



*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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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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Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Becky Harman, <i>Bookkeeper</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Pianist</i>
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 13, 2015



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.  
Matthew 1:21*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship:

Luke 1:68-75

**Pastor:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people!

**People:** **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,**

**Pastor:** Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

**People:** **To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

## \*Praise Hymn

207 - *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

## Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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**Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School**  
**10:45 am - Worship Service**  
**Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer**  
**7:00 pm - Session Meeting**

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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 Pastor Hunter's office.

**Sunday School** - There will be no Sunday School on Dec 20th or 27th. However, we will have a church wide fellowship at 10 AM on Sunday, December 20th.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 24th.

**PCA Ministerial Relief Fund** - We will take up a special offering at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to help the widows and orphans of PCA ministers.

**2016 Mission Trip** - NMPC has made plans to send a mission team to Washington State to work with Joshua Tsavatewa & Sacred Road Ministries during the week of June 4-11, 2016. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you participate? Please talk with Mark Ballard if you have any questions.

**Congregational Meeting** - There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the service today to elect officers. Also, while the votes are being counted, Pastor Hunter will give an update on the Capital Campaign.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

December - Lonnie & Donna Dye

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

December - Jason Churchwell, Larry Breed, John McSween,  
Frank Fleming & Rob Morton

◆ **USHERS**

December - Cal Garretson, Paul McCommon, Seth Peed, Charlie Pye

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

December 13 - Connie Strawn

December 20 - Beth McSween

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Oscar Leverette

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

December 13 - Kevin Watson & Charles Baker

December 20 - John McSween & Rob Morton

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/13) Grant & Jenny Nicholosn

Next Sunday (12/20) Kevin & Scarlett Watson

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (12/13) Tate & Stephanie Morris

Next Sunday (12/20) Morris & Jessica Butler

**\*Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 21 & 22

Q 21. Christian, who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. **Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a real body, and a reasoning soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

**\*Hymn**

201 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Receiving of New Members**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Brandon, Beth, Levy and Howard Youmans*

**Membership Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?

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4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

**The Right Hand of Fellowship** NMPC Elders

**Call to Prayer** Luke 1:46-49

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."

**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** *What Child Is This?*  
Steve & Stephen Barnes

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL—FALL SEMESTER

- Children's Classes** - Children's classes are available by grade.  
**Youth Class** - *Knowing 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

Our Wednesday night activities will resume in January.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>General Operating Budget</u>		<u>Capital Campaign—as of December 1</u>	
Budgeted:	\$712,727	Number of Pledges:	81
Received:	\$747,052	% of Members:	74%
Expense:	\$667,163	Amount Pledged:	\$ 995,080
		Pledges Received:	— 407,084
		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 587,996
<u>Faith Promise for Missionaries</u>		Building Fund Cash:	+ 684,092
Goal for Dec. 30:	\$ 34,463	Total:	\$ 1,272,088
Received:	\$ 15,200		

Our Church Family:

Moving: Stephen & Morgann Bradshaw (Augusta); John & Dylan Peters (B'ham); Caleb, Sallie, Lucy & Eleanor Tingle (Athens)

Sick: Josh Garrett's father (blood disorder); Cal Garretson's father (blood infection); Jill Bloodworth's mother (appendix cancer); Dan Gibson (brain cancer); Madeline Thompson's father (recovering from surgery); Monni Parrish' mother (broken knee)

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); Ann Timms (brother-in-law); Tom Gibbons (nephew)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us ask the Lord that we would have sufficient cash & pledges by March 4, 2016 so that we could break ground in the Spring/Summer;

Pray that we would walk by faith throughout the process, trusting in the Lord to provide;

Pray that God would enable us to give what we have pledged and more, that He would guide our Capital Campaign Committee as they lead us, and that God would be glorified.

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.

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 7:1-17

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Emmanuel*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

**Sermon**

*The Promised King  
Matthew 1:1-25*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*211 - God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

**(Reminder: There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the service today.)**

**\*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:** *The Promised King*

Matthew 1:1-25

Found on page 783 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel'—which means, 'God with us'.  
Matthew 1:23*

## 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:

Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris  
Rob & Ann Morton  
Howard, Kim & Austin Murray  
Grant & Jenny Nicholson

### Our Missionaries:

David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Kiev, Ukraine,  
reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being  
teaching English.

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:

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