



*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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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*September 18, 2016*



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

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

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*For Christ died for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.  
1 Peter 3:18a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 12:4-6

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name.

People: **Make known among the nations what he has done.  
Proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things. Let this  
be known to all the world.

People: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion, for great is  
the Holy One of Israel among you!**

\*Praise Hymn

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\*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  
5:45 pm - Covered dish dinner and Mission Report  
Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner  
6:45 pm - Classes for all ages

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Flowers** The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bobby & Barbara Freeman's 60th wedding anniversary.

**Kay Burklin Report** - Kay Burklin works for Mission to the World (MTW), the missions agency of our denomination. Kay will give a report this evening 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. **Please sign up in the narthex.**

**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.

**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. Please email Kathy Pye (kathy@nmpc.net) if you plan to attend.

**byFaith** - The latest issue of the PCA's magazine, byFaith, is available in the narthex.

**Books by CCEF** - We have mini-books in the narthex by CCEF (Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation) on 24 different topics. They are free of charge.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

September– Tracey & Hannah Grace Huyck

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

October– Jeff Kross, Jeff Thompson, Dan Strawn, Rob Morton, Frank Fleming

♦ USHERS

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

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

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

September 18– Barbara Freeman

September 25– Stephanie Chipley

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

September– Matt Cathey

October– Lonnie Dye

♦ PRAYER TEAM

September 18– Frank Fleming, Howard Reed

September 25– Rob Morton, Larry Breed

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (09/18) Paul & Debbie McCommon

Next Sunday (09/25) Liz Ream & Rebecca McKelvey

♦ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (09/18) Robby & Katy Danner

Next Sunday (09/25) Jay & Kathleen Gettmann

## Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent his Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.  
So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die,  
by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life,  
for our justification,  
in order that by him  
we might have immortality and eternal life.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

## \*Hymn

*The Power of the Cross*

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His  
head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross!

## Call to Prayer

Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## 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—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 our 15 missionaries

Needed for Jul-Dec: \$22,950

Collected Jul-Aug: \$ 4,075

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)

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 unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

### **Scripture Reading**

Romans 9:1-24  
(pg. 917 in the pew Bible)

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

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has  
ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love, Amazing  
grace.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.  
(Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.  
(Chorus)

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

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### **Sermon**

*The Sovereign Grace of Our God*  
Genesis 25:19-34

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*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

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on  
you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon  
you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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.

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# NMPC WEEKLY

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09/018/16

**Meditation**

*For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Intercession**

**Our Priorities:**

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants  
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors  
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

**Our Members:**

Will, Mary Frances, Annalyn, Gracie & Alie Parker Stanford  
Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson  
Steve & Julie Strange  
Dan & Connie Strawn

**Our Missionaries:**

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible  
translation and literacy. She is currently working with Wycliffe Associates.  
Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the  
world so that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the  
waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

**Our Ministries:**

Our sister churches & partnering ministries; Strong Tower Fellowship, First  
Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia  
Presbytery, Covenant Care and Caring Solutions. Pray for the spread of  
the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.  
Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit  
Our officer nominees, Thomas Huyck & Charlie Parrish, as they participate  
in the Officer Training Course in preparation to become elders at NMPC.