



*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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Session

Jason Churchwell  
Jeff Kross  
Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Howard Reed  
Matt Shepley  
Hunter Stevenson  
Kevin Watson

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Bert Barnes  
Lonnie Dye  
Cal Garretson  
Howard Gordon  
Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
Jon Paxton  
Charlie Pye  
Jack Pyles  
Will Stanford

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Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Dwayne Benson, <i>Facilities Manager</i>
Josh Garrett, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>	Becky Harman, <i>Bookkeeper</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Pianist</i>
Holly Shepley, <i>Children's Coordinator</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>Preschool Dir.</i>
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 27, 2015



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.  
Revelation 7:10b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

**People: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

**People: Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

\*Praise Hymn

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\* 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 Service

5:00 pm - Officer Training Class

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Communion** - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, October 4.

**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for prayer tomorrow morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in Pastor Hunter's office.

**Congregational Meeting** - There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service this morning for the purpose of calling Josh Garrett to the position of Associate Pastor.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
October– Kevin & Wendi Drace
  
- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**  
October - Jason Churchwell, Howard Reed, Larry Breed, John McSween,  
Frank Fleming
  
- ◆ **USHERS**  
September - Tate Morris, Charles Baker, Dwayne Benson, Caleb Tingle  
October - Will Stanford, Howard Reed, Clint Vinson, Charlie Parrish
  
- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**  
September 27 - Barbara Freeman  
October 4 – Communion
  
- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**  
September - Jon Paxton  
October - Matt Monsted
  
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**  
September 27 - Charles Baker & Frank Fleming  
October 4 - Buck Ream & Howard Reed
  
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**  
Today (09/27) James & Joanna Norvell  
Next Sunday (10/04) Skip & Debbie Yetter
  
- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**  
Today (09/27) Jeff & Madeline Thompson  
Next Sunday (10/04) Chris & Hope Wilson

## \*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

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

170 - *Fairest Lord Jesus*

## Call to Prayer

(Hebrews 7:21, 23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ became a priest with an oath when God said to him: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek’.

Now there were many former priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

## 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.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 12

A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring-- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL—FALL SEMESTER

- Children's Classes** - Children's classes are available by grade.
- Youth Class** - *Jonah: Reluctant Prophet, Relentless God* led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)
- Men's Class** - *The Book of James*, led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)
- Women's Class** - *The Son of David* by Nancy Guthrie, led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Room #115)
- Adult Elective #1:** *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim Keller led by Paul McCommon (Room #118)
- Adult Elective #2:** *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges led by Jeff Thompson (Room #119)
- Adult Elective #3:** *The Book of Acts* led by Josh Garrett (Room #120B)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$4.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$12.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study (studying Revelation this year) 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 Operating Budget</u>		<u>Capital Campaign—as of August 31</u>	
Budgeted:	\$554,074	Number of Pledges:	80
Received:	\$581,740	% of Members:	73%
Expense:	\$496,994		
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 965,080
		Pledges Received:	— 362,757
<u>Faith Promise for Missionaries</u>		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 602,323
Goal for Dec. 30:	\$ 34,463	Building Fund Cash:	+ 609,182
Received:	\$ 6,560		
		Total:	\$ 1,211,505

### Our Church Family:

Expectant moms: Dylan Peters

Sick: Josh Garrett's father (blood disorder) & Cal Garretson's father (leukemia); Bobby Hughes is recovering from back surgery; Diane Weems, broken wrist; Dan Gibson (mild stroke & seizures)

Bereaved: Becky Harman (Charles); Marvin Roberts (Caroline); Cathy Ridley (brother); Ed Grimsley (father).

### Our Top 12 Requests at NMPC:

1. Thanksgiving...for all the blessings God has poured out on us
2. Sanctification...God would make us worthy of his calling
3. Healing/Comfort...a number of members are sick or bereaved
4. Shepherding...development of our Pastoral Care Teams
5. Missions...Short-term trip to Washington; Faith Promise giving
6. Leadership...our leaders would be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led
7. Praise God for providing the Ballards to NMPC
8. Praise God for providing Holly Shepley as our Children's Ministry Coordinator and Amy Peed as our Nursery Coordinator
9. Small Groups...implementation of Small Groups this year
10. Facilities...discernment concerning Phase 2 of our expansion
11. Capital Campaign...we would walk by faith, asking for God to provide, to enable us to give what we pledge and more, and to be glorified.
12. Soli Deo Gloria...in all things, to God be the glory alone

### 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.

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

347 - *The Church's One Foundation*

### **Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### **Sermon**

*The Consequences of Sin*  
Genesis 3:7-24

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### **\*Hymn of Response**

*Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalms, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy throne, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

### **\*Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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:** *The Consequences of Sin*

Genesis 3:7-24

## Meditation

*And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.*  
Genesis 3:15

## 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:

Jay & Kathleen Gettmann  
Tom & Angie Gibbons  
Dan & Barbara Gibson  
Howard Gordon

### Our Missionaries:

Seth and Leslie Wallace are working through a Business as Mission endeavor of MTW to produce media for reaching the Arabic speaking world, specifically North Africa and the Middle East.  
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:

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  
Pray for our elder nominees (Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson) and our deacon nominee (Matt Cathey) as they take the Officer Training Course