



*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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Jeff Thompson  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 20, 2016



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The LORD is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.  
Psalm 118:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

*I Will Rise*

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Men:** Let Israel say: 'His love endures forever.'

**Women:** Let the house of Aaron say: 'His love endures forever.'

**All:** Let those who fear the LORD say: 'His love endures forever.'

Pastor: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

**Men:** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

**Women:** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Pastor: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Therefore, shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**Men:** 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'

**Women:** 'The LORD's right hand is lifted high!'

**All:** 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'

Pastor: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

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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

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Wednesday - NO Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm - Yakama 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.

**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

**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).

**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).

**RYM** - Registration is now open for RYM, a Junior High Camp for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**byFaith** - The latest issue of the PCA's magazine, byFaith, is available.

\* those who are able please stand

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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**

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

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

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

March 20 - Liz Ream

March 27- Murray Todd

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

March - Will Stanford

April - Paul Johnson

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

March 20- John McSween, Buck Ream

March 27 - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (03/20) Brandon & Beth Youmans

Next Sunday (03/27) Clint & Ginger Vinson

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (03/20) Frank & Nina Fleming

Next Sunday (03/27) Keith Young & Paul Johnson

Praise Hymn

235 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on

to live for him.

\*Hymn

55 - To God Be the Glory

Call to Prayer

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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.

*Upon a Life I have not lived, Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.*

*Not on the tears which I have shed, Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs, On these I rest, on these alone.*

*Chorus: O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my death and life I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.*

*Lord, I believe; O deal with me, As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, As one who has Thy gift received.*

**Scripture Reading**

(Found on page 801 in the pew Bible)

Matthew 21:1-11

**\*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 twice)

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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**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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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**General Operating Budget**

Budgeted: \$ 201,270  
Received: \$ 160,898  
Expense: \$ 122,766

**Capital Campaign—as of 02/18/16**

Number of Pledges: 87  
% of Members: 74%

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

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

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Total: \$ 1,492,578

**Faith Promise for Missionaries**

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

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)

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); Nina Fleming (mother)

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 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).

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ*  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*Ten Thousand Reasons*

*Chorus:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both 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.

**Title:** *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Found on page 933 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

## 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:

Benjamin Baker  
Rod & Bess Baker  
Mark & Kara Ballard  
Bert, Anna & Bo Barnes

### Our Missionaries:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson are now on Home Assignment continuing their work on Vernacular Media.

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 families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another.

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.