



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

Session

Jason Churchwell
Josh Garrett
Ed Grimsley
Jeff Kross
Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Howard Reed
Hunter Stevenson
Dan Strawn
Jeff Thompson
Kevin Watson

Diaconate

Bert Barnes
Matt Cathey
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Silas Peed
Jack Pyles
Wes Seay

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Financial Dir., Pianist*
Debbie McCommon, *Preschool Dir.*
Iris Archer, *Christian Counselor &
Women's Ministry Dir.*

North Macon Presbyterian Church, PCA
5707 Rivoli Drive
Macon, GA 31210-1229

Phone: 478-477-7777 • Fax: 478-477-0243
Website: www.nmpc.net • Email: office@nmpc.net

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 28, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us.
Romans 8:18*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

76 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**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

Wednesday - 9:30 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.

Ladies' Bible Study - The Friday mornings Ladies' Bible Study will resume this February 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM. We will continue our discussion of the Gospel of John beginning with Chapter 9. All are invited to attend.

College Lunch - Next Sunday, February 4th, we invite all of our college students to stay after the worship service for lunch. We want to get to know you better and welcome you to our church.

New Members Class - If you want to learn more about NMPC or join our membership, you are invited to sign up for the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings—March 4 & 18 from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up or for more information, please contact Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpe.net).

Youth Winter Retreat - All 7th-12th graders are invited to the Winter Retreat on Feb 16-19th at Ridge Haven. Brochures are in the narthex.

Women's Retreat - All ladies are invited to the Women's Retreat on February 23-24 at Calloway Gardens. Contact Iris to sign up.

Mission Trip - NMPC will send team again this year to work alongside of Josh Tsavatewa and Sacred Road as they serve the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans in Washington State on June 2-9. Brochures are in the narthex.

Preschool - North Macon Preschool registration has opened for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see Debbie McCommon for more information.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
February - Kate Harrison, Beverly Wooden & Joan Youmans
- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**
February - Howard Reed, Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson
- ◆ **USHERS**
January - Matt Monsted, Rob Morton, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson
February - Cal Garretson, Matt Shepley, Alan Little & Stephen Barnes
- ◆ **GREETERS**
January - Dan & Connie Strawn
February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake
- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
January - Jim Grier
February - Joey Leggett
- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
January 28 - Connie Strawn
February 4 - Communion
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
Today (1/28) Larry Breed, Frank Fleming
Next Sunday (2/4) Howard Reed, Jeff Kross
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (1/28) Glen & Helen Johnson
Next Sunday (2/04) Andrew & Kristen Hearn
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
Today (1/28) Bert & Anna Barnes
Next Sunday (2/04) Will & Kristen Daniels

*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

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.

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.

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 4:1-6;
Luke 1:13-17, 76-80; Matthew 3:1-3

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the LORD Almighty. "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/WINTER QUARTER

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

Youth Class - *The Book of Colossians* led by Mark Ballard

Adult Classes -

Room # 120A - *Shepherding a Child's Heart* - led by Seth Peed

Room # 118 - *2 Corinthians* - led by Jeff Thompson

Room # 119 - *Ezra & Nehemiah* - Led by Josh Garrett

Room # 102 - Men's Class - *Grace-Focused Optimism* - led by Howard Gordon

Room # 115 - 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— 12/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 905,962

2017 Expenses: \$ 785,749

2017 transfer to

Capital Campaign: \$ 58,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Collected Jan-Dec: \$38,570

Paid out Jan-Dec: \$37,275

to support our 15 missionaries

Capital Campaign— 12/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,866

Pledges Received: — 1,378,344

Pledges Outstanding: 615,522

Building Fund Cash: 1,753,801

Bldg Expenses Paid: 347,098

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,716,421

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

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); Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Steven Bloodworth (mom); John Timms (brother); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Steve Smith (dad); Rana Munna (mom)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Barbara Gibson (Dan); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad); Dan Strawn (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom); Grant & Carter Shelton (dad); Kim & Austin Murray (Howard); Holly Shepley (dad); Neal Ham (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.

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge

Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!

Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.

Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

Men: You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.
Women: Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.

You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,

hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.

Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -
(repeat chorus)

©2011 Sovereign Grace Worship. Used by Permission. CCLI License #202766

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

A Prophet of the Most High
Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste the on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*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.

Meditation

*I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater
than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

*...And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.
He who has ears, let him hear.
Matthew 11:11, 14-15*

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:

Jeff, Madeline & Will Thompson
Joe & Peggy Timberlake
John & Ann Timms
David & Murray Todd

Our Missionaries:

Stephen and Sarah Young minister to Japanese in Tennessee.
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; pray for Bill Barnes, our Children's Ministry
Committee, and our 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