



*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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Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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Matt Monsted  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*April 3, 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:

from Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works! I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

*\* those who are able please stand*

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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- 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
- Thursday - 7:00 pm - Mission Team Meeting
- Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**New Members Class** - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, we invited you to take the New Members Class, comprised of two Sunday night meetings, scheduled for April 10th and 17th. To sign up, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net). Also, the notebooks for the Class are available in the narthex today.

**Preschool Registration** - Registration for the 2016-2017 preschool year is now open. North Macon Preschool has extended it hours next Fall to 8:30 - 12:30 for MMO through 5K. If you have any questions or need an application, please contact Debbie McCommon (debbie@nmpc.net).

**Christian Counseling at NMPC** - Iris Archer is a licensed Christian counselor who will work under the authority of the Session of NMPC to provide Christian Counseling to our community. Her fee is \$60 an hour; counseling sessions are made by appointment only by contacting Iris directly at 478.396.3389. Financial assistance for counseling is available for our members; contact your deacon or elder for more information.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

April - Kevin & Wendi Drace

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

April - Charles Baker, John McSween, Frank Fleming, Jason Churchwell, Rob Morton

◆ USHERS

April - Bert Barnes, Silas Peed, Keith Young, John LaPish

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

April 3 - Communion

April 10 - Cheryl Willis

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

April - Paul Johnson

◆ PRAYER TEAM

April 3 - Paul McCommon, Buck Ream

April 10 - Jeff Thompson, Rob Morton

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (04/03) Chip & Cathy Ridley

Next Sunday (04/10) Jeff & Cindy Kross

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (04/03) Matt & Allie Monsted

Next Sunday (04/10) Mary Jane & Joey Leggett

**\*Praise Hymn**

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there.

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*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**

*Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother - all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life. Amen.

**Call to Prayer**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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.**

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL—SPRING 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:** *Gospel Communities on Mission* led by Josh Garrett (Room #119)
- Adult Elective #2:** *Crazy Busy* by Kevin DeYoung led by Bill Barnes (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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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General Operating Budget

Budgeted: \$ 237,810  
Received: \$ 188,020  
Expense: \$ 148,644

Capital Campaign—as of 03/30/16

Number of Pledges: 89  
% of Members: 76%

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Amount Pledged: \$ 1,240,133  
Pledges Received: — 615,514

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Pledges Outstanding: \$ 624,619  
Building Fund Cash: \$ 1,056,974

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Total: \$ 1,681,593

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for June 30: \$ 27,500  
Received: \$ 17,731

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 (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Cleve Cunningham (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Rebecca Barnes (mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Diane Elliott (mother)

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

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); Diane Elliott (father); Kathy Combs (brother); Nina Fleming (mother); Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Connie Strawn (father)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his abundant provisions for NMPC thus far, and for the most recent \$50,000 matching gift!

Let us continue to ask the Lord that we would have sufficient cash & pledges in the next few months, so that we could break ground by the end of 2016.

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.

**Offertory**

**\*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.

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**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

**Sermon**

*Living in Light of the Reigning Messiah*

1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Rev. Josh Garrett

**The Sacrament of Communion**

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has  
ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love,  
Amazing grace.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.  
(Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun. (Chorus)

**\*Benediction**

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you  
before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God  
our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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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# NMPC WEEKLY

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04/03/16

**Meditation**

*For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
1 Corinthians 15:25-26*

**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:**

Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth  
Larry & LuAnn Breed  
Jane Brooks  
Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler

**Our Missionaries:**

Mike and Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by  
means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is  
broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian Witness.  
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 women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first  
Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and  
the Holy Spirit.  
Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness.