



Again & Again, We Look Forward with Hope

This month marks one year of separation, of pandemic, and of griefs large and small. It *also* marks one year of creativity and reimagining, of virtual shifts and outdoor opportunities. We have learned so much during this time. Not all of it has been easy; in fact, most of it has been really hard. But this season has helped us get clear on what matters to us as a people of faith. Again & again, I hear your affirmation that being together, supporting one another, and being connected to God through this community are essential. Those factors have driven our creative efforts for online and outdoor engagement. They have motivated our deacons in their outreach efforts. They have guided us in worship and programming. And while we haven't gotten it all right, we've tried again & again to follow the Spirit through the wilderness.

As much as I have learned not to be in the predictive business through this time, the distribution of vaccines and the decline in community spread leave me very hopeful about our ability to return to greater in-person gatherings in the near future! Your staff and Session continue to make adjustments based on scientific recommendations and are striving to balance the safety and well-being of the community as we plan for a future together. We will be working in the coming months to balance online, outdoor, and (soon, we hope!) indoor opportunities. At each phase, we will be striving to ensure that everyone has a platform through which they are welcome based on your risk levels. One thing is for sure, we will have to build new habits and develop new norms for how to be together again & again. I ask your grace as we navigate these waters and invite your hopeful prayers for continued improvement in the pandemic.

With courage and hope,

Pastor Katie

WE'RE GOING LIVE!

Starting Sunday, March 7th, we are shifting our format and "going live!" In accordance with our current phase, our staff and staff singers will begin livestreaming worship from the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 11am. We are making this shift in anticipation of our ability to return to worshipping together in the sanctuary, knowing that this pandemic has prepared us to worship online and in-person far beyond the pandemic. We ask your grace as we work out technological kinks in a new platform and give thanks to our A/V team for their incredible legwork in making this possible!

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

You'll tune in via the link in the email, on our YouTube channel, or the website just like you did before. You'll just see your leadership "live" rather than pre-recorded. The chat feature on YouTube will still be available and we will continue to post the services on YouTube and the website for viewing later in the week.

WHEN CAN I COME TO THE SANCTUARY?

I hope and pray, soon! At minimum, we are planning to livestream through the remainder of Lent. Holy Week services will be offered online and outdoors (see page 2!). We are continuing to follow CDC guidance of being under 5% positive in Fulton and DeKalb counties for three weeks before we move to the next phase. We check this data weekly and have been tracking it closely for months. The trajectory is good, so stay vigilant!

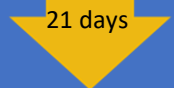
Stage 1 (Current Stage)

- Virtual worship led by staff from the sanctuary
- Building closed to non-essential business
- Small groups and meetings offered in a virtual format
- Outdoor gatherings up to 75 people permissible within set criteria

Stage 2 (Limited In-Person, Indoors)

- Virtual worship continues to be offered via livestream
- Up to **75 individuals** may gather in the sanctuary for worship (with masks and social distancing) among other safety protocols
- Small groups and meetings may resume in-person maintaining social distance and wearing masks
- Outdoor gatherings up to 75 people permissible within set criteria

Percent positive tests under 5% for 21 days





ONLINE WORSHIP—SUNDAYS AT 11:00 A.M.

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time injustice occurs, every time individuals forget how to love. And yet, in the midst of the chaos, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. Each Sunday, journey together with us online as God leads us through the cross to resurrection.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION & OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Sunday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.
MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 1, time TBD.
EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Sunday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

3/7—3rd Sunday of Lent

Again & Again: We Are Shown the Way

John 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Emma Neishloss, preaching

3/14— 4th Sunday of Lent

Again & Again: God Loves Us First

John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

3/21—5th Sunday of Lent

Again & Again: We Are Reformed

John 12:20-33; Jeremiah 31:31-34

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

3/28—Palm Sunday

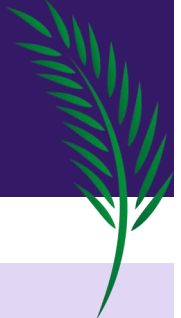
Again & Again: We Draw on Courage

John 12:1-19

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

If you would like to make an Easter tribute in memory or in honor of someone, click [here](#). Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10, payable by cash, check or click [here](#) to pay on Realm. The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 29.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Outdoors

9:30am Gather with our friends from Haygood UMC in Sidney Marcus Park to hear the story of Palm Sunday

**You can attend outdoor worship without processing from the park.*

10:00am Join in a Palm Procession down Cumberland

10:30am *Outdoor* Worship in the Preschool Parking Lot

Online - 11:00am Virtual Worship

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Share a Holy Meal during a picnic in the Parking Lot

Details and registration to come.

