like the innkeeper, with no room for you in our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to truly live into the reality that your presence among us has saved us and carries us through our lives together. 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: Friends, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God—in this all humanity is the same.  
People: **But all are treated as righteous freely by God’s grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**  
Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel!  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen!** -Romans 3: 22b-24

\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 23)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

\* 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade in Room 003; 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Room 001; 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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

Isaiah 63:7-9

(page 652 in the pew Bible, OT)

\* THE HYMN 411

Arise, Your Light is Come!

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

(page 2 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON

“Nurturing Hope”

Drew Stockstill

\*THE HYMN 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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:** Leslie Prince 770.377.0027

**DEACON ON CALL:** Ann Bowers 404.580.8285

**USHERS:** Nancy Anderson, Laura Fillyaw, Amy and Van Jensen

**GREETERS:** Carol Senf, Bill and Cindy Humphries, Marshall Hunter

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST:** Gail Kitchens

**COUNTERS:** Richard Brownlee, Bill Humphries

**K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER:** Anne Barnette

**FELLOWSHIP:** Sarah and Richard Brownlee

*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...

Judy Brooks (Sandy Jones' friend)  
The family and friends of Grier Christenbury  
Jean Clark (Sue Ballay's sister)  
Jackie Cleveland  
Tarrance Eatman  
Travis Drake (Anna Best's son-in-law)  
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

*Please submit prayer requests using the prayer cards in the pew racks.*

# Life@Morningside

December 29, 2013

## 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.

## WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST

We are very excited to welcome our guest organist, Michael Morgan, to Morningside this Sunday. Michael served as organist at Central Presbyterian Church for over 40 years before retiring this year. Michael also serves as the seminary musician at Columbia Theological Seminary. In addition to his wide musical accomplishments, Michael is an avid collector of English versions of the Bible, the New Testament, and the Psalms and has the most comprehensive collection in the United States.

## CHRISTMAS DAY-EPIPHANY BANNERS

The Christmas Day-Epiphany banners are titled *Can You See the Christ?* and *The Glory of the Lord Came, Christ Jesus*. They represent the love, hope, joy and strength of God bringing forth Christ incarnate to the world. The purple shades moving into the vibrant batiks show the arms and heart of God giving the person of Christ to our lives. You can see the powerful love and hope of Jesus in the golds, oranges and intense blues as they rise up from the purples spreading into the world. The gift of Christ given to us on Christmas Day and the recognition of Christ as the Son of God by the Magi with their gifts on Epiphany are represented in both banners.

## YOUTH GROUP

No Youth Group tonight, December 29. Summer trip registrations are due by January 5.

## CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

## GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Some Morningsiders choose to fulfill their annual pledge or make special gifts to Morningside through the gift of stock or other securities. We are always happy to accept such gifts; we ask only that you notify MPC Treasurer Randy Parrish when you initiate a transfer of securities so that we can make sure you receive proper credit for your gift. Should you have questions or wish to make a gift of securities, contact him at [randyparrish@bellsouth.net](mailto:randyparrish@bellsouth.net).

## YOGA RESUMES

Pam Sharpe, veteran personal trainer and yoga teacher, invites you to join her yoga class on Tuesday mornings 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes will begin January 7, and will include yoga poses that will help students strengthen, lengthen and relax. Contact Pam for more information at 404.321.6630 or [yogapam@bellsouth.net](mailto:yogapam@bellsouth.net).

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Our next meeting of Morningside's men's group, Theology on Tap, will be hosted by Alan Bremer on Tuesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. (785 Cumberland Rd., 30306). RSVP to [office@morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org).

