



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

Diaconate

Bert Barnes
Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jon Paxton
Jack Pyles
Will Stanford

Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Amy Peed, <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Bookkeeper & Pianist</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>Preschool Dir.</i>
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 31, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Joshua Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Praise Hymn

302 - *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

*Invocation

Bill Barnes

**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

Communion - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, August 7.

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer tomorrow morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Conference Room.

Communicant's Class - The 2016 Communicant's Class will be offered to students in 5th grade or up during the Sunday school hour on the 4 Sundays in August in order to prepare students to make a public profession of their faith and to join the church as communing members. If you would like to sign up your student or learn more about the class, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

August– Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

August– Paul McCommon, Rob Morton, Kevin Watson, Jason Churchwell, John McSween

◆ USHERS

July - Tate Morris, Joe Timberlake, Robby Danner, Paul Kanode

August - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Patrick Hoye, Elliott Robinson

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

July 31 - Murray Todd

August 7 - Communion

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

July - Charlie Pye

August - Tate Morris

◆ PRAYER TEAM

July 31 - Dan Strawn, Frank Fleming

August 7 - John McSween, Paul McCommon

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (07/31) Bill & Rebecca Barnes

Next Sunday (08/7) Ed & Peggy Grimsley

◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (07/31) Paul Johnson & Lee Hendrix

Next Sunday (08/7) Rob & Ann Morton

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 27-28

Q. 27. Wherein did Christ’s humiliation consist?

A. Christ’s humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation?

A. Christ’s exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

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

Arise , My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands: My name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise my soul arise
Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, For me to intercede;
With his redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood was spilt for all our race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, They strongly speak for me:
Forgive him, O forgive they cry! Nor let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear:
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh, And Father, Abba Father! cry.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Bill Barnes

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

Acts 2:42-47

*Hymn of Preparation

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL—SUMMER 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** - *Every Good Endeavor*, led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Room #115)
- Adult Elective #1:** *Every Good Endeavor* led by Paul McCommon & Rob Morton (Room #119)
- Adult Elective #2:** *Every Good Endeavor* led by Bill Barnes & Cal Garretson (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

<u>General Operating Budget</u>		<u>Capital Campaign—as of 06/30/16</u>	
Budgeted:	\$ 548,077	Number of Pledges:	89
Received:	\$ 434,162	% of Members:	76%
		Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,297,433
		Pledges Received:	— 697,495
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<u>Faith Promise for Missionaries</u>		<u>Pledges Outstanding:</u>	\$ 599,938
Goal for Dec. 31:	\$ 27,500	Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,145,767
Received:	\$ 2,575		<hr/>
		Total:	\$ 1,745,705

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Jill Peed, Rebecca Barnes, Lindsay Garrett & Anna Barnes

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);

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia)

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); Joan Youmans (brother); Hunter Stevenson (mom); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter).

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)

Bill Barnes

Sermon

Worship & Ministry
Psalm 145

Rev. Joshua Garrett

***Hymn of Response**

644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power 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: *Worship & Ministry*

Psalm 145

Found on page 508 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name forever and ever.
Psalm 145:1*

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:

John & Beth McSween
Walker & Sidney Middlebrooks
Matt, Allie & Neva Monsted
Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris

Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria" a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking. 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 college students, RUF Mercer, Elliott Everitt & 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