



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

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 25, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Luke 1:68-75 (The Benedictus)

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come, and has redeemed his people!

People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he said through his holy prophets of long ago.**

Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

People: **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our days.

***Praise Hymn**

207 - *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship

Monday - Tuesday - Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not have Monday morning prayer due to the holidays.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**
January– Charles & Patricia Hughes

- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**
January - Charles Baker, Rob Morton, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross & Frank Fleming

- ◆ **USHERS**
December - Matt Cathey, Paul McCommon, Seth Peed, Charlie Pye
January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

- ◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**
December 25 - Beth McSween

- ◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**
December - Jon Paxton/Joey Leggett
January - Matt Monsted

- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
December 25 - Jeff Kross, Larry Breed
January 1 - Paul McCommon, Howard Reed

- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (12/25) Rhett & Joyce Farmer
Next Sunday (1/1) Thomas & Tracey Huyck

- ◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Today (12/25) Cal & Holly Garretson
Next Sunday (1/1) David & Murray Todd

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 29 & 31

- Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called ‘Jesus,’ which means ‘Savior’?
- A. **Because He saves us from our sins.
Salvation cannot be found in anyone else;
it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere.**
- Q. 31. Why is Jesus called ‘the Christ’, which means ‘the Anointed One’?
- A. **Because He has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit
to be
our chief Prophet and Teacher,
who perfectly reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance;
our only High Priest,
who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our Eternal King,
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.**

*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.*

*Hymn

208 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

Pledges Outstanding: 631,496

Building Fund Cash: 1,243,158

Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600

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:

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.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

***Hymn of Preparation**

201 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Ruler from Bethlehem
Micah 5:2-5

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***Hymn of Response**

226 - *As of Gladness Men of Old*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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 Ruler from Bethlehem*

Micah 5:2-5

Found on page 758 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach
to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.'*
Micah 5:4-5

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:

Lonnie & Donna Dye
Diane Elliott
Rhett, Joyce, Matthew & Sara Rhett Farmer
Tim, Laura, Jackson & Payton Finney

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, helping to build churches and teaching and training pastors.
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 families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another. Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.