## ONE GRAY HAIR

One Gray Hair will meet Wednesday, January 8 at noon for lunch and a program in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker for January is Officer Reddick, an Atlanta police officer and member of the Morningside/Lenox Park Security Patrol. Officer Reddick will talk with us about crime prevention and ways to keep safe. Please come with your questions on these important topics! RSVP to the Brownlees at [rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

# Season of Service

Early next year Morningside is having its first Season of Service, a month of challenging you and your friends to participate in the wide variety of mission work MPC is involved with. Find time to check out a new outreach or bring an old friend or new member with you as you help out your regular one - meet the ***Plus 1*** challenge! MPC hopes you will get connected while helping those in need. Stay tuned for details of our February event. We will kick off the event on Sunday, February 2 with the youth collecting the annual Souper Bowl offering and continue throughout the month to highlight outreaches and provide opportunities to volunteer. See below for two great opportunities already available.

### VOLUNTEER ON MLK JR. WEEKEND

Join us for the annual MLK Work Day on January 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. doing light repair and yard work to help seniors stay in their homes. Sign up in the hallway or contact Lloyd Prince [lloydprince@comcast.net](mailto:lloydprince@comcast.net) or Jack Klotz [jacksklotz@gmail.com](mailto:jacksklotz@gmail.com) for more information.

### VOLUNTEER 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](mailto:grimes2230@bellsouth.net) or sign up on the mission bulletin board.

### PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOUR

MPP will host its last Parent Tour on Monday, January 13 at 9:15 a.m. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about our Preschool Program, please contact Sarah Tomaka at [mpp@morningsidepc.org](mailto:mpp@morningsidepc.org) or call 404/685-8758.

### 2014-2015 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Early registration for currently enrolled families and MPC members begins Tuesday, January 21. You can now download the necessary forms at [http://www.morningsidepc.org/preschool/registration\\_procedure.html](http://www.morningsidepc.org/preschool/registration_procedure.html). Please submit your application no later than February 2 as open registration will begin on Monday, February 3. Applications should be completed and returned to Sarah Tomaka, Preschool Director.

### MPP FUN-RAISER

Hold your calendars (and get ready to open your hearts and wallet) for the 2014 MPP FUN-Raiser to

be held 7 p.m. Saturday February 1 at Le Maison Rouge (the events room at Paris on Ponce). The event promises to be a fun evening of celebrating our preschool and mingling with our extended MPP family. Much like years past, the centerpiece of our event is a Live and Silent Auction featuring donated items from neighborhood merchants, MPP families, teachers and of course the art projects from each class! Tickets will go on sale in January.

### YOUTH ENSEMBLE

The winter session for the MPC Youth Ensemble begins January 22 with Wednesday practices for 6 weeks through Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and singing in worship on March 2. Contact Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley [rebeccashipley@pop.mindspring.com](mailto:rebeccashipley@pop.mindspring.com) by Sunday, January 12 to let her know that you will be participating.

## Christian Education at Morningside

### SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Our two adult classes restart in January. The group meeting in Room 107 at 9:15 a.m. has been working their way through the Bible using the History Channel's series "The Bible" as a guide, while enjoying breakfast and coffee (January 12, 19, 26). The class in Room 201 meets at 9:45 a.m. starting January 5. Child care is available during both these sessions.

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Today, preschool children will hear about Anna and Simeon, two people who waited their whole lives for Jesus' birth. Elementary classes will study Matthew 2:1-12 to learn about the wise men from far away who see the star and search for Jesus.

## This Week at Morningside

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation  
11 a.m. Worship  
12 noon Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Church School for All Ages  
11 a.m. Worship/Communion  
12 noon Fellowship  
1:30 p.m. DOOR Board Retreat  
5-7 p.m. Youth Group  
7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

*MPP Winter Break*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

*MPP Winter Break*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

*Happy New Year  
MPP & Church Office Closed*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

*MPP Winter Break*  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

*MPP Winter Break*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9 a.m. AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

### Attendance Update

WORSHIP COUNT 12/22/13 — 164

### Pledge Update as of 12/22/13

Pledged amount needed: \$790,000  
Pledges received: \$699,000  
Increases from existing members: \$25,000  
New pledges: \$69,000  
Number of current pledges: 173  
Balance of pledges needed: \$91,000

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