



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 28, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 27

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

People: **My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!’ Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Pastor: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

***Praise Hymn**

32 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

***Invocation**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 39-42

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?

A. The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

**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

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:45 pm - Classes for all ages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, September 4.

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 today, Sunday, August 28th.

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.

Wednesday Nights at NMPC - We have resumed our Wednesday Night Activities! Come join us at 5:45 for dinner this week, followed by classes for all ages at 6:45.

Ladies' Bible Study - The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study will resume on September 9, 2016 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am in the conference room. We will continue our study of the gospel of John beginning with R.C. Sproul's chapter, "The Woman at the Well", part 1. All are invited to attend. Bring a sandwich and we will eat at Jane Brook's after the study.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
September– Tracey & Hannah Grace Huyck

- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**
September– Frank Fleming, Jason Churchwell, Howard Reed, Paul McCommon & Jeff Kross

- ◆ **USHERS**
August - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Patrick Hoye, Elliott Robinson
September - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Dwayne Benson, James Novell

- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
August 28 - Anna Barnes
September 4 - Communion

- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
August - Tate Morris
September - Matt Cathey

- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
August 28- Dan Strawn, Charles Baker
September 4 - Jason Churchwell, Buck Ream

- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (08/28) Kevin & Scarlett Watson
Next Sunday (09/04) Jason & Payton Churchwell

- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Today (08/28) Larry & LuAnn Breed
Next Sunday (09/04) Lee & Jennifer Burch

- Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?
- A. **The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.**
- Q. 41. Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?
- A. **The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.**
- Q. 42. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?
- A. **The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

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**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 41:8-10

But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Whom Shall I Fear

You hear me when I call; You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy Underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies Is always by my side

The one who reigns forever; He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies Is always by my side

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me; Yours is the victory. Whom shall I fear?

And nothing formed against me shall stand;
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

*Hymn of Preparation

647 - *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

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

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$4.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$12.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study (studying Revelation this year) and some adults meet in Small Groups (see Josh for details), while the youth (grades 7-12) and the children (4 years to 6th grade) have classes. Nursery is provided.

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 \$19,000 was distributed on 6/30 to support our 16 missionaries around the world.

Goal for 12/31: \$ 27,500
Received since 7/1: \$ 2,575

General Operations Budget

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

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); Holly Shepley (dad)

Newborn: Hank Peed

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathy Combs (broken ankle)

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); Kathy Kersey (brother).

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:

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

Pursuing Peace and Holiness Together
Hebrews 12:12-17

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste the on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Postlude

Title: *Pursuing Peace and Holiness Together*

Hebrews 12:12-17

Found on page 975 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy;
without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

Hebrews 12:14

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:

Buck & Liz Ream

Howard, Debi, Lizzie & Ashby Reed

Chip & Cathy Ridley

Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson

Our Missionaries:

Stephen & Sarah Young worked in Perth, Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.

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 Seniors: they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.