

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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Rob Morton	Matt Monsted
Howard Reed	Tate Morris
Hunter Stevenson	Jon Paxton
Dan Strawn	Jack Pyles
Jeff Thompson	Will Stanford
Kevin Watson	

Every Member, Ministers Hunter Stevenson, Senior Pastor Josh Garrett, Associate Pastor Mark Ballard, Youth Director Holly Shepley, Children's Coordinator Amy Peed, Nursery Coordinator Kathy Pye, Church Secretary Monni Parrish, Financial Dir., Pianist Debbie McCommon, Preschool Dir. Iris Archer, Christian Counselor

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 27, 2016



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with

joyful songs!

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,

the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Pastor:

Give thanks to him and praise his name!

People: For the LORD is good, and his loves endures forever; his

faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn 1 - All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Invocation Rev. Josh Garrett

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

9:30 am - Sunday School Sunday -

10:45 am - Worship

9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer Monday

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

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.

Wednesday Nights at NMPC - We will meet this Wed, Nov 30th and then have a special Christmas program on Wed, Dec 7th.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Harman by Becky Harman and family.

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!

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.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

December – Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens.

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

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

<u>December</u> - Kevin Watson, Paul McCommon, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Jason Churchwell

♦ USHERS

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

<u>December</u> - Matt Cathey, Paul McCommon, Seth Peed, Charlie Pye

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

November 27 - Connie Strawn

December 4 - Communion

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

November - Jack Pyles

<u>December</u> - Jon Paxton/Joey Leggett

♦ PRAYER TEAM

November 27- Jason Churchwell, Charles Baker December 4- Kevin Watson, Buck Ream

♦ Nursery Workers

<u>Today (11/27)</u> James & Joanna Norvell <u>Next Sunday (12/4)</u> Morris & Jessica Butler

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (11/27) Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn Next Sunday (12/4) Frank & Nina Fleming *Confession of Faith Heidelberg 26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*Hymn

32 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

*Hymn of Preparation

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

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
		Building Fund Cash:	1,249,220
Faith Promise for Our M	<u>lissionaries</u>	Bldg Expenses Paid:	33,600
Collected Jan-Jun:	\$23,327	<u> </u>	
Paid out Jan-Jun:	\$19,125	Total Gifts & Pledges:	1,835,673
to support our 14 m	issionaries		, ,

\$22,950

\$12,755

Needed for Jul-Dec:

Collected Jul-Oct:

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); Sally Vance (surgery for broken wrist).

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); Bryan Covert (step mom); Lisa O'Quinn (niece).

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 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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Sermon

God's Blessings Upon Jacob Genesis 30:24 - 31:21 Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Benediction Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever 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: God's Blessings Upon Jacob

Genesis 30:25 - 31:21

Found on page 24 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

Meditation

The LORD promised Jacob: 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land.
I will not leave you until I have done what I promised you.
Genesis 28:15

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:

Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler Lee, Jennifer, Thomas, Dillon & Jennalee Burch Matt, Megan & Andrew Cathey John, Stephanie & Lizzie Chipley

Our Missionaries:

Seth & Leslie Wallace are involved in church planting in southern Cyprus & are helping in the development & broadcast of evangelistic videos int the Middle East.

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:

Our sister churches & partnering ministries; Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Covenant Care Services, Evangelism Explosion and Caring Solotuions. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.