



*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**

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Matt Cathey  
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Cal Garretson  
Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
Jon Paxton  
Jack Pyles  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*August 7, 2016*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
2 Corinthians 13:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

**People: My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Pastor: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

**People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows  
favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those  
whose walk is blameless.

**People: O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.**

\*Praise Hymn

101 - *Come Thou Almighty King*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*those who are able please stand*

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship Service

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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@nmpc.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.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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♦ **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 7 - Communion  
August 14 - Cheryl Willis

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

August - Tate Morris

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

August 7 - John McSween, Paul McCommon  
August 14 - Howard Reed, Jeff Kross

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (08/07) Ed & Peggy Grimsley  
Next Sunday (08/14) John & Beth McSween

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (08/07) Rob & Ann Morton  
Next Sunday (08/14) Cathy Pope & Jennalee Burch

## \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 29-31

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel

*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

*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, rescue the souls of men,  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have, hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,  
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Repeat Chorus)

## Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your loving kindness is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness towards suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

## 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

# 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 Wednesday, 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
Pledges Outstanding	\$ 602,481
Building Fund Cash:	\$ 1,173,449
Total	\$ 1,775,930

Faith Promise for Missionaries  
\$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 next week.

### Our Church Family:

Expecting: Jill Peed, 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);

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 restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

Pray for our President & his advisors, the Senate & House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court justices "that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Tim 2:1-2).

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Spirit of God*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart: Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art; And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, Teach me the patience of struggling in prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The presence of Thy descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### **Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### **Sermon**

*Running the Race Before Us*  
Hebrews 12:1-2

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### **The Sacrament of Communion**

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

*252 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Postlude**

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# THE PREACHED WORD

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**Title:** *Running the Race Before Us*

Hebrews 12:1-2

Found on page 975 in your pew Bible

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# NMPC WEEKLY

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08/07/16

## Meditation

*His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!  
You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.  
Come and share your master's happiness."  
Matthew 25:23*

## Intercession

### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants  
Loving one another as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors  
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

### Our Members:

Rob & Ann Morton  
Howard, Kim & Austin Murray  
Grant & Jenny Nicholson  
James, Joanna, Alex, Luke & Lydia Norvell

### Our Missionaries:

Joshua Tsavatewa is a missionary from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries.

Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups.

### 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.