



*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

*September 10, 2017*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Psalm 100:5*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*Praise Hymn

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\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*those who are able please stand*

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## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**Ladies' Bible Studies this Fall** - (1) The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study begins this Friday morning at 10 AM. They will continue their study of the gospel of John. (2) A Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Study & a Wednesday evening Ladies' Bible Study will begin this Wednesday at 10 AM and 6:30 PM respectively. Both will study Ephesians. Please sign up today!

**Covenant Care** - Covenant Care Adoptions invites you to their "Fall Evening for Life" at 6:30 p.m. on Tues, Sept 19th at First Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a complimentary dinner and be inspired by stories of lives changed through adoption. Reservations are required (478-475-4990).

**Out of Darkness Training** - Out of Darkness is an anti-trafficking ministry in Middle Georgia. A training session will be held September 15-16th at Mable White Baptist Church. Please see Mark Ballard for more details.

**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 on October 1st and 8th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up or for more information, please contact Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpe.net).

**Disaster Relief** - A group of NMPC members will gather soon to put together flood buckets & hygiene kits for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Pye. If you would like to donate money towards this effort, please make your check out to North Macon Presbyterian Church with "disaster relief" on the memo line.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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- ♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION  
September - Charles & Patricia Hughes
- ♦ COMMUNION SERVERS  
September - Jeff Thompson, Howard Reed, Rob Morton, Kevin Watson,  
Frank Fleming
- ♦ USHERS  
September - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Dwayne Benson, James  
Norvell
- ♦ GREETERS  
September - Paul & Pam Kanode
- ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR  
September - Matt Cathey
- ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE  
Today (9/10) - Patricia Hughes  
Next Sunday (9/17) Sara Pyles
- ♦ PRAYER TEAM  
Today (9/10) Jeff Kross, Rob Morton  
Next Sunday (9/17) John McSween, Kevin Watson
- ♦ NURSERY WORKERS  
Today (9/10) Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn  
Next Sunday (9/17) Alex & Tabitha Hinson
- ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
Today (9/10) Rob & Ann Morton  
Next Sunday (9/17) Levy & Joan Youmans

## \*Confession of Faith

## Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their teachings.  
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,  
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

## \*Hymn

*Father, Long Before Creation  
(see bulletin insert)*

## Sacrament of Baptism

Ella Anne Muriel Norvell

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take her life and let him be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

## Call to Prayer

Psalm 103:13-18

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children-- with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

## 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

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/FALL QUARTER

**Children's Classes** - Children's classes are available by grade.

**Youth Class** - *The Sermon on the Mount: The Norms of the Kingdom of Heaven*, 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—Kathryn Jones); Mary Jane Leggett (mom & daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom);

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Howard Murray (lung); Barbara Gibson (knee); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia)

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)

### 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 strengthen evangelical churches throughout our community, country and the whole world; that all of God’s people would proclaim the Gospel faithfully and boldly; that we would do what is righteous and just; that we would be filled with mercy and compassion; that we would walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8); that God would grant us His peace that would guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### \*Hymn of Preparation

Hymn of the month for September

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er; We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the flood; long? Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up. bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom. O God of Ja - cob be my strength.

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### Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Sermon

*Preparing the Way*  
Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

*Jesus, I Come*  
(see bulletin insert)

### \*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

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# THE PREACHED WORD

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**Title:** *Preparing the Way*

*Mark 1:1-8*

Found on pages 812 in your pew Bible

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# NMPC WEEKLY

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09/10/17

## Meditation

*After me will come One more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals  
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.  
I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.  
Mark 1:7-8*

## Intercession

### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Loving the LORD our God with all our heart, soul and strength
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants  
Loving one another as Christ has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors  
Making disciples of all nations

### Our Members:

Amy Frey  
Rick Funk  
Hays, Andrea, Imrie & Buck Fyke  
Cal, Holly, Caroline & Camp Garretson

### Our Missionaries:

Mike & 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. Pray that God would unleash the power of the Gospel throughout the world, leading to a great multitude of believers from every nation, tribe, people and language to worship our great God.

### Our Ministries:

Children's Ministry; Bill Barnes; Children's Ministry Committee, teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ  
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit