



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 4, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!
Revelation 5:12*

Prelude *All Glory Laud and Honor*
Anna Kate Peed

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!'; and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***Praise Hymn** 2 - O Worship the King

***Invocation** Bill Barnes

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship Service
Monday - Office Closed
Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner
6:45 pm - Classes for all ages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not have Monday morning prayer this Monday since it is Labor Day.

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 this Friday, and will meet from 10:00—11:30 am in the Conference Room. All are invited to attend. Bring a sandwich and we will eat at Jane Brook's home after the study.

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 4 - Communion

September 11 - Beth McSween

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

September - Matt Cathey

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

September 4 - Jason Churchwell, Buck Ream

September 11 - Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (09/04) Jason & Payton Churchwell

Next Sunday (09/11) Jerry & Cheryl Willis

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (09/04) Lee & Jennifer Burch

Next Sunday (09/11) Rhett & Joyce Farmer

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 84-88

Q. 84. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavor after, a new obedience.

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, 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 empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's 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

Bill Barnes

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

Be Thou My Vision
Anna Kate Peed

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

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

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 on September 11.

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 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**

699 - *Like a River Glorious*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Hope for the Pilgrimage
Hebrews 12:18-29

Rev. Josh Garrett

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**

691 - *It is Well With My Soul*

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever 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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Hope for the Pilgrimage*

Hebrews 12:18-29

Found on page 976 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

09/04/16

Meditation

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 12:28-29*

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:

Elliot, Lily, Charlotte & Samantha Robinson
Anna Sampson
Richard & Linda Scott
Wes, Marie & Elizabeth Seay

Our Missionaries:

Glenn and Frances Camenisch are church planters in Lisborn, Portugal.
They have been on the field for over 30 years.
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:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our
teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students
would grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man
Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord