



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

Session

Jason Churchwell
Josh Garrett
Jeff Kross
Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Howard Reed
Hunter Stevenson
Dan Strawn
Jeff Thompson
Kevin Watson

Diaconate

Bert Barnes
Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jon Paxton
Jack Pyles
Will Stanford

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 11, 2016



**NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

*Sing to the LORD, for he had done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world!
Isaiah 12:5*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 12:2-6

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

People: **Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done! Proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things! Let this be known to all the world!

People: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

*Praise Hymn

195 - *Joy to the World!*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**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

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.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting this morning immediately following the worship service to present the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) from Sheridan Construction, give an update on our capital campaign, and lay out the next steps to move forward with our new sanctuary. Please be praying for this massive project.

Christmas Poinsettias - Help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! Forms for purchasing a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one can be found in the narthex this morning. The deadline is Wed, Dec 14.

Church-wide Fellowship - Next Sunday, December 18th there will be no Sunday school classes; instead, we will have a church-wide fellowship at 10 AM. Plan to join us!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Orlean Roewer by David & Murray Todd.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

December – Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens.

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

♦ **USHERS**

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

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

December 11– Murray Todd

December 18 - Patricia Hughes

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Jon Paxton/Joey Leggett

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

December 11 Frank Fleming, Jeff Thompson

December 18 –Rob Morton, Howard Reed

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/11) Stephen & Christian Barnes

Next Sunday (12/18) Tim & Laura Finney

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (12/11) Matt & Allie Monsted

Next Sunday (12/18) Jon & Laura Paxton

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 21-22

Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?"

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

***Hymn**

218 - Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Receiving New Members

Stephen Mackes; Jeremy, Ellie & Jackson Pelt; Roy Shen; Dan, Holly, Ellie Grace & Annabelle Taylor; Jason, Allison, Sophie, Amelia, Caleb, Josiah & Esther Tripp; Beverly Wooden

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Jackson Cade Pelt, Holly Stalvey Taylor & Annabelle Blair Taylor, Roy Shen

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take their lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take their moments and their days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders of NMPC

Call to Prayer

Titus 3:3-8a

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

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

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sun, Dec 18 - There will be NO Sunday school classes; instead, we will have a church-wide fellowship at 10 AM.

Sun, Dec 25 - There will be NO Sunday school classes.

Sun, Jan 1 - There will be NO Sunday school classes.

Sun, Jan 8 - The Winter Quarter will begin.

Adult Electives for the Winter Quarter

Saved for What? The Mission of God's People in the World

Romans 1-7

The Westminster Confession of Faith for Beginners

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We will resume our Wednesday Night Activities on January 11, 2017.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—11/30/2016

Jan-Nov. Receipts:	\$718,837
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Jan-Nov. Expenses:	\$659,842
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Jan-Nov transfer to

Capital Campaign: \$ 58,995

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries

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

Needed for Jul-Dec: \$22,950

Collected Jul-Nov:	\$13,239
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Capital Campaign—11/30/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,367,433

Pledges Received: — 735,937

Pledges Outstanding: 631,496

Building Fund Cash: 1,243,158

Bldg Expenses Paid:	33,600
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Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,908,254

Our Church Family:

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

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes & Forrest Garrett

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Howard Reed (dad); Nina Fleming (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton, Kate Harrison's brother (serious heart problems); Sally Vance (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); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Kasey Young (dad)

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.

***Hymn of Preparation**

194 - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Lion of Judah
Genesis 49:1-28

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***Hymn of Response**

216 - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the 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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *The Lion of Judah*

Genesis 49:1-28

Found on page 42 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

12/11/16

Meditation

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

Genesis 49:10

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:

Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth
Brenda Crutchfield
Cleve & Kathy Cunningham
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner

Our Missionaries:

Stephen & Sarah Young worked in Perth, Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (Jesus Calling), continues her writing ministry.

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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit