



*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."*

**Evangelical - Reformed - Presbyterian**

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 8, 2017



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*Every good and perfect gift is from above.  
James 1:17a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People: Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**\*Praise Hymn**

*Come Thou Fount*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

*\*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.

**Breaking Ground Ceremony** - Next Sunday, October 15th we plan to have a Breaking Ground Ceremony immediately after the worship service, followed by lunch on the grounds. If you have not signed up yet, please fill out the insert in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate today.

**Strong Tower Fellowship** - Strong Tower invites you to their annual fundraising banquet at 6:30 PM on Thurs, Oct 19th at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Richard Pratt will be speaking. Please RSVP to Jeanne Scurry: 478-742-7379 or [jeanne@strongtowermacon.com](mailto:jeanne@strongtowermacon.com).

**Covenant Care** - Covenant Care Adoptions invites you to their "Fall Evening for Life" at 6:30 PM on Tues, Oct 24 at First Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a complimentary dinner and be inspired by stories of lives changed through adoption. Reservations are required: 478.475-4990 or [eveningforlife.eventbrite.com](http://eveningforlife.eventbrite.com).

**Reformation Celebration** - NMPC is partnering with First Presbyterian for a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sun, Oct 29th from 4:30-7:00 PM at the FPD Soccer Field (5671 Calvin Dr). There will be music, games, inflatables and a pot luck dinner. Please sign up on our website ([nmpc.net](http://nmpc.net)) or in the narthex.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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- ◆ **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 (10/8) - Connie Strawn  
Next Sunday (10/15) Murray Todd
  
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**  
Today (10/8) Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson  
Next Sunday (10/15) John McSween, Charles Baker
  
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**  
Today (10/08) Bill & Rebecca Barnes  
Next Sunday (10/15) Stephanie & Lizzie Chipley
  
- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**  
Today (10/8) Steve & Amelia Smith  
Next Sunday (10/15) Mary Jane & Joey Leggett

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

- \***Invocation** Rev. Josh Garrett
  
- \***Confession of Faith** Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

**We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,  
who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

- \***Hymn** *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has  
ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love, Amazing  
grace.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
 Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;  
 Out of my sickness into Thy health Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
 Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
 Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
 Out of distress into jubilant psalms, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
 Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
 Out of myself to dwell in thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,  
 Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
 Into the joy and light of Thy throne, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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General Operations— 9/30/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 614,316

2017 Expenses: \$ 556,609

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.: \$ 4,502

Capital Campaign— 9/30/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,990,766

Pledges Received: — 1,272,814

Pledges Outstanding: 717,952

Building Fund Cash: 1,823,710

Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,705,512

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)

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

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Howard Reed (dad); Barbara Gibson (Dan); Kathy Combs (stepdad); Charles Hughes (brother); Kate Harrison (sister); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (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 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.

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*Everyone is Looking For You!*  
*Mark 1:35-45*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*On Jordan’s Stormy Banks*

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.  
I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father’s face, And in His bosom rest?

**\*Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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:** *Everyone Is Looking For You!*

*Mark 1:35-45*

Found on pages 813 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

*Luke 19:10*

## 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:

Sara Ham  
Becky Harman  
Kate Harrison  
Andrew & Kristen Hearn

### Our Missionaries:

Seth & Leslie Wallace are involved in church planting in southern Cyprus and are helping in the development & broadcast of evangelistic videos into the Middle East.

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:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled. Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course.