



*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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Howard Reed  
Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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Bert Barnes  
Matt Cathey  
Lonnie Dye  
Cal Garretson  
Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
Jon Paxton  
Jack Pyles  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*April 17, 2016*



**NORTH MACON**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*We ourselves...groan inwardly as we wait eagerly  
for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.  
Romans 8:23b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

\*Praise Hymn

*Come Thou Fount*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

*\*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

6:00 pm - Joint Elder & Deacon Dinner & Meeting

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

Saturday - 12:00 pm - BBQ Lunch on the Grounds

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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.

**Missions** - We have a BBQ fundraiser this Saturday, April 23th from 11 - 5 for short term missions. Tickets are on sale now: \$8 for a plate, \$8 for a pound, \$6 for a quart & \$4 for a pint of stew, & \$30 for a Boston Butt. Someone will be in the conference room after church today to sell tickets. Also, we invite you to pick up your BBQ on Saturday and eat lunch together at NMPC. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship for our church family.

**Wycliffe Dinner** - Don Richardson, missionary to the Sawi Tribe and author of *Peace Child* and *Eternity in Their Hearts*, will be speaking about Wycliffe's work of Bible translation on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 PM at Holiday Inn Macon North. For reservations please call Brent Nelson (866.461.0197).

**National Day of Prayer Breakfast** - First Presbyterian Church will host a National Day of Prayer breakfast on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 AM. Call FPC's church office (478.746.3223) for tickets, which are \$7 each.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

May– Neal & Willa Ham

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

May - Jeff Kross, Howard Reed, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Kevin Watson

◆ USHERS

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

May - Lonnie Dye, Clint Vinson, Rhett Farmer, Lee Hendrix

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

April 17- Becky Gorman

April 24– Anna Barnes

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

April - Paul Johnson

May - Howard Gordon

◆ PRAYER TEAM

April 17– Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson

April 24– Charles Baker, Jason Churchwell

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (04/17) Stephen & Christian Barnes

Next Sunday (04/24) Romey & Debby Hitson

◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (04/17) Murray Todd & Chris Peake

Next Sunday (04/24) Matt & Holly Shepley

Oh to grace how great a debtor, Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Cloth-ed then in blood washed linen, How I’ll sing Thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

\***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

\***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism 57 & 58

Q. Christian, when you say in the Apostles’ Creed that you believe in “the resurrection of the body”, how does this reality comfort you?

A. **Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to be with Christ, but even my very flesh, raised up by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ’s glorious body.**

Q. When you say that you believe in “the life everlasting”, how does this reality comfort you?

A. **Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

\***Hymn**

44 - *How Great Thou Art*

**Call to Prayer**

Romans 8:22-25

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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

*Spirit of God*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart: Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, might as Thou art; And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, Teach me the patience of struggling in prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to live Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The presence of Thy descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Scripture Reading

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 & 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10  
(page 958 in the pew Bible)

\*Hymn of Preparation

521 - *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*The Hope of the Second Coming*  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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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: \$ 274,350  
Received: \$ 221,053  
Expense: \$ 175,040

Capital Campaign—as of 03/30/16

Number of Pledges: 89  
% of Members: 76%

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

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for June 30: \$ 27,500  
Received: \$ 18,567

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

Total: \$ 1,681,593

### Our Church Family:

Expecting: Sallie Tingle, Jill Peed

Moving: Chris Peake (Nashville); Kevin & Wendi Drace (Birmingham); Kyle & Heather Stutzman (Buffalo).

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); Monni Parrish (mom); Allison Deaton (father)

Recovering: Helen Brock (neck surgery); Oscar Leverette (neck 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—which increased our cash & pledges by \$190,000.

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).

### Hymn of Response

*Jesus I My Cross Have Taken*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.  
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

### \*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling 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.

**Title:** *The Hope of the Second Coming*

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Found on page 934 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.  
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,  
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.  
1 Corinthians 15:58*

## 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:

Franklin & Caitlyn Clark  
Kathy Combs  
Larry & Cathy Crumbley  
Brenda Crutchfield, Gracie Harrison

### Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria" a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking. 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:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students would grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man  
Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord