



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

December 3, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Psalm 118:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Men: Let Israel say: 'His love endures forever.'

Women: Let the house of Aaron say: 'His love endures forever.'

All: Let those who fear the LORD say: 'His love endures forever.'

Pastor: In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

Men: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Women: The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

Pastor: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

Men: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Women: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Men: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Women: The LORD's right hand is lifted high!

All: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Men: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

Women: His love endures forever!

**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

6:00 pm - WIC Christmas Party

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Thursday - 8:30 am - Preschool Moms Gathering

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Christmas Program

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.

2018 Mission Trip - NMPC will send a team Washington state to minister to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans the week of June 2-9, 2018. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you participate?

Christmas Shoeboxes - Today is the last day we will be collecting Christmas shoeboxes to send the children of Sacred Road Ministries.

WIC Christmas Party - Our WIC Christmas Party will be tomorrow, Monday, December 4 from 6:00 - 8:00. Ruthie Carlson will be the speaker. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Christmas Program - Our children/youth Christmas Program will be this Wednesday, December 6th. Please make plans to attend!

Preschool Moms - All Preschool and Elementary School Moms are invited to gather on Thursday, December 7th from 8:30-10:00 AM at NMPC. After a time of fellowship, there will be a presentation on "Keeping Christ in Christmas: Practical Ideas for your Family." A nursery will be provided.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, December 10th immediately following the service to elect officers & additional trustees, and to receive an update on our finances.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION
December - Susan Robertson

- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS
December - John McSween, Larry Breed, Charles Baker, Frank Fleming, Buck Ream

- ◆ USHERS
December - Matt Cathey, Seth Peed, Alan Little

- ◆ GREETERS
December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye

- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
December - Paul Johnson

- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE
Today (12/03) - Communion
Next Sunday (12/10) Barbara Freeman

- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
Today (12/03) Jeff Thompson, Frank Fleming
Next Sunday (12/10) Jeff Kross, John McSween

- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (12/03) Tom & Angie Gibbons
Next Sunday (12/10) Howard Gordon, Seth Peed

- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (12/03) Charlie & Kathy Pye
Next Sunday (12/10) Tate & Stephanie Morris

- *Praise Hymn 195 - *Joy to the World*

- *Invocation Rev. Josh Garrett

- *Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

224 - Go Tell It On the Mountain

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

<u>General Operations— 10/31/2017</u>		<u>Capital Campaign— 10/31/2017</u>	
2017 Receipts:	\$ 673,354	Amount Pledged:	\$1,990,766
2017 Expenses:	\$ 639,986	Pledges Received:	— 1,290,546
2017 transfer to			
Capital Campaign:	\$ 58,000	Pledges Outstanding:	700,220
		Building Fund Cash:	1,842,797
		Bldg Expenses Paid:	163,850
		Total Gifts & Pledges:	2,706,867
		Goal to break ground:	2,750,000
Needed July-Dec:	\$19,275	Guaranteed max price:	4,000,000
Collected in July - Oct.	\$ 5,958		

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Allison Deaton

Newborns: William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson, Ella Anne Norvell, Marjory Bell, Matthew Seay, Benjamin Robinson, Bowen Monsted & Eleanor Schnetzer

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Steven Bloodworth (mom); John Timms (brother); Neal Ham (mom); Grant Shelton (dad); Hunter Stevenson (dad); Melanie Grier (mom)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Ed Voss (A fib); Howard Murray (lungs & broken hip); Jennifer Burch (pain)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Barbara Gibson (Dan); Charles Hughes (brother); Kate Harrison (sister); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad); Dan Strawn (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us continue to 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 continue to pray for the EOC as they work alongside Sheridan Construction & SP Design during construction. Let us pray for safety & excellence for all those working on this project.

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

Jesus Calms the Storm
Mark 4:35-41

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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**

213 - *What Child Is This*

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *Jesus Calms the Storm*

Mark 4:35-41

Meditation

*They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this?
Even the wind and the waves obey him!"*

Mark 4:41

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Encouraging and building up one another through works of service and words of encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Witnesses for Jesus Christ in Macon and around the world.

Our Members:

Rob & Ann Morton
Howard, Kim & Austin Murray
Grant & Jenny Nicholson
James, Joanna, Alex, Luke, Lydia & Ella Anne Norvell

Our Missionaries:

Jim and Mary Alice Patterson are with Vernacular Media with Wycliffe.
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 college students, RUF Mercer & Wesleyan; 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