



*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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Silas Peed  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*February 4, 2018*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6, 10-12

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

People: **The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

Pastor: Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: **Light is shed upon the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name!

\*Praise Hymn

100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

\*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*\*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 - 9:30 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.

**College Lunch** - 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.

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

**Ladies' Bible Study** - The Ladies' Wednesday morning (9:30 to 11:00) and evening (6:30 to 7:30) Bible Study will start back this Wednesday, February 7th to begin our study of Moses. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

**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.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

February - Kate Harrison, Beverly Wooden & Joan Youmans

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

February - Howard Reed, Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson

♦ USHERS

February - Cal Garretson, Matt Shepley, Alan Little & Stephen Barnes

♦ GREETERS

February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

February - Joey Leggett

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

February 4 - Communion

♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (2/4) Howard Reed, Jeff Kross

Next Sunday (2/11) Paul McCommon, Rob Morton

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (2/04) Andrew & Kristen Hearn

Next Sunday (2/11) Paul & Pam Kanode

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (2/04) Will & Kristen Daniels

Next Sunday (2/11) Paul Johnson & Rebecca Barnes

## \*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God

—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—

sent his Son to assume the nature

in which the disobedience had been committed,

in order to bear in it the punishment of sin

by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,

who was charged with our sin,

and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,

who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,

giving to us his Son to die,

by a most perfect love,

and raising him to life,

for our justification,

in order that by him

we might have immortality and eternal life.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

## \*Hymn

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name!

He has hushed the Law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:

He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;

He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,

Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:

He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;

He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down!

For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:

He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;

He, who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

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Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more:  
 He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;  
 He, who washed us with His blood; Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high;  
 Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:  
 "You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood;  
 You have washed us with your blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

### Call to Prayer

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### 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

## 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 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.

## 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)

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Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

God: Caring or Cruel?  
Judges 1:1-9 & 2:1-3

Rev. Chad Turner



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**

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

**We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

Sandra McCracken



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**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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.

# NMPC WEEKLY

02/04/18

**Meditation**

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30*

**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:**

Jason, Allison. Sophie, Amelia, Caleb, Josiah & Esther Tripp  
Jackson Turner  
Sally Vance  
Ed & Cindy Voss

**Our Missionaries:**

Kay Burklin - MTW's refugee liaison  
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:**

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom  
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit