



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 16, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.
Psalm 103:4*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

77 - *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**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

6:00 pm - Dinner & Joint Session & Diaconate meeting

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:45 pm - Jeff Thompson's testimony

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clayton Albert Barnes - Clay was born on Mon, Oct 10th at 10:50 AM, weighing 10 lbs and 5 oz. Bill, Rebecca & Liam are rejoicing in his arrival.

Jeff Thompson's Testimony - Ruling Elder Jeff Thompson will share his testimony this 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 on October 16th and 30th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). **Notebooks are available in the narthex.** To sign up, please speak to Pastor Hunter this morning.

Christian Counseling at NMPC - Iris Archer is a licensed Christian counselor who will work under the authority of the Session of NMPC to provide Christian Counseling to our community. Her fee is \$60 an hour; counseling sessions are made by appointment only by contacting Iris directly at 478.396.3389. Financial assistance for counseling is available for our members; contact your deacon or elder for more information.

Golf Tournament - The 2nd annual Field of Hope Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 8:30 AM at Bowden Golf Course. 100% of the proceeds will be used to create a golf training facility and a park for the children of Pleasant Hill at 175 Culver St. If you are interested in playing in or sponsoring the tournament, please pick up a brochure in the narthex.

Reformation Celebration - Our Children's Ministry is having a Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 - 6:30.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
November – Charles & Patricia Hughes

- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**
November- Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson, Rob Morton, Howard Reed, John McSween

- ◆ **USHERS**
October - James Norvell, Howard Reed, Clint Vinson, Charlie Parrish
November - Bert Barnes, Jason Churchwell, John McSween, Keith Young

- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
October 16 – Beth Youmans
October 23– Patricia Hughes

- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
October - Lonnie Dye

- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
October 16 - Kevin Watson, Charles Baker
October 23 - Dan Strawn, Jason Churchwell

- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (10/16) Elliot & Lily Robinson
Next Sunday (10/23) Adam & Joanna Griffin

- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Today (10/16) Grant & Jenny Nicholson
Next Sunday (10/23) Steve & Amelia Smith

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #27 & 28

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God, by which he upholds—as with his hand—heaven and earth and all creatures; and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Q . How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand, that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*Hymn

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 *Chorus*

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 *Chorus*

Corporation Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:9-12

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him! As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know And seek more earnestly His face.

Twas He who taught me thus to pray And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way As almost drove me to despair.

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—09/30/2016

Jan-Sept Receipts: \$592,666

Jan-Sept Expenses: \$592,666

Capital Campaign—09/30/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,272,433

Pledges Received: — 706,706

Pledges Outstanding: 565,727

Building Fund Cash: 1,207,595

Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600

Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,806,922

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-Sept: \$ 5,885

Our Church Family:

Expecting: 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); Becky Gorman (husband)

Newborn: Hank Peed & Clayton Albert Barnes

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); 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 in early 2017.

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.

I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Cast out my feelings, laid me low.

Lord why is this, I trembling cried Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith".

"These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:1-23

(Found on page 838 in the pew Bible)

***Hymn of Preparation**

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness into Thy health Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalms, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy throne, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children
(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon *The Prophetic Word of God*
Genesis 27:41 - 28:9

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.
I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

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

10/16/16

Meditation

*You know with all your heart and soul
that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed.
Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*
Joshua 23:14

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:

Chris, Hope, Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson
Andrew & Kathlyn Wohlrabe
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
Skip & Debbie Yetter

Our Missionaries:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson are on Home Assignment continuing their work on Vernacular Media.
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 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.