

THE OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

***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

Joseph Roff

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 63**

As with Gladness Men of Old

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Was will der Hölle Schrecken nun

J. S. Bach

(from Weihnachts-oratorium)

Now what hope have hell's own terrors, and what harm will world and sin do to us, now that we rest
sure in Jesus' hands?

***THE POSTLUDE**

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Wayne Wold



2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2014

11 a.m. Worship

Baron Mullis, Pastor

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

THE GATHERING

Chris Peters

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE*Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: **For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. - Psalm 100

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 68** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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

Eternal God, you are from everlasting to everlasting. You, the creator of heaven and earth extend from the furthest reaches of the universe to the depths of Sheol. Yet in our finitude, we forget from whom our blessings flow. We blur the lines between creator and creation and think that we are the authors of our own blessings. But you alone are eternal, you alone are the source of all life and all good. We are chastened and we ask forgiveness. Return us to your marvelous image, remind us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and call forth from us the commitment you would have us bring, through Jesus the Christ we pray. 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 unto 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 466)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

*** 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 worship).*

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

Ephesians 1:3-14

(page 180 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*Nun seid ihr wohl gerochen*

J. S. Bach

(from Weihnachts-oratorium)

Megan Mashburn, Tami Giusto, John Wingert, Brandom Odom, quartet

Erin Palmer, piano; Mark Mashburn, trumpet

Now you are well avenged upon your hostile host, for Christ has fully broken all that which opposed you. Death, devil, sin and hell are completely debilitated; with God the human race now has its place.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-18

(page 86 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"*

Baron Mullis

THE HYMN 28Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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: Michael Perez 404.483.4465

DEACON ON CALL: Jill Klotz 404.202.5927

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

GREETERS: Gail Kitchens, Jane Stack, Sanda and Bill Means

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Carol Senf

COUNTERS: Doug Self, Lynsley Tyler

INFANT VOLUNTEER: Cindy Humphries

TODDLER/TWOS VOLUNTEER: Tish Wooley

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEER: Liz Sommerfeld

K-1st GRADE VOLUNTEER: Angie Keller

2nd-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEER: Tara Parrish

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

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.

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.

SERVICE MUSIC

Maurice Duruflé, 1912-1986, was one of France's leading composers of the 20th century. His main compositions were organ and choral works; he is probably best known today for his "Requiem." The prelude this morning was written in 1961, one of only a handful of organ works. Wilbur Held, b. 1914, and Wayne Wold, b. 1954, are both American composers and professors. Wold is a professor at Hood College in Frederick, MD and Director of Music Ministries at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, MD. The Christmas Oratorio is a grand cantata cycle which Bach begins and ends with settings of the Passion Chorale - "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" - thus liturgically and musically connecting the birth of Christ with his death and resurrection; the anthem is the final, triumphant movement.

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

Registration for two out-of-town 2014 Youth Summer Trips are due today, January 5 for the Montreat High School Conference (June 1-7) and "Rising 8th and Up" Mission Trip to Government Street Presbyterian, Mobile, AL (July 13-18). There will be a new Youth Track Mission Camp (completed 6th-12th grade) July 21-25, for which registrations are due February 2. (Mission Camp registration forms for completed 2nd-5th graders will be available February 1 with a later due date.)

YOGA RESUMES

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

ONE GRAY HAIR

One Gray Hair will meet at noon this Wednesday, January 8 for lunch and a program in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Officer Reddick, an Atlanta police officer and member of the Morningside/Lenox Park Security Patrol. He will talk with us about crime prevention and ways to keep safe. Come with your questions. RSVP to rsbrown-lee1046@att.net.

Season of Service

Next month 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 in January. A Season of Service can't be squeezed into only one month!

VOLUNTEER ON MLK JR. WEEKEND

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

VOLUNTEER AT WOMEN'S SHELTER

Morningside is providing 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 (only 1 opening on Sunday, January 12) and February 5-9 (men are welcome). If you can help, contact Phyllis Grimes at 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 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. 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 on sale now; contact mpp@morningsidepc.org.

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 by next 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. Child care is available during both these sessions.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

In the story *Who is This Child*, the Preschool Class will learn about twelve-year-old Jesus' visit to the temple. K-1st graders and 2nd-3rd graders will read Luke 2:41-52 and learn how twelve-year-old Jesus worshiped God and proclaimed his faith in the temple. 4th and 5th graders will join the congregation in worship.

This Week at Morningside

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
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, JANUARY 6

MPP Winter Break

7 p.m. Mandolin Society

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

MPP Winter Break

11 a.m. Yoga

2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi

4:30 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

7 p.m. Pulse PNC Worship Service; Theology on Tap

7:30 p.m. Troop 455; MLPA Zoning

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Shearith Israel Shelter for Women

9 a.m. MPP

12 noon One Gray Hair Luncheon

1 p.m. MusiCanopy

6 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Shearith Israel Shelter for Women

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. Playball

6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Shearith Israel Shelter for Women

9 a.m. MPP

9:30 a.m. Creative Movement

1 p.m. KidzTennis

7 p.m. Couples Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Shearith Israel Shelter for Women

9 a.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Shearith Israel Shelter for Women

9:15 a.m. The Bible Class

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Church School for All Ages

11 a.m. Worship/Officer Ordination/Installation

12 noon Fellowship

12:30 p.m. Children's Worship Leaders' Meeting

5-7 p.m. Youth Group

6 p.m. Journey (Couples Group serving)

7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

LENTEN MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

Our continued relationship with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans), a strong outreach founded after Hurricane Katrina by St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian, reflects MPC's desire to support recovery work that takes years. The cost is \$225 for lodging at the Brent House Hotel, most lunches and some dinners. Make checks out to MPC and give them directly to trip leader Roland Behm by February 2 in order to join us March 12-16. Contact Roland with questions roland.behm@gmail.com or attend an interest meeting at 12:15 p.m. in Session Room 103 on January 19.