



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 24, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Abide With Me

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

People: For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

People: To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

***Praise Hymn**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**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

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

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 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@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**

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 (9/24) - Liz Ream

Next Sunday (10/1) Communion

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (9/24) Buck Ream, Paul McCommon

Next Sunday (10/1) Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (9/24) David & Murray Todd

Next Sunday (10/1) Myra & Margaret Baker

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (9/24) Shane & Amy Self

Next Sunday (10/1) Skip & Debbie Yetter

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 84-88

Q. 84. Christian, what does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life,
and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and
curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin,
God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life,
with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby
Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,
whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation,
as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace,
whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,
and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,
does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God,
with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ
communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates
to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances,
especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer;
all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

***Hymn**

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Pastoral Prayer & 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

Abide With Me

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-11

***Hymn of Preparation**

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

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)

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:

Pray for the peace and prosperity of Macon (Jeremiah 29:7) and of central Georgia; pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders and elected officials.

Pray for another Great Awakening in America; pray that we would be a country who honors and fears the LORD.

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Repent, Believe and Follow
Mark 1:14-20

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***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**

Revelation 1:5b-6

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

Postlude

Title: Repent, Believe and Follow

Mark 1:14-20

Found on pages 812 in your pew Bible

Meditation

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said,
“and I will make you fishers of men.”
Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
Mark 1:17

Intercession

Our Priorities:

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

Our Members:

Howard Gordon
Becky Gorman
Pete & Judy Goudelock
Leonard & Margaret Green

Our Missionaries:

Dal and Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have developed a special outreach, the “Daughters of Bulgaria” a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking. Pray for the Persecuted Church; ask God to strengthen these believers, protect and provide for them, comfort and assure them, enable them to stand firm in their faith, and that they would “spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.

Our Ministries:

Our college students, RUF Mercer; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ
Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course