



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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Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jon Paxton
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 31, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.
Psalm 145:3a*

Prelude *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:3-10

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! His greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

People: **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

Pastor: The LORD is good to all he has made.

People: **All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you!**

***Praise Hymn** 2 - *O Worship the King (vs. 1-5)*

***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

Faith Promise - During the Offering today, members are encouraged to turn in their Faith Promise commitments. There are extra cards in the foyer.

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

Communion - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, February 7.

Visitors Lunch - There will be a visitors lunch immediately after the worship service on Sunday, February 7th.

2016 Mission Trip - We have 24 members who have signed up to participate in the 2016 Yakama Mission Trip in Washington State! The team members are: Phillip Austin, Benjamin Baker, Margaret Baker, Sara Marie Baker, Kara Ballard, Mark Ballard, Christian Barnes, Emily Barnes, Claire Boland, Mary Jane Boland, Jay Churchwell, Jay Gettmann, Kathleen Gettmann, Matthew Halprin, Joey Leggett, Austin Murray, Nicole Parrish, Lizzie Reed, Stone Stevenson, Ansley Timberlake, Reid Vinson, Rives Watson, Scarlett Watson, and Cheryl Willis

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

February– Charlotte Laurens & Carol Dawson

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

February - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, John McSween, Jason Churchwell, Frank Fleming

♦ USHERS

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

February - Charlie Pye, Matt Shepley, Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

January 31 - Holly Garretson

February 7 - Communion

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

January - Matt Monsted

February - Jon Paxton

♦ PRAYER TEAM

January 31 - Charles Baker, John McSween

February 7– Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (01/31) Paul & Pam Kanode

Next Sunday (02/07) Phillip & Kathy Kersey

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (01/31) Robby & Katy Danner

Next Sunday (02/07) Andrew Wohlrabe & Kathlyn Freeman

***Confession of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

***Hymn**

295 - Crown Him With Many Crowns

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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.

Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one. Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

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)

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:	\$ 73,080	Number of Pledges:	84
Received:	\$ 54,649	% of Members:	72%
Expense:	\$ 43,041		
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,053,395
		Pledges Received:	— 549,150
Faith Promise for Missionaries		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 504,245
Goal for June 30:	\$ 27,500	Building Fund Cash:	+ 905,145
Received:	\$ 3,096		
		Total:	\$ 1,409,390

Our Church Family:

Moving: Caleb, Sallie, Lucy & Eleanor Tingle (Athens)

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Josh Garrett (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Lee Hendrix (dad); Lesley Ganey (mom); Howard Reed (dad); Monni Parrish (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:

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.

***Hymn of Preparation**

347 - The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-2,4-6)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Land Promised to Abram
Genesis 13

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

358 - *For All The Saints*

***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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *The Land Promised to Abram*

Genesis 13

Found on page 9 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

01/31/16

Meditation

How good and pleasant it is when brothers lives together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

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:

Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Shepley
Steve, Amelia, Hadley, Mallory & Brooks Smith; Bram & Hollis Bradham
Will, Mary Frances, Anna Lyn, Gracie & Alie Parker Stanford
Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

Our Missionaries:

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher teach the gospel in Cape Town, South Africa. Bruce teaches at the Bible Institute which trains pastors, and Barbara works with elementary school children
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 Seniors; they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom.
Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.