



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

September 11, 2016



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
Psalm 95:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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** 115 - *All Creatures of Our God and King*

***Invocation** Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner
6:45 pm - Classes for all ages

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.

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 meets on Friday mornings from 10:00—11:30 am in the Conference Room. All are invited to attend.

Strong Tower Fellowship Banquet - The Friends of Strong Tower Fellowship Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 15th, from 6:30-8:30 at First Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP to Jeanne Scurry at jeanne@strongtowermacon.com or 478-742-7379.

Kay Burklin Report - Kay Burklin works for Mission to the World (MTW), the missions agency of our denomination. Kay will give a report on Sunday, September 18th at 6:00 PM on her work with refugees and how our church can be a part of this ministry. We will have a covered dish dinner with the church providing the chicken. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex.

Visitor's Lunch - We would like to invite all the families who are visiting NMPC to join us for lunch after the service on Sunday, September 25th so that we might welcome you to our church and get to know you better.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

September– Tracey & Hannah Grace Huyck

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

September– Matt Shepley, Howard Reed, Paul McCommon, John
McSween & Buck Ream

♦ **USHERS**

September - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Dwayne Benson,
Will Stanford

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

September 11 - Beth McSween
September 18 - Barbara Freeman

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

September - Matt Cathey

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

September 11 - Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson
September 18 - Frank Fleming, Howard Reed

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (09/11) Jerry & Cheryl Willis
Next Sunday (09/18) Paul & Debbie McCommon

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (09/11) Rhett & Joyce Farmer
Next Sunday (09/18) Robby & Katy Danner

*Confession of Faith

Children's Catechism 1-13

1. Q. *Who made you?*
A. God.
2. Q. *What else did God make?*
A. God made all things.
3. Q. *Why did God make you and all things?*
A. For his own glory.
4. Q. *How can you glorify God?*
A. By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Q. *Why are you to glorify God?*
A. Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Q. *Is there more than one true God?*
A. No. There is only one true God.
7. Q. *In how many Persons does this one God exist?*
A. In three Persons.
8. Q. *Name these three persons.*
A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
9. Q. *What is God?*
A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.
10. Q. *Where is God?*
A. God is everywhere.
11. Q. *Can you see God?*
A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Q. *Does God know all things?*
A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.
13. Q. *Can God do all things?*
A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

*Hymn

189 - *Jesus Loves Me*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

2 Corinthians 1:18, 20-22

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." ...For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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—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 #120B)**Adult Elective #2:** *2 Corinthians*, let by Jeff Thompson (Room #119)**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

Capital Campaign—08/31/2016

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

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

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries

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

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

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:

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last

***Hymn of Preparation**

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

Sermon *The Covenant Faithfulness of Our God* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Genesis 25:1-18

***Hymn of Response** *O the Deep Deep Love*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward To Thy glorious rest above!

Chorus: Oh the deep, deep love!
All I need and trust ins the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne. (Chorus)

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest!
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend!
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end. (Chorus)

***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.

NMPC WEEKLY

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Meditation

*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness!
Lamentations 3:22-23*

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:

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self
Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley
Steve, Amelia, Mallory, Hadley & Brooks Smith; Bram & Hollis Bradhum
Dwight Snuffer

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Cost Rica, helping to build churches, and
teaching and training pastors.
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 Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be
filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray
for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through
the faithful teaching of God's Word
Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully