



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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Jason Churchwell
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Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Howard Reed
Hunter Stevenson
Dan Strawn
Jeff Thompson
Kevin Watson

Diaconate

Bert Barnes
Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jon Paxton
Jack Pyles
Will Stanford

Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Becky Harman, <i>Bookkeeper</i>
Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Pianist</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>Preschool Dir.</i>
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 24, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
Psalm 27:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

**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

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

Pictorial Directory - Skip Yetter will take pictures of our New Members on two Sunday mornings: May 1st and 15th. If you would like to update your family picture in the Directory, please make plans to have you picture made on one of those Sundays.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **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 24- Anna Barnes

May 1– Communion

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

April - Paul Johnson

May - Howard Gordon

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

April 24– Charles Baker, Jason Churchwell

May 1– Dan Strawn, John McSween

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (04/24) Romey & Debby Hitson

Next Sunday (05/01) Franklin & Caitlyn Clark

♦ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (04/24) Matt & Holly Shepley

Next Sunday (05/01) Skip & Debbie Yetter

***Confession of Faith**

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

And we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor heavenly rulers, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hymn**

Arise, My Soul, Arise
(see insert)

Call to Prayer

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

*Hymn of Preparation

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.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Budget		Capital Campaign—as of 03/30/16	
Budgeted:	\$ 292,620	Number of Pledges:	89
Received:	\$ 234,359	% of Members:	76%
Expense:	\$ 195,674		
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,240,133
		Pledges Received:	— 615,514
Faith Promise for Missionaries		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 624,619
Goal for June 30:	\$ 27,500	Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,056,974
Received:	\$ 18,737		
		Total:	\$ 1,681,593

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Sallie Tingle, Jill Peed & Rebecca Barnes

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); Howard Reed (dad); Nina Fleming (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Rebecca Barnes (mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Allison Deaton (dad); Glenn Johnson (mom); Rana Munna (mom)

Recovering: Helen Brock (neck surgery); Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia)

Bereaved: Trey Deaton (father); Diane Elliott (father); Kathy Combs (brother); Nina Fleming (mother); Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Connie Strawn (father); Lynn Leverette (Oscar)

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 \$240,000!

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 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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Dr. David Todd

Sermon

Trusting God Without Answers
Psalm 131

Rev. Josh Garrett

Hymn of Response

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs
(See insert)

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Trusting God Without Answers*

Psalm 131

Found on page 502 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

04/24/16

Meditation

*I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
Psalm 131:2*

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:

Cleve & Kathy Cunningham
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner
Mollie Davis
Carol Dawson

Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsavatewa is a missionary from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries.

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 Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word

Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully