



*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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Jeff Kross  
Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
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  
Will Stanford

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| Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>          | Debbie McCommon, <i>Preschool Dir.</i>  |
| Holly Shepley, <i>Children's Coordinator</i> | Iris Archer, <i>Christian Counselor</i> |
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 15, 2016



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise!  
Psalm 96:4a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 96:1-4, 7-9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

\*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*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

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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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.

**Pictorial Directory** - Skip Yetter is taking pictures of our New Members this morning. If you would like to update your family picture in the Directory, please go to Room 119 after the service and have your picture made.

**Vacation Bible School** - Vacation Bible School is the week of June 13-17. Registration forms are available in the narthex and need to be returned by June 1st.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

June— Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

◆ USHERS

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

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

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

May 15— Stephanie Chipley

May 22 - Barbara Freeman

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

May - Howard Gordon

June - Bert Barnes

◆ PRAYER TEAM

May 15 - Howard Reed, Kevin Watson

May 22 - Jeff Kross, Larry Breed

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (05/15) Howard & Lizzie Reed

Next Sunday (05/22) Wes & Marie Seay

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (05/15) Melissa Langford & Lynn Hogg

Next Sunday (05/22) Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn

**\*Confession of Faith**

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent his Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die,  
by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life,  
for our justification,  
in order that by him  
we might have immortality and eternal life.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

**\*Hymn**

*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.

But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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.**

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:20-37

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, The kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you. Then he said to his disciples, The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. Where, Lord? they asked. He replied, Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.

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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

We will resume our normal Wednesday Night Activities in the Fall.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| <u>General Operating Budget</u>       |            | <u>Capital Campaign—as of 05/02/16</u> |              |
| Budgeted:                             | \$ 347,430 | Number of Pledges:                     | 89           |
| Received:                             | \$ 283,842 | % of Members:                          | 76%          |
|                                       |            | Amount Pledged:                        | \$ 1,291,333 |
|                                       |            | Pledges Received:                      | — 624,976    |
|                                       |            | Pledges Outstanding:                   | \$ 666,357   |
| <u>Faith Promise for Missionaries</u> |            | Building Fund Cash:                    | \$ 1,076,944 |
| Goal for June 30:                     | \$ 27,500  |  |              |
| Received:                             | \$ 19,782  | Total:                                 | \$ 1,743,301 |

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); 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); 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)

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 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 Preparation**

565 - All for Jesus

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

Lot: *A Foolish Man of Faith*  
2 Peter 2:6-8

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**Hymn of Response**

*Spirit of God*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart: Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty 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 love 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.

**\*Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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:** Lot: A Foolish Man of Faith

2 Peter 2:6-8

Found on page 984 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*The Day of the Lord...will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.*

*If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

## 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:

Kathlyn Freeman

Rick Funk

Lesley Ganey

Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine & Jack Garrett

### Our Missionaries:

Stephen & Sarah Young worked in Perth, Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (Jesus Calling), continues her writing ministry.

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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom

Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit