



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 6, 2015



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
Psalm 98:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 98:1-9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music! Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

People: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.**

Pastor: Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Praise Hymn

195 - *Joy to the World*

* those who are able please stand

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service
Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer
7:00 pm - Diaconate Meeting
Friday - 6:30 pm - Ladies' Christmas Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Shoeboxes - NMPC collected 86 shoe boxes to send to Sacred Road Ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated!

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

Youth Christmas Party - The Youth Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 9th from 6-8:30 pm. Look for an e-mail from Mark with more details.

Congregational Meeting - Next Sunday, December 13th we will have a congregational meeting immediately following the service to elect officers. There is a handout in the narthex with biographical information about each nominee.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ♦ 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 6 - Communion
December 13 - Connie Strawn

- ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
December - Oscar Leverette

- ♦ PRAYER TEAM
December 6 - Jason Churchwell, Frank Fleming
December 13 - Kevin Watson & Charles Baker

- ♦ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (12/06) Matt & Megan Cathey
Next Sunday (12/13) Grant & Jenny Nicholson

- ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (12/06) Lee & Jennifer Burch
Next Sunday (12/13) Tate & Stephanie Morris

Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 29 & 31

Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called 'Jesus,' meaning 'savior'?

A. Because He saves us from our sins.
Salvation cannot be found in anyone else,
It is futile to look for salvation elsewhere.

Q. 31. Why is the Son of God called 'Christ,' meaning 'anointed'?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit
to be
our chief Prophet and teacher,
who perfectly reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance;
our only high Priest,
who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal King,
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn

226 - As With Gladness Men of Old

Phillip Austin; Lesley Ganey; Neal & Willa Ham; Sara Ham;
Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn; Anna Sampson; Steve & Julie Strange; Jackson Turner

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?
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?

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

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—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

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			
General Operating Budget		Capital Campaign—as of October 30	
Budgeted:	\$698,304	Number of Pledges:	81
Received:	\$712,845	% of Members:	74%
Expense:	\$658,372		
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 995,080
		Pledges Received:	— 407,084
Faith Promise for Missionaries		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 587,996
Goal for Dec. 30:	\$ 34,463	Building Fund Cash:	+ 684,092
Received:	\$ 13,370		
		Total:	\$ 1,272,088

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).

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:

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.

Offertory

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Hymn of Preparation**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Chorus: Come Thou Great Redeemer, Come, Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus, Make our hearts Your home

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart

Chorus (2x)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus (2x)

Sermon

The Anointed One
Luke 3:15-38

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

213 - *What Child Is This?*

*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

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

12/06/15

Meditation

*And a voice came from heaven:
You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.
Luke 4:22*

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:

Paul, Debbie & Matt McCommon
Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey
John & Beth McSween
Matt, Allie & Neva Monsted

Our Missionaries:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson are working at the Wycliffe/JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC in the Vernacular Media Services Department.
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:

Children's Ministry; prayer for Amy Peed, Holly Shepley and the Children's Ministry Committee as well as our teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit
Pray for our elder nominees (Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson) and our deacon nominee (Matt Cathey)