Good Friday

Online - Service of Word and Song

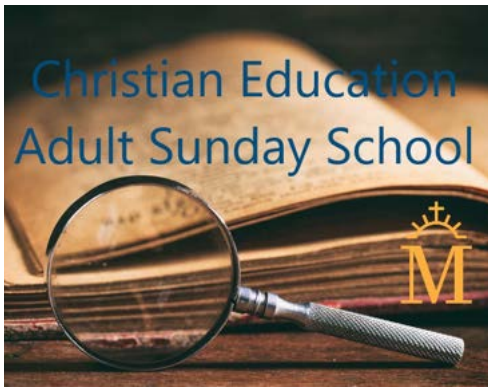
Easter

9:00am and 11:00am *Outdoor* Worship with Communion

Both services will be limited to 75 worshippers so plan to sign up early!

11:00am *Online* Worship with Special Music and Communion





Christian Education Adult Sunday School

FAITH DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Intern Sam Phillips through 3/14, in discussing what it means to build a beloved community. We will dive into Old Testament stories to broaden our perspective on what creation is and our role within it.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14-18, 9 A.M.—NOON

VBS Registration is open! We will explore how we put on the armor of God at "Knights of the North Castle." Click [here](#) for more information and to register as a participant or volunteer. The cost for VBS is \$25 per child. Click [here](#) to submit payment.

LISTENING SESSIONS: RETURN, RECONNECTION, AND REIMAGINING

We've been on quite the adventure this past year with a pandemic and a new head of staff, and God has guided us through all the twists and turns. With hope on the horizon, Pastor Katie and the Strategy Team would like to hear from you! We would like your insights and vision as we think about both the Return and Reconnection in our immediate future and some fresh Reimagining about the coming years! Come share your thoughts on what is important as we regather in person as a community of faith and what you hope MPC will look like in the next five years! Click [here](#) to sign up.

*Note that we'll limit the groups to 12 to allow for sufficient time for everyone to share. If there is high demand, we can open up additional listening sessions.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—MARCH 14

Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 14.



CALL FOR TECH VOLUNTEERS!

As we look forward with hope to our eventual return, we are hoping to expand our tech team to assist in live-streaming services into the future. Want to help run a camera? Willing to learn how to manage the soundboard? If you are technologically-inclined, we need you! Talk to Bob Wells or Lloyd Prince to learn more about what's involved or [email](#) the church office to volunteer.



IRELAND TRIP 2022

A trip to Dublin and Belfast is being formed and all are invited to be part of it, singers and non-singers alike. June 11-18, 2022 are the target dates. Interested? Contact [Jonathan](#) for more information.



March Happenings

MORNINGSIDE PRES. PRESCHOOL

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR WITH

MAR. 1-7



Shop on the Little Shop of Stories website during your book fair, and support your school! Need book ideas? Check out littleshopofstories.com/bookfairs for suggestions broken down by category. These lists are packed with new books, old favorites, cool non-fiction, great gift ideas, and socially-conscious reads for all ages!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

At check out, make sure you include **MPP** in the comments section in order to get credit for the sale. You may choose home delivery or contact-free pick up at Little Shop of Stories. All orders over \$25 automatically qualify for free shipping. Orders will be processed as quickly as possible. If you choose in store pick up, Little Shop will notify you via email that your order is ready. At that time, you can swing by the shop and retrieve your order safely!

Screen on the Green
PETER RABBIT
March 12th @ 6:00pm

Music - Food Truck - Popcorn

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SCREEN ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Screen on the Green is back!

5:30 - Food Truck Opens & Music Begins

6:00 - Pre-show Pixar Short

Dusk - Feature Film: Peter Rabbit



OUTDOOR CHURCH WORKDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 20; 9:30 A.M.

