



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

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Matt Cathey  
Lonnie Dye  
Cal Garretson  
Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 22, 2016



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-2, 4-7, 10-11

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**People: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in all the earth.

**People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## \*Praise Hymn

92 - A Mighty Fortress

## \*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*\*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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Ladies' Bible Study** - The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study has ended for the summer. They will resume on Friday, September 9th.

**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. Make plans to join us this summer!

**Summer Reading** - Each summer at NMPC our whole church family reads a book together. This summer we will read *Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller. The books and reading schedules are available in the narthex today for \$5. If you would like to participate in an Adult Elective Sunday School Class this summer where we will discuss *Every Good Endeavor*, sign up on the website or email Josh Garrett ([josh@nmpc.net](mailto:josh@nmpc.net)).

**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.

**SweatFest** - SweatFest is a one week mission trip in our own city, wherein students (rising 9<sup>th</sup> 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 for Sweat Fest are July 17th - 22nd. Signups are now underway! Spots are limited, so make sure to get a brochure off of Mark's desk, so you can turn in your registration and \$50 deposit. Call/email Mark Ballard if you have any questions."

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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 22– Barbara Freeman

May 29 - Holly Garretson

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

May - Howard Gordon

June - Bert Barnes

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

May 22 - Jeff Kross, Larry Breed

May 29 - Dan Strawn, Rob Morton

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (05/22) Wes & Marie Seay

Next Sunday (05/29) Cleve & Kathy Cunningham

♦ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (05/22) Bryan & Lisa O’Quinn

Next Sunday (05/29) Matt & Holly Shepley

## \*Confession of Faith

Children’s Catechism 1-13

1. Q. *Who made you?*  
A. God.
2. Q. *What else did God make?*  
A. God made all things.
3. Q. *Why did God make you and all things?*  
A. For his own glory.
4. Q. *How can you glorify God?*  
A. By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Q. *Why are you to glorify God?*  
A. Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Q. *Is there more than one true God?*  
A. No. There is only one true God.
7. Q. *In how many Persons does this one God exist?*  
A. In three Persons.
8. Q. *Name these three persons.*  
A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
9. Q. *What is God?*  
A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.
10. Q. *Where is God?*  
A. God is everywhere.
11. Q. *Can you see God?*  
A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Q. *Does God know all things?*  
A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.
13. Q. *Can God do all things?*  
A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

## \*Hymn

111 - *This Is My Father’s World*

Call to Prayer

- Q. God asks, Who am I to you?  
A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**
- Q. What is it that you desire most?  
A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
- Q. What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?  
A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**  
**We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
- Q. How can you be so bold in asking for these things?  
A. **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Offertory

Recognition of Graduates

*Tianyin Ouyang*  
*Elizabeth Austin Reed*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19

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

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| General Operating Budget |            | Capital Campaign—as of 05/02/16 |              |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted:                | \$ 365,700 | Number of Pledges:              | 89           |
| Received:                | \$ 291,590 | % of Members:                   | 76%          |
|                          |            | Amount Pledged:                 | \$ 1,291,333 |
|                          |            | Pledges Received:               | — 624,976    |
|                          |            | Pledges Outstanding:            | \$ 666,357   |
|                          |            | Building Fund Cash:             | \$ 1,076,944 |
|                          |            | 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 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.

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Come Ye Sinners*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with pow'r:  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:  
Not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners, Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;  
This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;  
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

### **Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

### **Sermon**

*Gospel Hope for Repeat Offenders*  
Genesis 20

Rev. Josh Garrett

### **Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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:** Gospel Hope for Repeat Offenders

Genesis 20

Found on page 14 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me.  
I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say, 'My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please...  
What I have said, that I will bring about;  
what I have planned, that I will do.'*  
Isaiah 46:9b-11

## 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:

Cal, Holly & Caroline Garretson  
Jay & Kathleen Gettmann  
Tom & Angie Gibbons  
Dan & Barbara Gibson

### Our Missionaries:

Glenn and Frances Camenisch are church planters in Lisbon, Portugal.  
They have been on the field for over 30 years.  
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 college students, RUF Mercer, Elliott Everitt and Amanda DeYoung  
Students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ  
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