

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Has a friendship or relationship ever changed with simple phrases like “I’m sorry” or “I miss you?” Sometimes these simple statements are the hardest but most important to say. Inviting God into these conversations gives space for the Holy Spirit to move in surprising and transformative ways! We’ll be exploring these phrases in worship as we dive into the Old Testament this month.

But I want to start with this one:
We need your help.

I am constantly impressed with the generosity of this community—in financial gifts, in time, in care for each other. We are 91% of the way to our commitment goal for 2023 because of your generosity! Thank you!!

Here’s where I need your help. If every household gave an additional \$512, we would hit our budget goal and live into the Session’s dreams—for increased support for children and youth, for building energy efficiency, for mission support, for staff support. The reality is that our budget is large but very lean. We use each dollar toward the mission of the church—helping those inside the church grow together and serve together in ways that help the community know Christ’s love.

Do you have an additional \$512 (that’s just \$10 per week!) to support Morningside this coming year? Pray on it and email Bill Humphries if you’re willing to grow your gift as we continue to journey together!

**WITH HOPE,
PASTOR KATIE**

happy anniversary
PASTOR EMMA!

Join me this month in celebrating 5 years of Pastor Emma’s ministry at Morningside! She’s guided the church through a pastoral transition and a pandemic with humor, grace, and a lot of prayer. We are blessed by her ministry and grateful for the many gifts she brings! When you see her this month, be sure to say thank you!
- Pastor Katie

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN JANUARY



JANUARY 1, 11am
Worship in the MPC Sanctuary

New Year's Day 1/1
Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6
Pastor Amanda, preaching
Start the year right by beginning with the Good New of the Gospel in worship.

Just Say the Words

We begin the new year with all kinds of resolutions: eat less, exercise more, set priorities. But what if we begin by saying simple but powerful phrases that draw us closer to God and each other? In worship, we'll follow Old Testament stories to help us learn how to say these words: *I love you. I need help. I was wrong. I am enough. I miss you. Thank you.*

1/8 Baptism of the Lord Sunday *"I love you."*
Ruth 1:1-19; Isaiah 43:1-7
Pastor Katie, preaching

2nd Sunday after Epiphany 1/15
"I need help." 1 Kings 19:1-18
Pastor Katie, preaching

1/22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany *"I was wrong."*
2 Samuel 12:1-15; Jonah 1 & 3
Pastor Emma, preaching

4th Sunday after Epiphany 1/29
"I am enough." 1 Samuel 17
Pastor Amanda, preaching

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Click [here](#) to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on Communion Sunday. If you would like to give the flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please put the information into the comments line and it will appear in the bulletin.





STAR WORDS POSTCARDS

Watch your mailboxes as the year begins!

For several years now, we have been sharing a star word with each member to mark Epiphany. Epiphany is the season in which God's presence is made manifest in the world as God-with-us. As you discern God's movement in your own life, your word invites you into a prayer practice by having a guiding word or intention for the year. Perhaps the word you receive will feel fitting; perhaps you're unclear what it will mean for you in the coming year. Regardless, you are invited to receive this gift and are encouraged to place your star word somewhere you will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY

The Faith Development planning committee meets on 1/4 to plan curriculum for the year. The class resumes on Sunday, 1/8 at 9:45 a.m. See you there!



Commitment 2023

We are grateful for 127 pledges for \$748,000 (91% of goal) that represents an increase of those givers of \$31,255 from last year.

We give deep thanks for the commitment committee, especially Hillery McNeill, Susan Oder, and Bill Humphries, for their work in inspiring and calling us to give. Please be in prayer now for your Session as we go about the work of building a budget based on your commitment and seek to boldly follow the Spirit in the coming year.



HELP YOUR CHURCH FAMILY KNOW YOU!

Update your picture!

Realm is our online platform where you can access the church directory, track your giving, pledge, and connect

with other members. In order for members to find you, we need your help! If you haven't checked your profile recently, please logon [here](#). If your picture is out of date, your kids have grown, you've got a new haircut, you've gained or shed a few pounds, now is a great time to upload a new picture of yourself!



