



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 6, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Praise Hymn

101 - *Come Thou Almighty King*

*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

7:00 pm - Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

Thursday - 7:00 pm - Yakama Team Meeting

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strong Tower Fellowship - This morning we have a few families attending our sister church, Strong Tower Fellowship, and eating lunch afterwards. If you are interested, the next opportunity will be Sun, May 1st. Talk with Adam Griffin, Kevin Watson or Bill Barnes if you would like more info.

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 in February, you can pick up a copy of the Campaign Report in the narthex.

Men's Fellowship - Our next Men's Fellowship will be on Sat, Mar 19th at The Meadows Gun Club. Dads are welcome to bring their sons. The cost is \$25; 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@nmpc.net).

Communion - If you are interested in preparing communion on a communion Sunday, please contact Kathy in the church office.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

March– Tracey & Hannah Grace Huyck

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

March - Kevin Watson, Paul McCommon, Jeff Kross, Larry Breed, Howard Reed

♦ **USHERS**

March - Howard Gordon, Seth Ped, Jeff Kross & Keith Young

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

March 6 - Communion

March 13 - Sara Pyles

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

March - Will Stanford

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

March 6 - Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker

March 13 - Kevin Watson, Rob Morton

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (03/06) Silas & Jill Peed

Next Sunday (03/13) Dan & Connie Strawn

♦ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (03/06) Dwayne & Natalie Benson

Next Sunday (03/13) Diane Elliott & Vicki Anderson

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
And with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

***Hymn**

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a lamb could, rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have, hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore,
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Repeat Chorus)

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

Words of Assurance

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

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:	\$ 164,730
Received:	\$ 126,260
Expense:	\$ 101,042

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:	\$ 14,841

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

Total:	\$ 1,492,578
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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:

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

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*

*Hymn of Preparation

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Sign of the Covenant
Genesis 17:1-14

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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

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

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to Him be glory and power 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.

NMPC WEEKLY

03/06/16

Meditation

*I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant
between me and you and your seed after you for the generations to come,
to be your God and the God of your seed after you.*
Genesis 17:7

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:

Andrew Wohlrabe
Skip & Debbie Yetter
Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans
Keith Young

Our Missionaries:

Jeff & Jamie have returned to where they are a part of a church planting team and where Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary. 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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom. Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit