



*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 17, 2017*



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

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

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*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
Psalm 121:1-2*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

**Pastor:** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People:** **Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.**

**Pastor:** There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**People:** **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

## \*Praise Hymn

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there.

*\*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 - 10:00 am - Bible Study**

**5:45 pm - Dinner**

**6:30 pm - Bible Lesson**

**Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study**

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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.

**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@nmipc.net). The notebooks for the class are available in the narthex today.

**Disaster Relief** - If you would like to donate money to the PCA's efforts towards disaster relief in Texas and Florida, please make your check out to North Macon Presbyterian Church with "disaster relief" on the memo line.

**byFaith** - byFaith magazines are available in the narthex.

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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

October - Paul McCommon, Larry Breed, Jeff Kross, Jason, Churchwell,  
Dan Strawn

♦ **USHERS**

September - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Dwayne Benson, James  
Norvell

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

♦ **GREETERS**

September - Paul & Pam Kanode

October - Dwayne & Natalie Benson

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

September - Matt Cathey

October - Lonnie Dye

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (9/17) - Sara Pyles

Next Sunday (24) Liz Ream

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (9/17) John McSween, Kevin Watson

Next Sunday (9/24) Buck Ream, Paul McCommon

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (9/17) Alex & Tabitha Hinson

Next Sunday (9/24) David & Murray Todd

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (9/17) Levy & Joan Youmans

Next Sunday (9/24) Shane & Amy Self

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

**\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism 26 & 27

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,  
by which he upholds—as with his hand—  
heaven and earth and all creatures;  
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,  
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father,  
that nothing will separate us from his love.  
All creatures are so completely in his hand,  
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.  
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most  
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

**\*Hymn**

111- This Is My Father's World

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

## \*Hymn of Preparation

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

*Chorus:* For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),  
I am the Lord your God (*I am*) The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, You are Mine.  
(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

# 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); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Howard Murray (lung); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia); Kate Harrison (hip)

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 unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

### Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Sermon

*The Suffering Servant*  
*Mark 1:9-13*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

*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; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up. long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength. grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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### \*Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the 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.

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# THE PREACHED WORD

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**Title:** *The Suffering Servant*

*Mark 1:9-13*

Found on pages 812 in your pew Bible

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# NMPC WEEKLY

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09/17/17

## Meditation

*And a voice came from heaven:  
"You are my Son, whom I love;  
with you I am well pleased."  
Mark 1:11*

## Intercession

### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind 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:

Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine, Jack & Forrest Garrett  
Jay & Kathleen Gettmann  
Tom & Angie Gibbons  
Barbara Gibson

### Our Missionaries:

Roger and Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach reformed literature in Latin America.  
Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

### Our Ministries:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom  
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit  
Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course