



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

February 21, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens.

People: **Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: **Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all and all rulers, praise him young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: **Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service
5:30 pm - Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer
Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer
7:00 pm - Session Meeting
Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Classes for all ages
Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer - This evening from 5:30-6:30 PM we will have a special service of thanksgiving for God's provisions for us, an update on the Capital Campaign, and a time of seeking God in prayer as we move forward from here. Please make plans to join us tonight.

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

Missions Dinner - On Sunday evening, February 28th at 5:30 PM we will have a pancake dinner and hear a report from our missionaries, Mike & Eli Sabin, who are with Trans World Radio in Guam.

Men's Fellowship - Our next Men's Fellowship will be on Saturday, March 19th from 9:45 AM -1:00 PM at The Meadows Gun Club in Forsyth, GA. We will shoot clay targets, laugh, cheer, and enjoy a catered lunch together. Whether you are a seasoned sporting clay shooter or have never held a shotgun in your life, come out and enjoy fellowship with the men of NMPC. Cost is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

March– Tracey & Hannah Grace Huyck

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

March - Kevin Watson, Paul McCommon, Jeff Kross, Larry Breed, Howard Reed

◆ **USHERS**

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

March - Howard Gordon, Seth Ped, Jeff Kross & Keith Young

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

February 21 - Cheryl Willis

February 28– Chris Peake

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

February - Jon Paxton

March - Will Stanford

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

February 21 - Jeff Kross, Howard Reed

February 28 - Dan Strawn, Larry Breed

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (02/21) Oscar & Lynn Leverette

Next Sunday (02/28) Seth & Amy Peed

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (02/21) Paul & Susan Robertson

Next Sunday (02/28) Paul & Debbie McCommon

*Praise Hymn

115 - *All Creatures of our God and King*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #27 & 28

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God, by which he upholds—as with his hand—heaven and earth and all creatures; and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand, that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*Hymn

111 - *This is My Father’s World*

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

Romans 4:18-25

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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

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| Budgeted: | \$ 127,890 |
| Received: | \$ 98,232 |
| Expense: | \$ 71,914 |

Capital Campaign—as of 01/31/16

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| Number of Pledges: | 87 |
| % of Members: | 74% |
| Amount Pledged: | \$ 1,062,895 |
| Pledges Received: | — 569,174 |
| Pledges Outstanding: | \$ 493,721 |
| Building Fund Cash: | + 992,949 |
| Total: | \$ 1,486,670 |

Faith Promise for Missionaries

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| Goal for June 30: | \$ 27,500 |
| Received: | \$ 11,616 |

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Sallie Tingle, Jill Peed

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

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Josh Garrett (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Lee Hendrix (dad); Howard Reed (dad); Monni Parrish (mom); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Charles Baker (mom); Cleve Cunningham (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Rebecca Barnes (mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom)

Recovering: Connie Strawn (foot surgery); Keith Young (broken finger); Cathy Ridley (knee surgery); Diane Weems (broken ankle); Debbie Hitson (foot surgery)

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); Diane Elliott (father); Kathy Combs (brother)

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 restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

Pray for our President & his advisors, the Senate & House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court justices “that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Tim 2:1-2).

***Hymn of Preparation**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (see insert)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Abram Believed God
Genesis 15

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

691 - *It is Well With My Soul*

***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.

Title: *Abram Believed God*

Genesis 15

Found on page 11 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

Our Members:

Jackson Turner
Sally Vance
Clint, Ginger, Reid, Adelle, Knox & Ella Vinson
Helen Watson

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, helping to build churches, and teaching and training pastors.
Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups.

Our Ministries:

Our sister churches & partnering ministries; Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Covenant Care and Caring Solutions. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.
Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit