

BE TOGETHER

Sunday, January 27
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship
 12:15 p.m. #ChurchToo Event Lunch (offsite)
 1:00 p.m. #ChurchToo Panel
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 28
 6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable (offsite)

Tuesday, January 29
 11:00 a.m. Yoga
 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. MPP S.W.O.T ☺

Wednesday, January 30
 6:15 p.m. Children's Dinner & Choir ☒
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 31
 11:00 a.m. Yogasculpt
 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Friday, February 1
MPP - Community Registration Opens

Saturday, February 2
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Retreat

Sunday, February 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring
 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Communion
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship

This afternoon, attend the panel discussion at Covenant Presbyterian (2561 Peachtree Rd., N.E.) about the church's response to the #MeToo movement with its own, #ChurchToo. Moderated by **Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle**, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, and featuring **Rep. Betsy Holland**, Director of Culture and Engagement for Turner and newly elected member of the Georgia State House of Representatives (and MPC member!), among other panelists. This event is free and open to all, regardless of gender.



Women's Roundtable meets tomorrow at the home of Bobbie McCrackin (790 Castle Falls Dr., N.E.). **Rev. Leigh Campbell-Taylor** will lead a program on different prayer practices. Please RSVP to Sarah Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).

GROW TOGETHER

We will participate once again in the national fundraising campaign called "**Souper Bowl for Caring**", which seeks to help alleviate hunger in local communities across the country. MPC will collect for our local mission partner, **Intown Collaborative Ministries**, which runs a food pantry, food co-op and a clothing closet here in urban Atlanta for those who are food insecure or in some cases, homeless. Next Sunday, **February 3**, the youth will be in the back of the sanctuary to collect donations after worship. You can donate online at www.intowncm.org/donate any time before February 3rd. If you donate online, email Emma (emma.neishloss@morningsidepc.org) to let her know, so we can report your donation along with the others to the national organization. For more information about Souper Bowl of Caring, visit tacklehunger.org.

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool

☺ **Registration** opens to the community, **Friday, February 1**. Tell your neighbors and friends! Contact MPP Director, Melinda Sandkam (mpp@morningsidepc.org) for info!

☺ As MPP completes its 2016-2019 strategic plan, the Preschool invites interested MPC members to the last **S.W.O.T.** meeting (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) held this **Tuesday, 1/29 at 7 p.m.** in the Youth Center, led by MPC member, Marti Adams and the Preschool Committee. Email Melinda or Marti (martiacadams@gmail.com) to give any input.

☺ MPP is excited to replace the 17-year-old main climbing structure on the **playground** with funds from the school's Fun-Raiser. Weather permitting, the playground will be closed for installation **beginning 2/4** and lasting for one week.

Interim Pastor
 Leigh Campbell-Taylor
Associate Pastor
 Emma Neishloss
Organist/Choirmaster
 Jonathan Crutchfield
Children's Director
 Mardee Rightmyer

SERVE TOGETHER

Elder on Call
 Emilie Paille, 678.595.4988

Deacon on Call
 Carolyn Cobb, 404-931-3011

Greeters
 Susan & Mark Gilbreath † Lisa Ladds
 Nancy Anderson

Coffee & Conversation
 Patty & Jon Nelson

Ushers
 Stephanie & Kasey Libby
 Peter Cobb † Sarah Brownlee

Audio/Visual Engineers
 David Cox † Anthony Cochran
 Lloyd Prince

Youth Sunday School
 Emma Neishloss

Children's Sunday Funday Nursery (Room 105):
 Courtney Smith † Carolyn Layton
 2s (Room 012):
 Debbie Loomis † Brianne Guzewicz