MATTHEW 25 & PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA

The Session at Morningside declared that we should be a "Matthew 25 Church." But, what does that mean in everyday terms for you and me? Matthew 25 says, "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

Our Mission Committee is engaged with several outreach programs that meet in part the thoughts of Matthew 25. Most of them require regular active engagement by members of the Congregation, but are not focused on changing policy. To change policy and make a lasting change for all Georgians often means passing legislation. Presbyterians for a Better Georgia is our collective voice at the Georgia General Assembly.

P4BG works with churches, non-profits, and organizations to move legislation forward primarily to impact homelessness, child health care, and to increase the minimum wage. We care that homelessness be solved through adequate low-income housing and social support programs, that child health care be available to all communities through expanded Medicaid programs, and that the minimum wage be increased through better access to technical schools and vocational education programs across the state.

I hope to keep you informed on legislation as it moves during the upcoming Legislative Session and to ask you to participate by contacting your state senator and representative to be supportive.

Nancy Hamilton, Matthew 25 Committee Member



PICTURES OF DECEMBER



INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES ADVENT FOOD DRIVE



DOBBS ELEMENTARY MEET AND GREET



MPC IN THE NYT!



Voters in line at Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta on Tuesday. The Election Day runoff total could rival the 1.4 million people who turned out to vote on Nov. 8. Nicole Buchanan for The New York Times

NICHOLAS HOUSE DINNER





HOLIDAY GATHERINGS



PRESCHOOL CAROLS AND COFFEE



ADVENT DECORATING WITH THE FLOWER GUILD



LGBT & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY





WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE ADVENT GATHERING



**MPC KIDS!
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**



**SWAS CHRISTMAS
TAP PARTY**



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

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TICKETS [HERE](#)

The
Nancy Frampton
Rising Artists Series
at Morningside
Presbyterian Church

**NFRAS
BENEFIT
CONCERT
MIN KWON,
PIANO
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
7:30 P.M.**



After a successful inaugural 2022 season, the Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series announced their 2023 season with concerts featuring - Pianist Min Kwon; Mezzo-Soprano, Gabrielle Beteag; the CME Schubert Trio, and Double Bassist, Nina Bernat. For details about these artists, information on the concerts, and to purchase tickets, click [here](#). Individual concert tickets available soon.

Dr. Min Kwon made her debut at twelve as piano soloist with the Korean Symphony and Seoul Philharmonic. She has performed over 25 concertos around the world under James Conlon, Alan Gilbert, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Xian Zhang, and Gerhardt Zimmerman, among others. Her many solo and chamber music appearances include critically acclaimed, sold-out recitals at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and in Paris, Rome, Vienna, Prague, Madrid, Copenhagen, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, and more. Winner of the Gina Bachauer International Award, Kwon holds a D.M.A. and M.M. from The Juilliard School, where she served on the council (the first alumna to be invited to join). She is Founder and Director of Center for Musical Excellence, a non-profit dedicated to mentoring and providing financial and professional opportunities to young artists.



SAVE-THE-DATE DAN FORREST PREMIER FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. for a very special musical event. Composer Dan Forrest will accompany a mass women's choir - the women of Morningside Presbyterian's Chancel Choir, Vox Anima London, University of South Carolina's Women's Choir, Mercer University Women's Choir, and others - in a premier of the SSA version of *Lux: The Dawn from on High*. Click [here](#) to find out more about Dan Forrest. Tickets available soon!



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR
RETURNS!
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 25
6:30 P.M.**

CHRISTMAS TRIBUTES

In honor of...

