NMPC

Our mission is to "glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations."

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Session

Jason Churchwell
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Rob Morton
Howard Reed
Matt Shepley
Hunter Stevenson
Kevin Watson

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Bert Barnes
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Howard Gordon
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jon Paxton
Charlie Pye
Jack Pyles
Will Stanford

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
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Holly Shepley, *Children's Coordinator*
Amy Peed, *Nursery Coordinator*
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THE LORD'S DAY
WORSHIP

December 20, 2015

NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Please be sure to turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.
Psalm 2:6

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Pastor: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
People: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
Pastor: The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

***Praise Hymn** *203 - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Invocation Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**** those who are able please stand***

Activities This Week

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service
Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer
Thursday - 5:00 pm - Candlelight Service

Announcements

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer tomorrow morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in Pastor Hunter's office.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 24th. That evening, we will take up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to help the widows and orphans of PCA ministers.

byFaith - The latest issue of the PCA's magazine, byFaith, is available.

Musicians - We are delighted to have Paul McCommon, Keith Fitzgerald, Kyle Krejci, Nicole Parrish, Austin Murray & Jonathan playing their brass instruments today.

Financial Update

General Operating Budget

Budgeted:	$727,150
Received:	$761,679
Expense:	$686,188

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for Dec. 30:	$ 34,463
Received:	$ 15,300

Capital Campaign—as of December 1

Number of Pledges:	81
% of Members:	74%
Amount Pledged:	$ 995,080
Pledges Received:	— 407,084
Pledges Outstanding:	$ 587,996
Building Fund Cash:	+ 684,092
Total:	$ 1,272,088

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
  December– Lonnie & Donna Dye

- **COMMUNION SERVERS**
  January - Kevin Watson, Larry Breed, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross & Paul McCommon

- **USHERS**
  December - Cal Garretson, Paul McCommon, Seth Peed, Charlie Pye
  January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Skip Yetter, Kevin Watson

- **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
  December 20 - Beth McSween
  December 27 - Murray Todd

- **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
  December - Oscar Leverette
  January - Matt Monsted

- **PRAYER TEAM**
  December20 - John McSween & Rob Morton
  December 27 - Dan Gibson, Paul McCommon

- **NURSERY WORKERS**
  Today (12/20) Kevin & Scarlett Watson
  Next Sunday (12/27) Kyle & Heather Stutzman

- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
  Today (12/20) Morris & Jessica Butler
  Next Sunday (12/27) Charles & Myra Baker

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

Q. Christian, what do you believe about the Incarnation?

A. **We believe that the Son of God,**
the second person of the Trinity,
being truly and eternally God—
of one substance and equal with the Father—
did, when the fullness of time had come,
take upon himself man's nature,
with all its essential properties and common frailties,
yet without sin.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.
In this way, two whole natures—
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct—
were inseparably joined together in one person
without being changed, mixed, or confused.
This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ,
the only mediator between God and man.

***Hymn** 214 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Call to Prayer Romans 8:31-32

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not," then said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might"
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:1-16

When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it. Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field. Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it."

Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.'"

Christmas Decorations

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Mrs. Sara Clark Baker	Charles Baker Family
Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner	Robby and Katy Danner
Dan Gibson	The LaPish Family
Doris Timms & Lola Hatfield	John & Ann Timms
Hunter Stevenson & Family Josh Garrett & Family	Anonymous
Pat Jenkins	Sara Pyles
Pat Jenkins	Lucy, Simon, Luke and Clifton Jake Shepley
Russ & Deanna Kross	Jeff & Cindy Kross
Mrs. Faye Lee	Ed & Peggy Grimsley
NMPC Staff	Jane Brooks
Papa & Honey Mr. Paul & Mrs. Pam Kanode	Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson
Heather Stevenson The Elders and Deacons of NMPC Buck & Liz Ream	Hunter Stevenson
Mr. & Mrs. John Timms Mrs. Wilma Parrish	Charlie, Monni, Nicole & Andrei Parrish
Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans	Levy & Joan Youmans
The Youth Ministry, Leaders & Parents	Brent, Leslie, Trevor & Gracie

Christmas Decorations

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Alma Mason	Charles & Patricia Hughes
Mr. & Mrs. Frank McCallum Mr. & Mrs. James Hester	Jimmy & Diane McCallum
Gian Carlo Munna Jessie Herndon	Rana Munna & Joseph Egloff
Aurelia "Bubba" Norwood Taylor Pyles	The Pyles Family
Our Loved Ones	Brian, Carissa & Savannah Bell
Our Parents	The LaPish Family
Dr. Vestal W. Parrish	Charlie, Monni, Nicole & Andrei Parrish
Donald & Helen Ream Anna & Francis Dave	Buck & Liz Ream
Orlean Roewer	David & Murray Todd
Mrs. Mary T. Rogers Mrs. Frances Agnew	The Stanford Family
Harry Hatfield & Albert Timms	John & Ann Timms
Ann Twiggs	Becky Gorman
Ed "PaPa" Watt Doug Bier	The Churchwell Family
D.D. & Frances Willis Verna Keefe	Jerry & Cheryl Willis

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

***Hymn of Preparation** 218 - *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children Rev. Hunter Stevenson
(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Sermon *The Birth of the Christ* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Matthew 1:18-25

***Hymn of Response** 208 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

***Benediction** Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and had freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priest to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Postlude

Visitors: Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you.

The Preached Word

Title: *The Birth of the Christ* Matthew *1:18-25*

Found on page 783 in your pew Bible

Christmas Decorations

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Charles Ray Baker T.W. & Marietta Mixon	Charles Baker Family
Bruce Clark	Franklin & Caitlyn Clark
Avy & Bobby Jack Cook	Beth & Brandon Youmans
Jim Crutchfield	Brent, Leslie, Trevor, Gracie
L. Sturkie Dawson, Sr. Robert L. Laurens	Carol Dawson & Family
Carole DiFatta	Judy McDonald
Mrs. Betty Jane Farman Dr. Loy L. Strawn, Jr.	Dan & Connie Strawn
Col. Perry Feldman (RET) USAF	Phyllis Feldman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Grimsley Mr. John Lee	Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Lisa Green Harris Albert Lee Harris	Leonard & Margaret Green
Mrs. Rosa Kinsey	Jeff & Cindy Kross
Robert Larry Laurens L. Sturkie Dawson	Charlotte Laurens
Walter E. Leggett, Jr. Walter E. Leggett, Sr.	Mary Jane & Joey
Dorothy Little	Alan, Kathy, Hannah, Bryce & Olivia Little