



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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Matt Monsted
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Jon Paxton
Charlie Pye
Jack Pyles
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 27, 2015



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen
1 Timothy 1;17*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 110

Pastor: The LORD says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.

People: **The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.**

Pastor: Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn your young men will come to you like the dew.

People: **The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.**

Pastor: The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

People: **He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.**

*Praise Hymn

224 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

** those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship Service

Wednesday - Friday - Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, January 3.

Youth Bonfire - The Youth Ministry will have a bonfire on New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31st). More details to come later.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Griffin Smith by Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

January– Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

January - Kevin Watson, Larry Breed, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross

◆ USHERS

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

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

December 27 - Murray Todd

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

December - Oscar Leverette
January - Matt Monsted

◆ PRAYER TEAM

December 27 - Paul McCommon
January 3 - Paul McCommon, Howard Reed

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (12/27) Kyle & Heather Stutzman
Next Sunday (01/03) Will & Mary Frances Stanford

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (12/27) Charles & Myra Baker
Next Sunday (01/03) Rhett & Joyce Farmern

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 23 - 26

- Q. 23. How is Christ our Redeemer?
A. **As our Redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both His humiliation and His exaltation.**
- Q. 24. How is Christ a prophet?
A. **As a prophet, Christ reveals the will of God to us for our salvation by His Word and Spirit.**
- Q. 25. How is Christ a priest?
A. **As a priest, Christ offered up Himself once as a sacrifice for us to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and He continually intercedes for us.**
- Q. 26. How is Christ a king?
A. **As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all his and all our enemies.**

*Hymn

225 - *Once in Royal David's City*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

○ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ○ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn of Preparation

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star, Three wise men came from county far;
To seek for a King was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then entered in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, That hath
made heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL—WINTER SEMESTER

- Children's Classes** - Children's classes are available by grade.
- Youth Class** - *Knowing God* led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)
- Men's Class** - *The Book of James*, led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)
- Women's Class** - *The Word of the Lord Seeing Jesus in the Prophets* by Nancy Guthrie, led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Room #115)
- Adult Elective #1:** *Philippians* led by Jeff Thompson (Room #119)
- Adult Elective #2:** *Far As the Curse is Found* led by Josh Garrett (Room #120B)

Our SS classes resume next Sunday on January 3rd.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Our Wednesday night activities will resume on January 6, 2016.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Budget

Budgeted: \$741,573
 Received: \$779,105
 Expense: \$720,643

Capital Campaign—as of December 1

Number of Pledges: 81
 % of Members: 74%

Amount Pledged: \$ 995,080
 Pledges Received: — 407,084

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for Dec. 30: \$ 34,463
 Received: \$ 16,800

Pledges Outstanding: \$ 587,996
 Building Fund Cash: + 684,092

Total: \$ 1,272,088

Our Church Family:

Moving: Stephen & Morgann Bradshaw (Augusta); John & Dylan Peters (B'ham); Caleb, Sallie, Lucy & Eleanor Tingle (Athens)

Sick: Josh Garrett's father (blood disorder); Cal Garretson's father (blood infection); Jill Bloodworth's mother (appendix cancer); Dan Gibson (brain cancer); Monni Parrish' mother (broken knee)

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); Ann Timms (brother-in-law); Tom Gibbons (nephew)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us ask the Lord that we would have sufficient cash & pledges by March 4, 2016 so that we could break ground in the Spring/Summer;

Pray that we would walk by faith throughout the process, trusting in the Lord to provide;

Pray that God would enable us to give what we have pledged and more, that He would guide our Capital Campaign Committee as they lead us, and that God would be glorified.

Our City & Country:

Ask God to restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

Pray for our President & his advisors, the Senate & House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court justices "that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Tim 2:1-2).

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Why the Incarnation Matters: Looking Backwards
Hebrews 2:5-9

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***Hymn of Response**

We Three Kings

*We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse a-far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

Chorus: *O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.*

*Frank-in-cense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high!*

*Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sor-r'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.*

*Glorious now behold Him arise! King and God and Sacrifice!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies!*

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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.

Title: *Why the Incarnation Matters: Looking Backwards*

Hebrews 2:5-9

Found on page 968 in your pew Bible

Meditation

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

Our Members:

James, Joanna, Alex, Luke & Lydia Norvell

Brian & Lisa O'Quinn

Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish; Tia Ouyang

Jon, Laura, Brandon & Natalie Paxton

Our Missionaries:

Mike and Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.

Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups.

Our Ministries:

Our pastors, elders, deacons, teachers and leaders would be would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ. Pray that all our leaders would be shepherds after God's own heart, who lead God's people with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15).