



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

June 5, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
Psalm 98:1a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 98:1-8

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!

People: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!**

Pastor: Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

People: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it!**

Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy!

*Praise Hymn

115 - *All Creatures of Our God and 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 Prayer

Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Summer Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Summer Reading - This summer our whole church family will be reading *Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller. The books and reading schedules are available in the narthex today for \$5. To sign-up for an Sunday School Class where we will discuss the book, email Josh Garrett (josh@nmmpc.net).

Summer Fellowship - On Wednesday nights in June and July, our church family will gather from 6:00-7:30 PM for dinner, singing, and a Bible story. A nursery will be provided for 0-3 year olds. Our first Summer Fellowship is this Wednesday, June 1st. We will serve pizza & a salad.

Vacation Bible School - Vacation Bible School is the week of June 13-17. Registration forms are in the narthex.

Ladies' Books of Blessings - Ladies: Mark your calendars for June 22, July 20, and August 17th to come share a new or old favorite book at the church from 10:00 - 12:00. Childcare is provided. Please call Amy Peed, 714-3208 to reserve your child's spot.

SweatFest - SweatFest is a one week mission trip in our own city, wherein students (rising 9th grade – graduating seniors) of NMPC will work/sweat/serve together for the purpose of transforming things (yards, gutters, flower beds, dirty cars, etc) *from chaos to order*. The dates are July 17th - 22nd.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

June— Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

June— Paul McCommon, Rob Morton, Jason Churchwell, John McSween, Frank Fleming

♦ **USHERS**

June - Cal Garretson, James Norvell, Bill Barnes, Glen Johnson

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

June 5 - Communion

June 12 - Beth Youmans

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

June - Bert Barnes

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

June 5 - Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker

June 12 - Kevin Watson, Buck Ream

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (06/05) Chris & Hope Wilson

Next Sunday (06/12) James & Joanna Norvell

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (06/05) Jeff & Madeline Thompson

Next Sunday (06/12) Cal & Holly Garretson

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Hymn

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Chorus: O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever. He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due
Him, He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't To me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

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 Confession

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

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)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

We will gather each Wednesday night in June and July from 6:00 - 7:30 for dinner, singing and a Bible Story lesson. Come and join us!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Budget		Capital Campaign—as of 05/02/16	
Budgeted:	\$ 383,970	Number of Pledges:	89
Received:	\$ 308,765	% of Members:	76%
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,291,333
		Pledges Received:	— 624,976
		Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 666,357
Faith Promise for Missionaries		Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,076,944
Goal for June 30:	\$ 27,500		
Received:	\$ 19,957		
		Total:	\$ 1,743,301

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Sallie Tingle, Jill Peed, Rebecca Barnes & Lindsay Garrett

Moving: Kevin & Wendi Drace (Birmingham)

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Josh Garrett (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Howard Reed (dad); Nina Fleming (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Rana Munna (mom)

Recovering: Helen Brock (neck surgery); Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (recent fall & surgery); Nina Fleming (foot surgery)

Bereaved: Diane Elliott (father); Kathy Combs (brother); Nina Fleming (mom); Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Connie Strawn (dad); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Lee Hendrix (dad); Charlie Pye (mom); Glenn Johnson (mom)

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:

Pray for the peace and prosperity of Macon (Jeremiah 29:7) and of central Georgia; pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders and elected officials.

Pray for another Great Awakening in America; pray that we would be a country who honors and fears the LORD.

***Hymn of Preparation**

693 - *Blessed Assurance*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Abraham and Abimelech
Genesis 21:22-34

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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

691 - *It is Well With My Soul*

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling 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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Abraham and Abimelech*

Genesis 21:22-34

Found on page 15 & 16 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

06/05/16

Meditation

*Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.
Hebrews 11:16*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Christ has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Having a passion for the glory of God and a compassion for the lost

Our Members:

Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin
Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Neal & Willa Ham
Sara Ham

Our Missionaries:

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC's own missionaries, continues to work in Bible translation and literacy.
Pray for the Persecuted Church; ask God to strengthen these believers, protect and provide for them, comfort and assure them, enable them to stand firm in their faith, and that they would "spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.

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.