



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 1, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Psalm 96:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

77 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer tomorrow morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. If you have a prayer request, please let Hunter or Josh know so that we can pray for you.

New Members Class - If you want to learn more about NMPC or join our membership, you are invited sign up for the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings—tonight, Oct 1st, and Oct 8th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up or for more information, please contact Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net). The notebooks for the class are available in the narthex today.

Breaking Ground Ceremony - On Sunday, October 15th we plan to have a Breaking Ground Ceremony immediately after the worship service, followed by a lunch on the grounds. Please save the date for this special event!

byFaith - byFaith magazines are available in the narthex.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION
October— Joan Youmans & Beverly Wooden

- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS
October - Paul McCommon, Larry Breed, Jeff Kross, Jeff Thompson,
Howard Reed

- ◆ USHERS
October - Howard Reed, Matt Shepley, Charlie Parrish, Joey Leggett

- ◆ GREETERS
October - Dwayne & Natalie Benson

- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
October - Lonnie Dye

- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE
Today (10/1) - Communion
Next Sunday (10/8) Connie Strawn

- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
Today (10/1) Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson
Next Sunday (10/8) Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson

- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (10/01) Myra & Margaret Baker
Next Sunday (10/8) Bill & Rebecca Barnes

- ◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Today (10/1) Skip & Debbie Yetter
Next Sunday (10/8) Steve & Amelia Smith

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God—
who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life,
for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best statements of Reformed doctrine.

*Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the Law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s
flame:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown:
He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
He, who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

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Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
 When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more:
 He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
 He, who washed us with His blood; Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high;
 Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:
 "You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood;
 You have washed us with your blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

Call to Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Q. God asks, "Who am I to you?"

A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

Q. "What is it that you desire most?"

A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Q. "What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?"

A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.
 We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Q. "How can you be so bold in asking for these things?"

A. **For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
 Amen.**

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

***Hymn of Preparation**

*For All the Saints
 (see insert)*

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/FALL QUARTER

- Children's Classes** - Children's classes are available by grade.
- Youth Class** - *The Book of Colossians* led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)
- Adult Classes** -
 - Romans 8-16 For You* by Tim Keller - led by Paul McCommon
 - Old Testament Historical Context* - led by Josh Garrett
 - Technology and Your Family* - Led by Jason Churchwell
 - Men's Class - Union with Christ* - led by Howard Gordon
 - Women's Class - The book of Acts* - led by Pam Kanode

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study and some adults meet in Small Groups (see Josh for details), while the youth (grades 7-12) and the children (4 years to 6th grade) have classes. Nursery is provided.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 8/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 556,828
 2017 Expenses: \$ 500,370
 2017 transfer to
 Capital Campaign: \$ 58,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Collected Jan-Jun: \$24,738
 Paid out Jan-Jun: \$19,275
 to support our 15 missionaries
 Needed July-Dec: \$19,275
 Collected in July - Aug.: \$ 3,287

Capital Campaign— 8/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,990,766
 Pledges Received: — 1,236,940
 Pledges Outstanding: 753,826
 Building Fund Cash: 1,787,036
 Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850
 Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,704,712
 Goal to break ground: 2,750,000
 Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Lily Robinson, Allie Monsted, Jessie Schnetzer & Allison Deaton

Newborns: William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson, Ella Anne Norvell, Marjory Bell & Matthew Seay

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom & daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Dan Strawn (mom); Katy Danner (dad)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Howard Murray (lung); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia); Kate Harrison (hip); Kathy Combs (strength)

Bereaved: Susan Robertson (Paul); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Howard Reed (dad); Barbara Gibson (Dan); Kathy Combs (stepdad); Charles Hughes (brother); Kate Harrison (sister); James Norvell (dad)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us give thanks to God for the outpouring of His blessings upon our congregation! He has enabled us to give so generously, has granted us wisdom and discernment throughout this process so far, and has unified us so that with “one heart and one mind” we are moving forward with our new sanctuary. Let us pray that **Sunday, October 15th** will be a glorious day to celebrate God’s faithfulness as we break ground on the new building.

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

*The Kingdom is Near
Mark 1:21-34*

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The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore. 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: *The Kingdom is Near*

Mark 1:21-34

Found on pages 812 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*The people were all so amazed that they asked each other,
“What is this? A new teaching—and with authority!
He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.”*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another just 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 and there is life in his name

Our Members:

Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin
Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Matthew Halprin
Neal & Willa Ham

Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsavatewa is a missionary from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries.

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 families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another. Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord. Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course