



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 28, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Do Not Worry

NMPC Children

Call to Worship:

Based on Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Praise Hymn

92 - *A Mighty Fortress*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

* *those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service
5:30 pm - Pancake Dinner
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

Missions Dinner - This evening 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.

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

Shepherding Groups - Our Shepherding Groups have been revised. You can pick up a copy of the revised Shepherding Groups rosters in the narthex.

Capital Campaign - If you were unable to attend the Sunday evening service last week, you can pick up a copy of the Campaign Report in the narthex.

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. Dads are welcome to bring their sons. The cost is \$25 per person; scholarships are available; please sign up in the narthex today.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to take the New Members Class which will be held on two Sunday nights in April. If you would like to sign up or learn more about the Class, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmcp.net).

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 28 - Chris Peake

March 6– Communion

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

February - Jon Paxton

March - Will Stanford

♦ PRAYER TEAM

February 28 - Paul McCommon, Larry Breed

March 6 - Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (02/28) Seth & Amy Peed

Next Sunday (03/06) Silas & Jill Peed

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (02/28) Paul & Debbie McCommon

Next Sunday (03/06) Dwayne & Natalie Benson

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg 26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*Hymn

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

Chorus: For I am the Lord your God
(*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

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

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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 02/18/16 | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted: | \$ 146,160 | Number of Pledges: | 87 |
| Received: | \$ 114,167 | % of Members: | 74% |
| Expense: | \$ 86,609 | | |
| | | Amount Pledged: | \$ 1,064,545 |
| | | Pledges Received: | — 595,669 |
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| <u>Faith Promise for Missionaries</u> | | Pledges Outstanding: | \$ 468,876 |
| Goal for June 30: | \$ 27,500 | Building Fund Cash: | \$ 1,023,702 |
| Received: | \$ 13,156 | | |
| | | Total: | \$ 1,492,578 |

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); Charlie Pye (gallbladder 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 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

The God Who Sees Me
Genesis 16

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, To them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living Bread, And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the Fountainhead, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it. 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 God Who Sees Me*

Genesis 16

Found on page 11 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

02/28/16

Meditation

Hagar gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me'.

Genesis 16:13

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:

Diane Weems

Mark LeeAnn, & Gracen Wildman

Jerry & Cheryl Willis

Chris, Hope, Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson

Our Missionaries:

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She is currently working in Texas with Wycliffe Associates.

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:

Children's Ministry; Holly Shepley & Amy Shepley; Children's Ministry Committee; teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ

Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit