



*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

*November 13, 2016*



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;  
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.  
Psalm 149:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: **Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts.**

**Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: **Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.**

**Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: **Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!**

\*Praise Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

*\*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

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**Christmas Shoeboxes** - We will be collecting Christmas shoeboxes next month to send the children of Sacred Road Ministries. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex with all of the information. The last day to bring the shoeboxes will be Sunday, November 20th. All the information is also on our website at [www.nmpc.net](http://www.nmpc.net).

**Men's Fellowship** - There will be a Men's Fellowship on Friday, Nov 18th. Make plans to join the men for a bonfire, oyster roast & seafood gumbo. More details forthcoming.

**WIC** - The WIC (Women in the Church) Christmas Dinner and party will be held on Friday evening, December 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please sign the sign up sheet in the narthex if you are planning to attend.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

November – Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

November- Jeff Kross, Frank Fleming, Rob Morton, Howard Reed, John McSween

◆ **USHERS**

November - Bert Barnes, Jason Churchwell, John McSween, Keith Young

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

November 13 – Sara Pyles  
November 20 – Liz Ream

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

November - Jack Pyles

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

November 13- Kevin Watson, Jeff Kross  
November 20– Dan Strawn, Larry Breed

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (11/13) Patrick & Ashley Hoyer  
Next Sunday (11/20) Tim & Laura Finney

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (11/13) Stephen & Jill Bloodworth  
Next Sunday (11/20) Trey & Allison Deaton

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother - all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life. Amen.

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

**\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on  
to live for him.**

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.  
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most  
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me:  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the Victory.

*Refrain*

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

**Call to Prayer**

Psalm 46:1-2, Philippians 4:6-7

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of  
God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus.

**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.**

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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General Operations—10/30/2016

Jan-Oct. Receipts: \$659,759  
Jan-Oct. Expenses: \$580,647  
Jan-Oct transfer to  
Capital Campaign: \$ 79,112

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries

Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,327  
Paid out Jan-Jun: \$19,125  
to support our 14 missionaries

Needed for Jul-Dec: \$22,950  
Collected Jul-Oct: \$12,755

Capital Campaign—10/30/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,277,433  
Pledges Received: — 724,580

Pledges Outstanding: 552,853  
Building Fund Cash: 1,249,220  
Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600

Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,835,673

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Lindsay Garrett, Anna Barnes, Mary Frances Stanford,  
Megan Cathey, Kasey Young and Holly Garretson

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); Kasey Young (dad)

Newborn: Hank Peed & Clay Barnes

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Buck Ream (back); Kara  
Ballard (sinus surgery); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton ,Kate  
Harrison's brother (serious heart problems)

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); John Timms (mom); Pete Goudelock (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.

**Offertory**

**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the  
head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the  
Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to  
their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave  
himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water  
through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without  
stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way,  
husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife  
loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares  
for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this  
reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the  
two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about  
Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he  
loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*My Worth is Not in What I Own  
(insert in bulletin)*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon** *God's Blessings Upon a Dysfunctional Family*  
Genesis 29:31 - 30:24

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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 is 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

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope full you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of thee Holy Spirit. 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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Meditation

*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives,  
and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you  
of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*  
1 Peter 3:7

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:

Bill, Rebecca, Liam & Clay Barnes  
Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes  
Steve & Susan Barnes  
Dwayne, Natalie, Meryt & Luke Benson

Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They  
have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria" a ministry  
to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking.  
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:

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