



NMPG

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

Session

Jason Churchwell
Josh Garrett
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

Every Member, Ministers
Hunter Stevenson, Senior Pastor
Josh Garrett, Associate Pastor
Mark Ballard, Youth Director
Holly Shepley, Children's Coordinator
Amy Peed, Nursery Coordinator

Kathy Pye, Church Secretary
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 8, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.
Psalm 68:19*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

In the Garden

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 68:4-6, 35

Pastor: Sing to God! Sing praise to his name! Extol him who rides on the clouds—his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him!

People: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Pastor: God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

People: You are awesome, O God! You give power and strength to your people.

Pastor: Praise be to God!

*Praise Hymn

2 - *O Worship the King*
(vs. 1-5)

*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 Morning Prayer

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 May 15th. If you would like to update your family picture in the Directory, please make plans to have your picture made next Sundays.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

May - Neal & Willa Ham

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

May - Jeff Kross, Howard Reed, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Kevin Watson

◆ USHERS

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

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

May 8 - Beth McSween

May 15 - Stephanie Chipley

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

May - Howard Gordon

◆ PRAYER TEAM

May 8 - Frank Fleming, Paul McCommon

May 15 - Howard Reed, Kevin Watson

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today 05/08) Jeff & Cindy Cross

Next Sunday (05/15) Howard & Lizzie Reed

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (05/08) Morris & Jessica Butler

Next Sunday (05/15) Melissa Langford & Lynn Hogg

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.

*Hymn

97 - *We Praise You O God our Redeemer*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 68:19-20

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.
Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from
death.

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.

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.

He said to them, When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

Then he said to them, Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him. Then the one inside answers, Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything. I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Hymn of Preparation

699 - *Like a River Glorious*

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

Budgeted:	\$ 329,160
Received:	\$ 267,135
Expense:	\$ 211,700

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:	\$ 19,432

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 & subsequent 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:

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Wrestling With God
Genesis 18:16-33

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Hymn of Response

498 - *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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: Wrestling with God

Genesis 18:16-33

Found on page 13 in your pew Bible

05/08/16

Meditation

*Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
Isaiah 65:24*

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:

Rhett, Joyce, Matthew & Sara Rhett Farmer
Caroline Fleming
Frank & Nina Fleming
Bobby & Barbara Freeman

Our Missionaries:

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher have a mentoring ministry to missionaries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and to those who are in the States on Home Assignment.

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:

Children's Ministry; Children's Ministry Committee, teachers & helpers;
pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit