



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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Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 7, 2018



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: **Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Praise Hymn

92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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 - 10:00 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

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.

Wednesday Night Activities - Our Wednesday Night Activities resume this Wednesday evening. Dinner is served at 5:45. Classes for all ages begin at 6:30. The adults will continue their study of the book of Jeremiah.

Winter SS Classes - Our Winter Quarter of Sunday School classes began this morning. Please take a look at the classes listed on page 9 in the bulletin. Sunday school is a wonderful way to get to know folks better and to grow in our understanding of God's Word. Come join us!

Ladies Bible Study - All ladies are invited to a three week study on spiritual gifts on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 and Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 on January 10, 17 & 24. These studies will be great opportunities for our ladies to get to know one another better and to learn how to serve the body of Christ more effectively. Please sign up in the narthex or by emailing Iris Archer (irismarcher@yahoo.com). A nursery will be provided.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

January - Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

January— Jason Churchwell, Jeff Kross, Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & John McSween

♦ USHERS

January - Matt Monsted, Rob Morton, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

♦ GREETERS

January - Dan & Connie Strawn

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

January - Jim Grier

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

Today (1/7) - Communion

♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (1/7) Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson

Next Sunday (1/14) John McSween, Jeff Thompson

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (1/7) Alex & Tabitha Hinson

Next Sunday (1/14) Donna Dye & Patricia Hughes

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (1/7) Dan & Holly Taylor

Next Sunday (1/14) Jason & Allison Tripp

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

*Hymn

*Father, Long Before Creation
(See insert)*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Ed Grimsley, Ruling Elder
Silas Peed & Wes Seay, Deacons*

Ordination Vows:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

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— 11/30/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 725,474

2017 Expenses: \$ 697,010

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-Nov: \$11,258

Capital Campaign— 11/30/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,866

Pledges Received: — 1,309,138

Pledges Outstanding: 684,728

Building Fund Cash: 1,853,118

Bldg Expenses Paid: 164,020

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,701,866

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); 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); Melanie Grier (mom); Steve Smith (dad)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Ed Voss (A fib); Howard Murray (Pine Pointe Hospice)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Barbara Gibson (Dan); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad); Dan Strawn (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom); Grant & Carter Shelton (dad)

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 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.

2. *Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
3. *Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?*
4. *Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?*
5. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*
6. *Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

Laying Hands & Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders and Deacons

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Session:

Class of 2018: Jason Churchwell®, Jeff Kross®, Dan Strawn & Jeff Thompson

Class of 2019: Paul McCommon®, Rob Morton® & Howard Reed®

Class of 2020: Kevin Watson® & Ed Grimsley

Diaconate:

Class of 2018: Cal Garretson®, Tate Morris® & Matt Cathey

Class of 2019: Bert Barnes® & Jack Pyles®

Class of 2020: Matt Monsted®, Silas Peed & Wes Seay

® indicates that the officer has completed 3 years of service, agreed to serve an additional 1 to 3 years, and will rotate off at the end of the second term of service.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Caring for God's Church
1 Timothy 3:1-13

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Postlude

Meditation

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.
Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,
for that would be of no advantage to you.
Hebrews 13:17*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

Our Members:

Wes, Marie, Elizabeth & Matthew Seay
Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self
Roy Shen
Grant Shelton

Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsvatewa is the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Roads Ministries.
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:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students would grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man
Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord