



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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Paul McCommon
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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.*

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

February 11, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-5, 8, 10

Pastor: I will extol the LORD at all time! His praise will always be on my lips!

People: **My soul will boast in the LORD! Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Pastor: Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together.

People: **I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.**

Pastor: The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

*Praise Hymn

101 - *Come Thou Almighty King*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

4:30 pm - Stewards of Children training class

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

Beam Signing - Sheridan Construction has set aside a steel beam for us to sign. Please take a few minutes today to write a verse or a prayer along with your name on the beam.

Child Protection Training - We will host another Stewards of Children training this afternoon 4:30 PM in the conference room. This one-time training is required for all volunteers who want to serve in our children's ministry. Please let Bill Barnes know if you plan to attend.

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..

Faith Promise - NMPC supports its 15 missionaries through Faith Promise Giving. Please turn in your Commitment Card by Sunday, February 25th. ***We are hoping for 100% participation from our congregation in 2018!***

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@nmpc.net).

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

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
March - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens
- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**
February - Howard Reed, Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson
March - Rob Morton, Dan Strawn, Paul McCommon, John McSween, Frank Fleming
- ◆ **USHERS**
February - Cal Garretson, Matt Shepley, Alan Little & Stephen Barnes
March - Wes Seay, Jeff Kross, Jason Churchwell, Andrew Wohlrabe
- ◆ **GREETERS**
February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake
March - Hays & Andrea Fyke
- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
February - Joey Leggett
- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
February 11– Murray Todd
February 18 - Cheryl Willis
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
Today (2/11) Paul McCommon, Rob Morton
Next Sunday (2/18) Jason Churchwell, Ed Grimsley
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (2/11) Paul & Pam Kanode
Next Sunday (2/18) Judy LaPish & Lynn Leverette
- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Today (2/11) Paul Johnson & Rebecca Barnes
Next Sunday (2/18) Dwayne & Natalie Benson

*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.

***Hymn**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have, hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Repeat Chorus)

Call to Prayer

Romans 8:26-28

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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.

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: 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); Jeff Kross (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); Charles Baker (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:

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.

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-36

***Hymn of Preparation**

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(see insert)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Merciful and Mighty
Mark 6:30-44

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***Hymn of Response**

691 - *It is Well With My Soul*

***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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.

Title: *Merciful and Mighty*

Mark 6:30-44

Found on page 817 in your pew Bible

Meditation

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir", they said, "from now on give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Matthew 11:28-30

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind 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
Having a passion for the glory of God and a compassion for the lost

Our Members:

Gregory Washington

Helen Watson

Kevin, Scarlett, Will & Rives Watson

Diane Weems

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila are church planters and teachers in Costa Rica. 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 & RUF 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