3s/**Pre-K** (Room 011):
 Melinda Sandkam † TBD

Ks/1st (Room 001):
 Sue Ballay † Laura Ulepe

2nd-4th (Room 003):
 Cindy Humphries † Kim Nuckols

Children's Church Nursery (Room 105):
 Courtney Smith † Kim & Anna Nuckols

2s (Room 012):
 Carolyn Layton † Brianne Guzewicz

3s/**Pre-K** (Room 011):
 Debbi Loomis † Tish Woolley

K-4th (Youth Room):
 Mardee Rightmyer † TBD

Counters
 Emilie Paille † Leslie Prince

Fellowship
 The Handbell Choir



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 27, 2019 | 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Above: Nehemiah in the Liturgy from a book of hours, approx. 1480

☞ "A page from the 15th century French illuminated manuscript...and the page shown partially covers the liturgy of the octave of Saint Andrew." The reader and the hearers stand to pray, listen to the Word, and say, "Amen," as Nehemiah describes when Ezra reads aloud.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PSALM 19

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

☞ As the Prelude begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.

☞ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!
 People: **The skies proclaim God's handiwork!**
 Leader: The days shout out the good news;
 People: **the nights whisper knowledge of God's grace.**
 Leader: Even without words, they all bear witness;
 People: **to the ends of the Earth, they sing God's praise.**

☞ PROCESSIONAL HYMN (See insert, side 1) PSALM 19

ELLACOMBE

☞ Setting by Michael Morgan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for making sure your cellphone is off during worship.

Join in reading or singing parts of the service printed in **bold**.

☞ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

☞ Hearing aids, large-print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

☞ Find bulletins & audio recordings of services at www.morningsidepc.org. Find us on Facebook as "Morningside Presbyterian Church."

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious Giver of all gifts,
we tend to be ungrateful.

Perhaps we imagine our gifts are not of use to You,
and so we tuck them away, failing to offer ourselves fully to Your mission.

Perhaps we imagine our gifts are of our own making,
and so we use them only to benefit ourselves, ignoring Your clear commands.

Perhaps we imagine our gifts set us apart from others,
and so we use them to indulge in prejudice, denying Your image found in everyone.

Forgive us.

Help us to accept the gifts You give us, to live into these gifts,
and to appreciate the gifts You give to others, that all may be used to Your glory.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Of all the gifts God gives us, the greatest gift is this: we are loved by God.

Receive the gift of forgiveness and use it to God's glory.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 276, REFRAIN

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

(Children, three years old through fourth grade, are invited to go to Children's Church.)

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

NEHIMIAH 8:6-5, 8-10

PAGE 416, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

ARR. JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

(Refrain) In Him there is no darkness at all, the night and day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

SECOND LESSON

I CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

PAGE 163, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

"THE COMMON GOOD"

LEIGH CAMPBELL-TAYLOR

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 552

GIVE THANKS, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM *THE BELHAR CONFESSION*

We believe

that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;

that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,

yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought;

that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully

to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

together come to know the height, breadth and depth of the love of Christ;

together know and bear one another's burdens,

thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another,

admonishing and comforting one another;

that we pray together; together serve God in this world;

and together strive against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Children, Kindergarten through fourth grade, are invited to return to Worship.)

OFFERTORY

BEACH SPRING

WILBUR HELD

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

✠ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures, here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN (See insert, side 2)

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

BEACH SPRING

GOING FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

PSALM 19

ARR. JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION

JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

✠ *"The Belhar Confession"*

was born out of Apartheid South Africa in the early 1980s. Written originally in Afrikaans, it is the confession most recently adopted by the PC(USA). Our denomination officially added it to the *Book of Confessions* in 2016. *"The Belhar Confession"* calls unity both a gift and an obligation for the church, leaving no room for decisions or exclusions based on race. It reminds us that the church is called to manifest its unity in love for one another, bearing one another's burdens, praying together, and serving together to fight against anything that may hinder our unity.

✠ Please take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. Then note the names of those seated near you, so you can greet each other by name. If you are visiting, please provide your contact information so we can reach out to you!

✠ Text and tune: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966.

✠ We joyfully welcome into MPC membership: Whitney & Daniel Fowler, and Kait Lowry. If you're a visitor, we invite you to consider becoming a member – see a pastor for details.

✠ After worship, we share refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please join the fun!