



*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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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 3, 2016



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being,  
praise his holy name.  
Psalm 103:2*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-12

- Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**
- Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
- People: He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.**
- Pastor: He satisfies my desires with goods things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- People: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**
- Pastor: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
- People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**
- Pastor: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- People: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**
- Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

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

**Wednesday Night Activities** - We will resume our Wednesday Night Activities this Wednesday, January 6th. Dinner is served at 5:45, and classes for all ages begin at 6:30. The adults will continue their study of Revelation.

**Ladies' Bible Study** - The Ladies' Bible Study will resume on Friday, January 8, 2016 as we continue our study of *Trusting God Even When Life Hurts*.

**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 pick up a brochure in the narthex.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

January– Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

January - Kevin Watson, Larry Breed, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross

◆ USHERS

January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Skip Yetter, Kevin Watson

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

January 10 - Beth McSween

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

January - Matt Monsted

◆ PRAYER TEAM

January 3 - Paul McCommon, Howard Reed

January 10 - Buck Ream, Rob Morton

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (01/03) Will & Mary Frances Stanford

Next Sunday (01/10) Jerry & Cheryl Willis

◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (01/03) Rhett & Joyce Farmer

Next Sunday (01/10) Robby & Katy Danner

\*Praise Hymn

302 - *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

\*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*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

297 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

## Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

## 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

## \*Hymn of Preparation

598 - *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

## Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL—WINTER 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 Word of the Lord Seeing Jesus in the Prophets* by Nancy Guthrie, led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Room #115)

**Adult Elective #1:** *Philippians* led by Jeff Thompson (Room #119)

**Adult Elective #2:** *Far As the Curse is Found* led by Josh Garrett (Room #120B)

Our SS classes for the Winter Quarter began today!

## 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

Budgeted:	\$755,996
Received:	\$802,203
Expense:	\$754,294

## Capital Campaign—as of December 1

Number of Pledges:	81
% of Members:	74%

Amount Pledged:	\$ 995,080
Pledges Received:	— 407,084

## Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for Dec. 30:	\$ 34,463
Received:	\$ 19,215

Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 587,996
Building Fund Cash:	+ 684,092

Total:	\$ 1,272,088
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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); Monni Parrish' mother (broken knee)

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

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 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.

**Sermon**      *Why the Incarnation Matters: Looking Forward*  
Hebrews 2:9-18

Rev. Josh Garrett

**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**

252 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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:** *Why the Incarnation Matters: Looking Forward*

Hebrews 2:9-18

Found on page 968 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*Because he himself suffered when he was tempted,  
He is able to help those who are being tempted.*

*Hebrews 2:18*

## 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:

Chris Peake

Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed

Silas, Jill, Si & Bo Peed

Cathy, Catherine & Sam Pope

### Our Missionaries:

Roger and Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach reformed literature in Latin America.

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:

Our college students, Elliott Everitt & Amanda DeYoung, RUF Mercer;  
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