



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

October 2, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.
Isaiah 57:15*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship: from Psalm 99

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

People: **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let us praise his great and awesome name, for he is holy.**

Pastor: The King is mighty. He loves justice. He has established equity. In Jacob he has done what is just and right.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool, for he is holy.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

***Praise Hymn** 100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

***Invocation** Dr. David Todd

**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
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 the Conference Room. If you have a prayer request, please let Hunter or Josh know so that we can pray for you.

Jeff Thompson's Testimony - Ruling Elder Jeff Thompson will share his testimony on Wednesday, October 19th. We will follow our normal Wednesday schedule: dinner at 5:45; singing at 6:30; Jeff will share at 6:45.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, we invite you to take the New Members Class, comprised of two Sunday night meetings, scheduled for October 16th and 30th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net).

Dr. David Todd Assisting - Dr. Todd is the founding pastor of NMPC, serving here from 1987 until 2000. He is currently serving the Lord as the Regional Coordinator for Evangelism Explosion. He will be assisting in worship today as Pastor Josh is speaking to 250 college students this weekend at a Campus Outreach retreat at Camp Kaleo in Forsyth.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

October – Willa Ham

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

October - Paul McCommon, Jeff Thompson, Dan Strawn, Jason Churchwell, Frank Fleming

◆ USHERS

October - James Norvell, Howard Reed, Clint Vinson, Charlie Parrish

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

October 2 – Communion

October 9 - Holly Garretson

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

October - Lonnie Dye

◆ PRAYER TEAM

October 2– Paul McCommon, Buck Ream

October 9 - Howard Reed, Jeff Thompson

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (10/02) Matt & Megan Cathey

Next Sunday (10/9) Phillip & Kathy Kersey

◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (10/02) Charlie & Nicole Parrish

Next Sunday (10/09) Paul & Pam Kanode

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*Hymn

521 - *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, 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 sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the 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

Dr. David Todd

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Hymn of Preparation

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL—FALL SEMESTER

Children's Classes - Children's classes are available by grade.

Youth Class - *Discovering the Gospel, Jesus and Who You Really Are*, led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)

Men's Class - *Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller, led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)

Women's Class - *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books* by Nancy Guthrie, led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Rm #115)

Adult Elective #1: *Through His Eyes: God's Perspective on Women in the Bible* by Jerram Barrs, led by Josh Garrett & Bill Barnes (Room #119)

Adult Elective #2: *2 Corinthians*, let by Jeff Thompson (Room #120B)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). 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

General Operations—08/31/2016

Jan-Aug Receipts: \$534,868
Jan-Aug Expenses: \$534,868

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries

Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,287
Paid out Jan-Jun: \$21,675
to support our 15 missionaries

Needed for Jul-Dec: \$22,950
Collected Jul-Aug: \$ 4,075

Capital Campaign—08/31/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,297,433
Pledges Received: — 705,614

Pledges Outstanding: 591,819
Building Fund Cash: 1,181,376

Total: \$1,773,195

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); Reid Vinson (car accident)

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:

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).

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Dr. David Todd

Sermon

Blessed by the LORD
Genesis 26:17-35

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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**

254 - Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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: *Blessed by the LORD*

Genesis 26:17-35

Found on page 20 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*This is what the LORD says: 'Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool.
...This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit,
and who trembles at my word.'
Isaiah 66:1-2*

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:

Jackson Turner
Sally Vance
Clint, Ginger, Reid, Adelle, Knox & Ella Vinson
Helen Watson

Our Missionaries:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.

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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom
Pray that our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit
Pray for Thomas Huyck (elder nominee) as he takes the Officer Training Course.