



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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Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 10, 2016



**NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

*I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
Psalm 89:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 89:1-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Pastor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

People: **'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations'".**

Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: **For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**

Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

People: **O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

*Praise Hymn

32 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

** 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

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ladies' Bible Study - The Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am. They are studying *Trusting God Even When Life Hurts*.

Report from the Davilas - Please join us on Sunday, January 17th at 6:00 pm for a Soup & Salad Dinner and to hear a report from Rodney and Jana Davila, missionaries in Costa Rica.

Children's Ministry - A teacher is needed for Wednesday Nights for the 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade until May. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Holly Shepley.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ 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

January 17 - Stephanie Chipley

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

January - Matt Monsted

♦ PRAYER TEAM

January 10 - Buck Ream & Rob Morton

January 17 - Jeff Thompson, Kevin Watson

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (01/10) Jerry & Cheryl Willis

Next Sunday (01/17) Cathy & Catherine Pope

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (01/10) Robby & Katy Danner

Next Sunday (01/17) Jay & Kathleen Gettmann

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.

*Hymn

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His
head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

Offertory

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Dan Strawn & Jeff Thompson, Ruling Elders
Matt Cathey, Deacon

Ordination Vows:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

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		Capital Campaign—as of 12/31/15	
Budgeted:	\$755,996	Number of Pledges:	84
Received:	\$802,203	% of Members:	72%
Expense:	\$754,294		
Faith Promise for Missionaries		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,053,395
Goal for Dec. 30:	\$ 34,463	Pledges Received:	— 549,150
Received:	\$ 19,215		
		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 504,245
		Building Fund Cash:	+ 905,145
		Total:	\$ 1,409,390

Our Church Family:

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

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Josh Garrett (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Jill Bloodworth (mom); Lee Hendrix (dad); Lesley Ganey (mom); Madeline Thompson (dad); Howard Reed (dad); Monni Parrish (mom); Hunter Stevenson (mom); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Charles Baker (mom); Cleve Cunningham (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Jill Peed (dad); Rebecca Barnes (mom)

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); 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 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.

4. *Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?*

5. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*

6. *Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

Congregational Vow:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Josh Garrett

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders and Deacons

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Session:

Class of 2015: Matt Shepley

Class of 2016: Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & Howard Reed

Class of 2017: Kevin Watson

Class of 2018: Jason Churchwell®, Jeff Kross®, Dan Strawn & Jeff Thompson

Diaconate:

Class of 2015: Howard Gordon & Charlie Pye

Class of 2016: Bert Barnes, Lonnie Dye®, Jon Paxton®, Jack Pyles

Class of 2017: Matt Monsted & Will Stanford

Class of 2018: Cal Garretson®, Tate Morris® & Matt Cathey

® indicates that the officer has completed 3 years of service, agreed to serve and additional 1 to 3 years, and will rotate off at the end of the second term of service.

***Hymn of Preparation**

94 - *How Firm a Foundation*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Emulating the Chief Shepherd
John 10:1-15, Acts 6:1-7; Hebrews 13:17

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

***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

01/10/16

Meditation

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.
Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,
for that would be of no advantage to you.
Hebrews 13:17*

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:

Charlie, Kathy, Becca Pye; Hannah James
Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles
Buck & Liz Ream
Howard, Debi, Lizzie & Ashby Reed

Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria", a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking. 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:

Our families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another. Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.