



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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Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
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Tate Morris
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 29, 2016



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?
Psalm 116:12*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 116:1-9

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

People: **The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.**

Pastor: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

People: **For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

*Praise Hymn

76 - Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

*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 - Office Closed

Thursday - 6:00 pm - Yakama Mission Team Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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@nmipc.net).

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

Summer Interns - We have the enormous privilege of having two college students to intern with our youth ministry this summer. Anna Smith is a rising senior at GCSU, and Bryce Little is a rising sophomore at UGA. Both of them grew up in Macon and graduated from FPD. Please be praying for them, as they seek to point our students to Christ.

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.

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.

byFaith - The latest issue of the PCA's magazine, by Faith, is available in the narthex.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ 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 29— Holly Garretson
June 5 - Communion

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

May - Howard Gordon
June - Bert Barnes

◆ PRAYER TEAM

May 29 - Dan Strawn, Rob Morton
June 5 - Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (05/29) Cleve & Kathy Cunningham
Next Sunday (06/05) Chris & Hope Wilson

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (05/29) Matt & Holly Shepley
Next Sunday (06/05) Jeff & Madeline Thompson

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-23a

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once we were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds
because of our evil behavior. But now he has reconciled us by
Christ's physical body through death, to present us holy in his sight,
without blemish, and free from accusation—if we continue in our
faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the
gospel.

*Hymn

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His
head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross!

Call to Prayer

Psalm 116:12-14

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

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

Commissioning of the 2016 Yakama Mission Team Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Phillip Austin, Benjamin Baker, Margaret Baker, Kara Ballard, Mark Ballard, Christian Barnes, Emily Barnes, Claire Boland, Mary Jane Boland, Jay Churchwell, Matthew Halprin, Joey Leggett, Austin Murray, Andrei Parrish, Nicole Parrish, Lizzie Reed, Anna Smith, Connie Strawn, Dan Strawn, Stone Stevenson, Ansley Timberlake, Reid Vinson, and Cheryl Willis

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:21-31

***Hymn of Preparation**

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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

Budgeted:	\$ 383,970
Received:	\$ 308,765

Capital Campaign—as of 05/02/16

Number of Pledges:	89
% of Members:	76%

Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,291,333
Pledges Received:	— 624,976

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Goal for June 30:	\$ 27,500
Received:	\$ 19,957

Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 666,357
Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,076,944

Total:	\$ 1,743,301
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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:

Ask God to unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail-Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children
(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon *The Long-Awaited Son*
Genesis 21:1-21

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Hymn of Response

32 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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 Long-Awaited Son*

Genesis 21:1-21

Found on page 15 in your pew Bible

Meditation

But what does the Scripture say?

“Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”

Galatians 4:30

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ: Worshipers*
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ’s Body: Servants*
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ’s Work in the World: Ambassadors*
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

Our Members:

Howard Gordon
Becky Gorman
Pete & Judy Goude-lock
Leonard & Margaret Green

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, helping to build churches, and teaching and training pastors.
Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that “the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

Our Ministries:

Our families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another. Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.