Mark your calendars!

Details including specific projects and how to sign up to follow!



ANNUAL MORNINGSIDE EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 27; 9:30-11:30 A.M.

We are back on the front lawn for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year, we've designed the hunt to allow for safe social distancing. (Masks will also be required.) We will have four small waves of children hunting eggs on the front lawn with a special golden egg hunt for older children at 10:20. The Morningside Farmers Market will also be open for participants to grab a coffee and shop before or after the hunt. Advance registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.

MPC'S GOOD NEWS Who's ready for some good news?



MPC VACCINE RING

The PCUSA often refers to itself as a 'connectional church.' In fact, candidates for ordination are often asked what it means to serve in a connectional church. Perhaps that has never been more on display than during February when members of Morningside helped each other make appointments for COVID vaccination appointments. By using word of mouth, technological savvy, and personal connections, several (at least 7!) Morningsiders, who had been anxiously waiting for an opportunity, received their first round of vaccinations AND made appointments for their second! Thanks be to God for this great cloud of witnesses who care for one another in all ways!



NATHANIEL AND NATIONAL PIG DAY

Our very own Nathaniel raised funds last fall so he could buy gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Click [here](#) to read about how Nathaniel is encouraging folks to go "hog wild" in their giving on Monday, March 1st—National Pig Day.

SPROUT WATCH 2021

How have the seeds you've planted on Ash Wednesday grown? What new things have you seen cultivated in the dirt? Soon, we'll be able to harvest and enjoy our greens. If you need inspiration for how to use your microgreens, you can: try them in a salad, put them in a sandwich, sprinkle them on pizza, use in them in dips and spreads, put them in an omelet, and more!

[Send us photos of you and your sprouts!](#)



HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

HAVE A NEED?

Throughout this whole pandemic, we've learned that the best way to weather anything is to do it together! If you have a need or prayer request, contact your Shepherding Deacon. Don't know who your Shepherding Deacon is? Email office@morningsidepc.org or Sandy Ryan (amsr@outlook.com) to find out! Our deacons are on a mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our faith community. Click [here](#) for the prayer list.





Serve Together.



MDM

MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY DIAPER DRIVE UPDATE!!

Many thanks to all who donated to the MDM's Diaper Drive. MPC donated 22 boxes of diapers!

JUST BAKERY

Order online from [Just Bakery](#) and then pick up your order at the Cobb's home on 1150 Saint Charles PL NE in the **Morningside** area on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. For those closer to **Candler Park**, Amy Jensen hosts a pick-up on the 1st Thursday of the month. *Orders must be received before noon the day before pick-up!!!*

ATL'S SPEAKING FAITH SERIES

Interested in learning more about refugee care and the Church's role? Check out the four-part conversation linked below between David Roth, the Director at MDM and Rev. Dr. Chris Holmes of First Pres.

[Introducing Refugee Resettlement](#)

[Refugees in the Bible](#)

[Refugee Ministry in Clarkston](#)

[Christian Responses to the Refugee Crises](#)

ICM

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

MPC Mission Partner Intown Collaborative Ministries continues to see increases in the number of clients they serve. During this Lenten season, we are hosting a food collection drive beginning on Ash Wednesday. A collection barrel will be maintained in the alcove off of the Main (South) parking lot. You can donate through their [Amazon Wishlist](#). Click [here](#) to see a list of the most needed items.



VIRTUAL HUNGER WALK/RUN 2021

This year's Hunger Walk/Run is on Sunday, March 7, hosted by the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Sign up [here](#) to be part of the ICM team!

SOUPER BOWL UPDATE!!

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, we collected \$1,700 (crushing last year's total!) on Super Bowl Sunday all of which will be given to Intown Collaborative Ministries.

WAYS TO SERVE!

- ICM needs Grocery Delivery Drivers for contactless deliveries. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- ICM needs plastic grocery bags at the Food Pantry. Drop them off on Fridays from 9-12.

CSM

CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

CLIFTON DINNER

MPC's CS Shepherds will prepare and deliver dinner to the gentlemen at Clifton on Saturday, March 27. We are thankful for this opportunity to continue to serve this way.

THANK YOU LETTER

"We would not have this successful history if it weren't for you, our Clifton family. You have sustained us with meals, monetary and in-kind donations, and hours of volunteer services that have helped us to operate effectively. We are thankful to have you partnering beside us as we continue to live out our mission of providing a transformational environment to homeless men through comprehensive life skills training and counseling that empowers their pursuit of self-sufficiency and independent living.

We look forward to the day when we can welcome volunteers back in the shelter. Volunteers are the heartbeat of our ministry and we sure do miss the hustle and bustle of activity. Thank you for staying "connected" with us, and helping us to make an impact one life at a time."

- Lori White, Director of Community Relations

CLIFTON SUCCESS STORIES

- James F.—Employed with First Step Housing; in transitional housing at Joe's Place.
- Derrick J.—Employed with Simply Plumbing Co.; secure housing pending.
- Carl N.—Employed with First Step Staffing; reunited with family.
- David F.—Reunited with family.
- Rodney W.—Employed with Georgia Regional Hospital; in stable housing.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Thanks to donations from Ann Watson, Jane Stack, and the MPC Mission Committee, Clifton has another rollaway bed!



Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SHROVE TUESDAY



ASH WEDNESDAY



March Birthdays



- 1 Cade Lawson
- 2 Sandy Ryan
- 2 Melinda Sandkam
- 3 Alex Watts
- 4 Phyllis Grimes
- 4 Matt McKelvey
- 4 Sarah McKelvey
- 5 Ann Watson
- 6 Sarah Brownlee
- 6 Griffin Hunter
- 6 Betty Ray
- 8 August Watts
- 10 Sawyer Barnette
- 11 Ava Arepally
- 11 Emilie Paille
- 11 Austin Smith
- 11 Claire Strong
- 12 Kelly Goldsmith
- 12 Lindsey Howell
- 12 Jerry Mashburn
- 13 Dorcus Kinumbe-Bauma
- 13 Magan Ward
- 14 Mary Leight
- 17 Casper Adams
- 17 Charlotte Sommerfeld
- 17 Charlie Strong
- 18 Gail Kitchens
- 19 Beth Farnsworth
- 19 Rick Goodin
- 20 Aaron Bertrand
- 20 JoAnn Bertrand
- 20 Charlotte Hitchcock
- 20 Ezekiel Kinumbe-Bauma
- 20 Henry Williams
- 22 Kate Durden
- 22 Brenda Fishpaw
- 23 Hillery McNeill
- 25 Colleen McClintock
- 26 Carolina Williams
- 29 Lindsay Boorman
- 29 Hunter Sapp

MPC Affinity Group Zooms



MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7:00

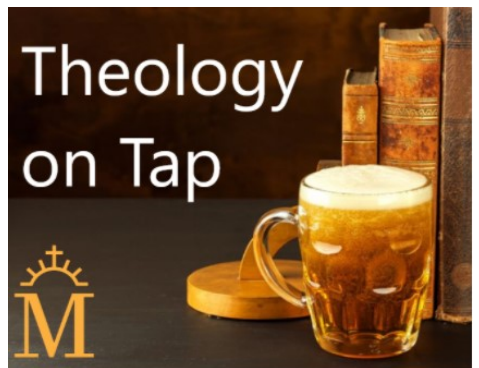
This month's virtual gathering will be hosted by Jill and Jack Klotz. Click [here](#) for info.

MPC Couples & Friends

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 @ 6:30

Join in conversation with Admiral Alan T. Baker, U.S. Navy, retired, who is now with the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. Click [here](#) for info.



Theology on Tap



RHO READERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 @ 1:00

March's book selection is Stations of the Heart by Rev. Richard Lischer—a father's heart-breaking and hopeful story about his beloved son teaching his family a "new way to die" with wit, candor, and grace. Discussion lead by Pastor Katie. Click [here](#) for info.



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE



MONDAY, MARCH 22 @ 7:30

Join in conversation with Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Click [here](#) for info.

REV. AISHA BROOKS-LYTLÉ

Executive Presbyter



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 Partner with the Preacher	2 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 5 MPC Kids Small Group (PreK &K) 5 Strategic Planning Listening Session	3 3 Youth Group Study Hall 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma	4 11 Yoga with Pam	5	6
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