Bill & Cindy Humphries
Emma Neishloss
by Betsy, Jason, & Alex Holland

Liz Land
Betsy, Jason, & Alex Holland
Yuanyuan & Durf Humphries
by Cindy & Bill Humphries

In memory of...
Barbara & Chester Cobb
Dorothy & Alexander Nichols
Alan Nichols
by Carolyn & Peter Cobb

my sister, Jean Warner Fortson
by Emilie Paille

Pat Worley Dumbleton
by Douglas & Austin Davis-Selph

Marcia Holland
by Betsy, Jason, & Alex Holland

Gay V. Land
Lillie Mae & Ernest Humphries
by Cindy & Bill Humphries

James Ellis
Cleve Ellis
Katie Ellis

Mike Cochran
by Cindy & Bill Humphries

Thomas & Betty Fox
by Debbie Fox

Affinity Groups



MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, January 14; 6:00 p.m.

This group meets at the Grana Restaurant (1835 Piedmont Rd, next to Sprouts). Email [Kathy](#) to RSVP.



RHO READERS

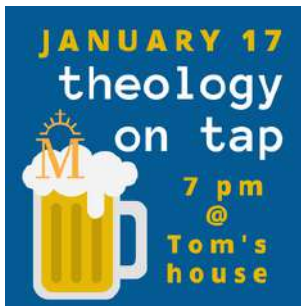
Sunday, January 15; 12:30 p.m.

Join this group for their first in-person meeting to choose books to read and discuss for 2023. Light refreshments provided. Let [Jill](#) know if you've read anything interesting! All are welcome to this group.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, January 17; 7:00 p.m.

Gather at Tom Daniels' home (1681 Council Bluff Dr, 30345) for dinner and brews. RSVP to ??????



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday
January 23
6:30 p.m.



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, January 23; 7:00 p.m.

Meet at Lynn Young's home (277 The Prado NE, 30309). Program details are in progress! RSVP to [Sarah](#).

TAI CHI WITH BOB

Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m.

People of all ages and skill levels are invited to join Bob Wells in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. for Tai Chi. No need to sign up; this class is free to everyone! Bring a friend!



gentle yoga

TUESDAYS @ 11 A.M.



GENTLE YOGA WITH PAM

Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m.

Gentle Yoga with Pam returns to Room 201 at MPC on Tuesday, January 17 at 11 a.m. Email [Pam](#) to register and pay the fee for the class.

January Birthdays

- 1 JACK BREWSTER
- 2 JAMES KLOTZ
- 3 JACK MCNEILL
- 4 JACK KLOTZ
- 4 KIM ROCKWOOD
- 5 ELLEN BEHM
- 5 MICHAEL BOORMAN
- 5 HOLLY CRAWFORD
- 5 ELIZABETH GOTTLICH
- 5 JACK LADDS
- 6 MICHAEL LOWERY
- 6 SUZANNE WOLFE
- 7 JENNY BROD
- 8 KATRINA WEIS
- 8 ARABELLA WOLFE
- 8 LYNN YOUNG
- 9 WESLEY KING
- 10 ANNA HOLMAN
- 10 SHARI TANT
- 11 MIA SMITH
- 12 JACK KNEZEVICH
- 12 CAROLYN MORTON
- 12 JANE STACK
- 12 JOHN WATSON
- 13 VIVIENNE ANDERSON
- 13 MARY HAMPTON SMITH
- 13 KENNETH WILLIAMS
- 14 LYNN DANIEL
- 15 HAILEY MCPHERSON
- 15 JANE MCRAE
- 17 REX RUBY
- 17 HEATHER SCRIBNER
- 17 KATE SCRIBNER
- 18 VANESSA RYAN
- 19 WILLIAM KING
- 19 MADELINE SELNESS
- 19 TISH WOOLLEY
- 20 JEANNE MCCARTHY
- 20 MARSHALL WILLIAMS
- 22 STEPHEN SMITH
- 24 ROBERT LOVETT
- 24 JENNIFER WILLIAMS
- 26 NATHAN HARTMAN
- 26 BETH MCCLINTOCK
- 26 BRAD MILLARD
- 29 SUZANNE MACPHERSON
- 30 ADRIENNE MOGGE



MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"I want to make a new year's prayer, not a resolution. I'm praying for courage."
- Susan Sontag

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Resolve to join our merry band of Mission volunteers in 2023! If matters like food and housing insecurity, education, stewardship of our planet, disaster relief, or refugee and immigrant support are on your heart, your Mission committee needs your help. Volunteers of all ages are needed and welcome! Contact [Amy Jensen](#) for more info.



ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, January 21, 2023
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for MPC's Annual Day of Service at Dobbs

Elementary for an intergenerational family friendly workday, where we'll be painting the halls inside the school. A continental breakfast, snacks, and a pizza lunch will be provided. Bring rollers and trim brushes. Sign up [here](#). For more info contact [Jack](#) or [Lloyd](#).



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Memorial Drive Ministries is needing a small group of volunteers to organize and clean their kitchen that was rebuilt after a fire. If you're available on MLK Day, January 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, contact [Amy Jensen](#).

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, pipes burst in two building at Memorial Drive Ministries, causing substantial water damage. MDM is working with remediation companies and insurance to assess the damage, but please be on the lookout for further information and possible opportunities to help.



INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES UPDATE

Our Advent Food Collection was a huge success that resulted in over 700 lbs. of food for our friends and neighbors through ICM. This was a joint project with Morningside Presbyterian Preschool.



Thanks to the generosity of Morningside's congregation, ICM received \$100k in donations for 2022!

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS



- Click [here](#) to volunteer at ICM
- Click [here](#) for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs*
- Click [here](#) to volunteer to deliver groceries
- Click [here](#) to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers *with a fellow Morningsider*
- Contact MPC Shepherd, [Suzanne Macpherson](#) for info
- Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their [Amazon Wish List](#).





Morningsiders of all ages helped prepare a holiday Breakfast-for-Dinner event at Nicholas House on December 20. Many thanks to Katie Watts and the Children's Committee for organizing this!



Dobbs Elementary held a training class for 23 MPC tutors on December 14, demonstrating how to use a magnetic whiteboard learning tool called *Foundations* to help children strengthen reading and writing skills. Morningside purchased the reading tools for our tutoring program. Ms. Priscilla Lovett tested the learning tool with some of her students and the results were astonishing, one child going from 50% proficiency to 100%. She says the children are excited to get back to our time reading together. The first session for "Reading Buddies" will be January 11. Contact [Bill Means](#) for more info.

MPC MISSION TRIP 2023



Our Family Mission trip will be during the President's Day holiday in 2023. We will serve the Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton, SC, helping with projects at LushAcres Farm, a fully working 340-acre farm, and volunteering with Thornwell's children and family programs. We will stay on Thornwell's campus, arriving on Sunday, February 19, and working through Tuesday, February 21, with the option to depart Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. All ages are welcome! Contact Mission Trip Shepherd [Kasey Libby](#) for more info. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Many thanks to Jen James who organized the Halloween Teacher Appreciation event on October 31, as well as the November Glow Party for students who met their reading goals! The Mission committee was also able to provide 10 Christmas gift cards for the hardworking Dobbs faculty. Contact [Jen James](#) or [Leslie Prince](#) if you would like to volunteer.



Our Thornwell offering in November came to \$812.35, which doubled since we were able to participate in their matching grant initiative!



Clifton has served approximately 125 guests through Night Hospitality who have graduated their program with the following: gainful employment, stable housing, reunification with family, and enrollment in school and/or a rehabilitation programs. One of the ways you can volunteer at Clifton is to help serve dinner on Saturday, January 28 to our friends at Clifton. If you would like to help, contact [Ann Watson and Joe Floyd](#).



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Epiphany 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship	2 Offices Closed	3 1:30 Staff meeting	4 4:30 MPC Kids Bike Night 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi 7 Deacons Meeting	6	7 10 Chancel Choir Women's Rehearsal
8 Baptism of the Lord 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship & Communion 12 Fellowship 12:30 Mission Mtg 6 Youth Group	9 9 Partner with the Preacher	10 10:15 ICM Grocery Delivery 1:30 Staff meeting 7:30 Handbell Choir	11 5:30 MPC Kids! Fellowship (1st-5th) 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi 5:30 Commitment Gathering	13	14 6 MPC Couples & Friends
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