



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

August 14, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
1 John 3:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer tomorrow morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. If you have a prayer request, please let Hunter or Josh know so that we can pray for you.

Flowers - If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday morning in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office (kathy@nmpe.net).

Officer Nominations - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. Please submit your nomination form by Sunday, August 28th.

Congratulations - Congratulations to Silas and Jill Peed on the birth of their son, Hank Patton Peed. Hank was born on August 10th weighing 7lbs & 12oz.

Books of Blessings - The Books of Blessings will have its last meeting Wednesday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a book that has influenced/blessed your life to share with the group. Call Amy Peed if you need child care.

Wednesday Nights at NMPC - We will resume our Wednesday Nights activities on August 24th.

Out of Darkness - Out of Darkness is an anti-trafficking ministry whose mission is to "Reach, Rescue and Restore all victims of commercial sexual exploitation, that the glory of God may be known." The Middle Georgia Chapter is training new volunteers Sept 9 & 10 at Hope Church in Fort Valley. Volunteers can choose from a variety of ways to serve (jail ministry, hotline responder, intercessory prayer, medical outreach, etc.). If you would like to participate or learn more, please contact Mark (478-747-3864) or Kara Ballard (klballard755@gmail.com).

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

August– Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

August– Charles Baker, Rob Morton, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, John McSween

◆ **USHERS**

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

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

August 14 - Cheryl Willis
August 21 - Becky Gorman

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

August - Tate Morris

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

August 14- Howard Reed, Jeff Kross
August 21 - Kevin Watson, Larry Breed

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (08/14) John & Beth McSween
Next Sunday (08/21) Judy & Betsy LaPish

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (08/14) Cathy Pope & Jennalee Burch
Next Sunday (08/21) Tate & Stephanie Morris

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 32-36

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called by God partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called by God, do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight—only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number of God’s family, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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**

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us. Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Chorus:

And the world will sing His love, Yes, the world will sing his love,
And we'll all join hands, every woman, every man,
To sing His love, To sing His love.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, To our God and to the Lamb.

Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

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, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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 good gifts to those who ask him!

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.

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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Our Wednesday Night Activities will resume on August 24, 2016.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Capital Campaign - as of 07/31/16

Number of Pledges	89
% of Members:	76%
Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,297,433
Pledges Received	— 694,952
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Pledges Outstanding	\$ 602,481
Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,173,449
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Total	\$ 1,775,930

Faith Promise for Missionaries

Over \$23,000 was distributed on 6/30 to support our 16 missionaries around the world.

Goal for Dec. 31:	\$ 27,500
Received:	\$ 2,575

General Operations Budget

We are currently switching over to new accounting software; updated figures will be available in the next week or two.

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Rebecca Barnes, Lindsay Garrett, Anna Barnes & Mary Frances Stanford

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Howard Reed (dad); Nina Fleming (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (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 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.

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

***Hymn of Preparation**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.
He brings my wan-d'ring spirit back, When I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode, And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Father Disciplines Those He Loves
Hebrews 12:1-13

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. (Refrain)

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed. (Refrain)

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. (Refrain)

***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now 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.

NMPC WEEKLY

08/14/16

Meditation

*Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.
For what son is not disciplined by his father?
Hebrews 12:7*

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:

Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish
Jon, Laura, Brandon & Natalie Paxton
Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed

Our Missionaries:

Seth & Leslie Wallace are involved in church planting in southern Cyprus
& are helping in the development & broadcast of evangelistic videos into
the Middle East.

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 men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first
Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and
the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.