



*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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Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
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Matt Cathey  
Lonnie Dye  
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Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 27, 2016



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Death has been swallowed up in victory!  
1 Corinthians 15:54b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

Call to Worship:

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Pastor: I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor the perishable inherit the imperishable.

People: **Listen! I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.**

Pastor: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

People: **When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory!”**

Pastor: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Praise Hymn

*277 - Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*\* 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  
 Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion** - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, April 3.

**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@nmhc.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 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.

**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@nmhc.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**  
March - Howard Gordon, Seth Peed, Jeff Kross & Wes Seay  
April - Bert Barnes, Silas Peed, Keith Young, John LaPish
  
- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**  
March 27 - Beth McSween  
April 3 - Communion
  
- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**  
March - Will Stanford  
April - Paul Johnson
  
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**  
March 27 - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson  
April 3 - Paul McCommon, Buck Ream
  
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**  
Today (03/27) Clint & Ginger Vinson  
Next Sunday (04/03) Chip & Cathy Ridley
  
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Today (03/27) Keith Young & Paul Johnson  
Next Sunday (04/03) Matt & Allie Monsted

## \*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

## \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 37-38

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

A. The souls of believers are, at their death,  
made perfect in holiness  
and do immediately pass into glory;  
and their bodies, being still united to Christ,  
do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory,  
shall be openly acknowledged  
and acquitted in the day of judgment  
and made perfectly blessed  
in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

## \*Hymn

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

## Call to Prayer

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,  
he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies  
because of his Spirit who lives in you.

## 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:62 - 28:20

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

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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:	\$ 219,540
Received:	\$ 173,697
Expense:	\$ 134,475

### Capital Campaign—as of 02/18/16

Number of Pledges:	87
% of Members:	74%
Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,064,545
Pledges Received:	— 595,669
Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 468,876
Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,023,702
Total:	\$ 1,492,578

### Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for June 30:	\$ 27,500
Received:	\$ 15,606

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 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.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

286 - *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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**\*Hymn of Response**

358 - *For All the Saints*

**\*Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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 Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

Found on page 933 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*Listen! I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.*  
*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

## 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:

Bill, Rebecca & Liam Barnes  
Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes  
Steve & Susan Barnes  
Dwayne, Natalie, Meryt & Luke Benson

### Our Missionaries:

David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Kiev, Ukraine, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.  
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:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.  
Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.