



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

March 13, 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;
his greatness no one can fathom.
Psalm 145:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

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

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God.

People: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

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

1 - *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Men's Fellowship - Our Men's Fellowship will be this Saturday, March 19th at The Meadows Gun Club. Please sign up in the narthex today!

Easter at NMPC - Here is the schedule for Easter 2016

Sun, Mar 20: Palm Sunday; children singing in worship

Wed, Mar 23: NO Wednesday Night Activities

Thur, Mar 24: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM

Sat, Mar 26: Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM

Sun, Mar 27: Easter Sunday; NO Sunday school classes

RYM - Registration is now open for RYM, a Junior High Camp for our 6th-8th graders. RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) will be in Laguna Beach, FL the week of June 27 – July 1. Pamphlets are available in Mark'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).

Communion - If you are interested in preparing communion one Sunday, please contact Kathy in the church office (kathy@nmpc.net).

Prayer Warrior Ministry - We need 6 folks to participate as Prayer Warriors for our children. Please contact Holly Shepley for more information (hollyshawshepley@yahoo.com).

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

April - Kevin & Wendi Drace

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

◆ USHERS

March - Howard Gordon, Seth Peed, Jeff Kross & Wes Seay

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

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

March 13 - Sara Pyles

March 20 - Liz Ream

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

March - Will Stanford

April - Paul Johnson

◆ PRAYER TEAM

March 13 - Kevin Watson, Rob Morton

March 20 - John McSween, Buck Ream

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (03/13) Dan & Connie Strawn

Next Sunday (03/20) Brandon & Beth Youmans

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (03/13) Diane Elliott & Vicki Anderson

Next Sunday (03/20) Frank & Nina Fleming

*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

38 - *Immortal Invisible*

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

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 4:1-17
(Found on page 913 in your pew Bible)

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children
(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon *The Laughter of God*
Genesis 17:15 - 18:15

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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
Budgeted: \$ 183,000
Received: \$ 147,583
Expense: \$ 117,887

Capital Campaign—as of 02/18/16
Number of Pledges: 87
% of Members: 74%

Amount Pledged: \$ 1,064,545
Pledges Received: — 595,669

Faith Promise for Missionaries
Goal for June 30: \$ 27,500
Received: \$ 15,036

Pledges Outstanding: \$ 468,876
Building Fund Cash: \$ 1,023,702

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 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:

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.

***Hymn of Response**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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: *The Laughter of God*

Genesis 17:15-18:15

Found on page 12 in your pew Bible

Meditation

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.

He is the father of us all.

Romans 4:16

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:

Vicki Anderson
Phillip Austin
Charles & Myra Baker
Margaret Baker

Our Missionaries:

Tim, Nicole, Gabe & Salem Mares
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 college students: pray for Elliott Everitt & Amanda DeYoung as they minister at RUF Mercer; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