



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

October 23, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
Psalm 145:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 145:1-7

Pastor: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

*Praise Hymn

55 - *To God Be the Glory*

*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
Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner
6:30 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.

Reformation Celebration - Our Children's Ministry is having a Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 - 6:30. Please R.S.V.P to Kathy by Wednesday, October 26th if you are planning to attend.

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.

2017 Mission Trip - NMPC has finalized plans to send a mission team again next summer to Warm Springs, Oregon to minister to the Warm Springs Tribe of Native Americans (a sister ministry of Sacred Road Ministries) during the week of July 1-8, 2017. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you participate? Speak to Mark Ballard if you have questions.

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 23 – Patricia Hughes
October 30 – Anna Barnes

- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
October - Lonnie Dye
November - Jack Pyles

- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
October 23 - Dan Strawn, Jason Churchwell
October 30 - John McSween, Frank Fleming

- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (10/23) Nina & Frank Fleming
Next Sunday (10/30) Clint & Ginger Vinson

- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Today (10/23) Steve & Amelia Smith
Next Sunday (10/30) Adam & Joanna Griffin

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn

296 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
(vs. 1,3,4,6)

Call to Prayer

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-51
(Page 860 in your pew Bible)

*Hymn of Preparation

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with pow'r:
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners, Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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 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

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries
Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,287
Paid out Jan-Jun: \$21,675
to support our 15 missionaries

Pledges Outstanding: 565,727
Building Fund Cash: 1,207,595
Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600
Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,806,922

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 & Clay 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:

Pray for the peace and prosperity of Macon (Jeremiah 29:7) and of central Georgia; pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders and elected officials.

Pray for another Great Awakening in America; pray that we would be a country who honors and fears the LORD.

Sermon

Jacob's Ladder
Genesis 28:10-22

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 *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*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance 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.

Title: *Jacob's Ladder*

Genesis 28:10-22

Found on page 22 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open,
and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."
John 1:51*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ: Worshipers*
Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body: Servants*
Loving one another as Christ has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World: Ambassadors*
Having a passion for the glory of God and a compassion for the lost

Our Members:

Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans
Levy & Joan Youmans
Keith, Kasey & James Young

Our Missionaries:

David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Kiev, Ukraine,
reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching
English.

Pray for the Persecuted Church; ask God to strengthen these believers,
protect and provide for them, comfort and assure them, enable them to
stand firm in their faith, and that they would "spread everywhere the
fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.

Our Ministries:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first
Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and
the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.