



*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

December 18, 2016



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
Psalm 98:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 98:1-6

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!**

Pastor: Make music to the LORD with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn! Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

\*Praise Hymn

203 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*\*those who are able please stand*

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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Sunday - 10:00 am - Church-wide Fellowship  
10:45 am - Worship  
Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer  
Friday - Office Closed  
Saturday - 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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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 Schedule

Sat, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 25 - Worship service at 10:45 AM  
(NO Sunday school classes)

Sun, Jan 1 - Worship service at 10:45 AM  
(NO Sunday school classes)

Sun, Jan 8 - 9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship

Wed, Jan 11 - Wednesday Night Activities resume  
5:45 Dinner  
6:30 Classes for all ages

**PCA Ministerial Relief Fund** - We will take up a special offering at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to help the widows and orphans of PCA ministers.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charles & Patricia Hughes' 50th wedding anniversary.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ **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 18– Patricia Huges

December 25 - Anna Barnes

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Jon Paxton/Joey Leggett

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

December 18 -Rob Morton, Howard Reed

December 25 - Jeff Kross, Larry Breed

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/18) Tim & Laura Finney

Next Sunday (12/25) Rhett & Joyce Farmer

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (12/18) Jon & Laura Paxton

Next Sunday (12/25) Cal & Holly Garretson

**\*Invocation**

Bill Barnes

**\*Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

Q. Christian, what do you believe about the Incarnation?

A. We believe that the Son of God,  
the second person in the Trinity,  
being truly and eternally God,  
of one substance and equal with the Father,  
did, when the fullness of time had come,  
take upon himself man’s nature,  
with all its essential properties and common infirmities,  
yet without sin;

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.

In this way, two whole natures,  
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct,  
were inseparably joined together in one person  
without being changed, mixed, or confused.

This person is truly God and truly man,  
yet one Christ,  
the only mediator between God and man.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith 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**

214 - Angels We Have Heard on High

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bill Barnes

**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

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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General Operations—11/30/2016

Jan-Nov. Receipts:	\$718,837
Jan-Nov. Expenses:	659,842
Jan-Nov transfer to Capital Campaign:	58,995

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-Nov:	13,239

Capital Campaign—11/30/2016

Amount Pledged:	\$1,367,433
Pledges Received:	— 735,937
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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
Goal to break ground:	2,750,000
Guaranteed max price:	4,000,000

Our Church Family:

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

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes & Forrest Garrett

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Howard Reed (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 (surgery for broken wrist).

Bereaved: Diane Elliott (father); Kathy Combs (brother); 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); Nina Fleming (mom & 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:

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.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

200 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Josh Garrett

**Sermon**

*The Rod of Jesse*  
Isaiah 9:1-7

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**\*Hymn of Response**

211 - *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *The Rod of Jesse*

Isaiah 9:1-7

Found on page 559 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be upon his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*  
Isaiah 9:6

## 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:

Carol Dawson  
Trey, Allison, Chase & Austin Deaton  
David & Cathe Dondes; Savannah & Maggie Walker  
Mary Kate, Haley, Logan and Dominique Darley

### Our Missionaries:

Glenn and Frances Camenisch are church planters in Lisborn, Portugal.  
They have been on the field for over 30 years.  
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 college students, Elliott Everitt and RUF Mercer, Amanda DeYoung  
and RUF Wesleyan; pray that our students would grow in the grace and  
knowledge of Jesus Christ  
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