

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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Rob Morton	Matt Monsted
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Hunter Stevenson	Jon Paxton
Dan Strawn	Jack Pyles
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Josh Garrett, Associate Pastor
Mark Ballard, Youth Director
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 17, 2016



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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Pastor:

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with

joyful songs!

Know that the LORD is God. Pastor:

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the

sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Pastor:

Give thanks to him and praise his name!

People: For the LORD is good, and his loves endures forever; his

faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*Praise Hymn

53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday -9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship Service

9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer Monday -

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study Friday -

# **A**nnouncements

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

Report from the Davilas - Please join us this evening at 6:00 pm for a Soup & Salad Dinner and to hear a report from Rodney and Jana Davila, missionaries in Costa Rica. Please sign up in the narthex this morning.

Faith Promise - Next week you will receive a letter from the Missions Committee about how NMPC supports its 17 missionaries through Faith Promise giving. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give in 2016 towards the financial support of our missionaries.

Year End Match - At the end of 2015, an anonymous donor offered to match \$0.50 for every dollar of new or additional contributions to the Capital Campaign up to \$20,000. Including the matching funds, NMPC received over \$70,000 as a result of this "Year End Match!" Let us give thanks to God! (See page 9 for a full update on the Capital Campaign.)

# SERVICE SCHEDULES

#### ♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

February - Charlotte Laurens & Carol Dawson

#### **♦** COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>February</u> - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, John McSween, Jason Churchwell, Frank Fleming

#### ♦ USHERS

<u>January</u> - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Skip Yetter, Kevin Watson <u>February</u> - Charlie Pye, Matt Shepley, Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

### ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

<u>January 17</u> - Stephanie Chipley January 24 - Barbara Freeman

#### ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

<u>January</u> - Matt Monsted February - Jon Paxton

## ♦ PRAYER TEAM

<u>January 17</u> - Jeff Thompson, Kevin Watson <u>January 24</u> - Jeff Kross, Jason Churchwell

## ♦ Nursery Workers

<u>Today (01/17)</u> Cathy & Catherine Pope <u>Next Sunday (01/24)</u> Steve & Amelia Smith

# ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>Today (01/17)</u> Jay & Kathleen Gettmann <u>Next Sunday (01/24)</u> Liz Ream & Rebecca McKelvey

#### \*Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the Law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

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Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more: He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood; Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky: "You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

## Call to Prayer

Psalm 5:1-3

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

## 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

# Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-16

# \*Hymn of Preparation

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful; Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place; Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

# 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 Ephesians, 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

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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		<u>Capital Campaign—as</u>	Capital Campaign—as of 12/31/15	
Budgeted:	\$36,540	Number of Pledges:	84	
Received:	\$19,395	% of Members:	72%	
Expense:	\$19,872			
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,053,395	
		Pledges Received:	<b>—</b> 549,150	
Faith Promise	<u>for Missionaries</u>	Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 504,245	
Goal for June 3		Building Fund Cash:	+ 905,145	
Received:	\$ 1,821			
		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); Peggy Grimsley (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:

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.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *Chorus*.

You give and take away, You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. 2X

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. 2X

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Sermon

God's Promises to Abram Genesis 12:1-9 Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

565 - All For Jesus

\*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

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# THE PREACHED WORD

**Title:** God's Promises to Abram Genesis 12:1-9

Found on page 9 in your pew Bible

# NMPC WEEKLY

### **Meditation**

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

#### 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:

Matthew Reed & Kristen Harrison Chip & Cathy Ridley Paul & Susan Robertson Elliott, Lily, Charlotte and Samantha Robinson

# Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsavatewa is a missionary from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries. 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:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.

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