



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

November 20, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Men: Let Israel say: 'His love endures forever.'

Women: Let the house of Aaron say: 'His love endures forever.'

All: Let those who fear the LORD say: 'His love endures forever.'

Pastor: In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

Men: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.

Women: The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Men: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'

Women: 'The LORD's right hand is lifted high!'

All: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!

*Praise Hymn

115 - All Creatures of Our God and King

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Friday - Office Closed

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.

Christmas Shoeboxes - We are collecting Christmas shoeboxes to send the children of Sacred Road Ministries. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex with all of the information. Today is the last day to turn in the shoeboxes.

Wednesday Nights at NMPC - We will not meet this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holidays. We will meet again on Wed, Nov 30th and then have a special Christmas program on Wed, Dec 7th.

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.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on Sun, Dec 11th immediately following the worship service to present the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) from Sheridan Construction, give an update on our campaign, and lay out the next steps to move forward. Please be praying for this project and all who are involved with it!

Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study - The Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study has ended for the holidays. They will resume on January 6, 2017. All are invited.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Liz and Buck Ream.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

November – Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

December - Kevin Watson, Paul McCommon, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Jason Churchwell

♦ USHERS

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

December - Matt Cathey, Paul McCommon, Seth Peed, Charlie Pye

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

November 27– Connie Strawn

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

November - Jack Pyles

♦ PRAYER TEAM

November 20- Dan Strawn, Larry Breed

November 27– Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (11/20) Brandon & Beth Youmans

Next Sunday (11/27) James & Joanna Norvell

♦ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today (11/20) Trey & Allison Deaton

Next Sunday (11/27) Bryan & Lisa O’Quinn

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***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**

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You!
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You!
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You!

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near, Your enemy You’ve made
Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus twice)

Call to Prayer

Psalm 116: 12,17

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

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

Colossians 1:12-14; 2:6-7; 3:12-17; 4:2

*Hymn of Preparation

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus.

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. Chorus.

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—10/30/2016		Capital Campaign—10/30/2016	
Jan-Oct. Receipts:	\$659,759	Amount Pledged:	\$1,277,433
Jan-Oct. Expenses:	\$580,647	Pledges Received:	— 724,580
Jan-Oct transfer to			
Capital Campaign:	\$ 79,112	Pledges Outstanding:	552,853
<u>Faith Promise for Our Missionaries</u>		Building Fund Cash:	1,249,220
Collected Jan-Jun:	\$23,327	Bldg Expenses Paid:	33,600
Paid out Jan-Jun:	\$19,125	Total Gifts & Pledges:	1,835,673
to support our 14 missionaries			
Needed for Jul-Dec:	\$22,950		
Collected Jul-Oct:	\$12,755		

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:

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.

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

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Psalm 100

***Hymn of Response** *My Worth is Not in What I Own*

My worth is not in what I own Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love At the cross
My worth is not in skill or name In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us At the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid At the cross

***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 turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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: *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving*

Psalm 100

Found on page 484 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

11/20/16

Meditation

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17*

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:

Robert, Rebecca, Mia & Jack Bowers
Larry & LuAnn Breed
Mike & Helen Brock
Jane Brooks

Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsavatewa is a missionary from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries.

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 Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word
Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully