



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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Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
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Jon Paxton
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 4, 2016



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life
through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
2 Peter 1:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 147

Pastor: How good it is to sing praise to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: **He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is the LORD and mighty in power! His understanding has no limit.**

Pastor: The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

People: **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; let us make music to our God!**

Pastor: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship
5:30 pm - Rehearsal for Christmas Program

Monday 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer
6:30 pm - Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Christmas Program
7:45 pm - Session Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations - Congratulations to Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine & Jack Garret on the birth of Forrest Robinson Garrett. Forrest was born on November 30th, weighing 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

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 Program - We will conclude our Wednesday Night meetings this week with a special Christmas Program. Dinner will be served at 5:45, and the Program will begin at 6:30. Come join us!

WIC - The WIC (Women in the Church) Christmas Dinner and party will be held this 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 next Sun, Dec 11th 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.

Bereavement - Peggy Grimsley's mother passed away on Monday, and Kasey Young's father passed away on Tuesday. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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 4 - Communion
December 11 - Murray Todd
- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
December - Jon Paxton/Joey Leggett
- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
December 4- Kevin Watson, Buck Ream
December 11 –Frank Fleming, Jeff Thompson
- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (12/4) Morris & Jessica Butler
Next Sunday (12/11) Stephen & Christian Barnes
- ◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Today (12/4) Frank & Nina Fleming
Next Sunday (12/11) Matt & Allie Monsted

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #31

Q. *Christian, 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 salvation; 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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.

He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him-- the dark rain clouds of the sky. Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning. The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies, great bolts of lightning and routed them. The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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.

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

Jan-Oct. Receipts: \$659,759
 Jan-Oct. Expenses: \$580,647
 Jan-Oct transfer to
 Capital Campaign: \$ 79,112

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-Oct: \$12,755

Capital Campaign—10/30/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,277,433
 Pledges Received: — 724,580

Pledges Outstanding: 552,853
 Building Fund Cash: 1,249,220
 Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600

Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,835,673

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); Buck Ream (back); 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); 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 strengthen evangelical churches throughout our community, country and the whole world; that all of God's people would proclaim the Gospel faithfully and boldly; that we would do what is righteous and just; that we would be filled with mercy and compassion; that we would walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8); that God would grant us His peace that would guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Offertory

*Hymn of Preparation

He Will Hold Me Fast
(see insert)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Dr. David Todd

Sermon

God's Protection Over Jacob
Genesis 31:22-55

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

My Worth Is Not In What I Own
(see insert)

*Benediction

Jude 24:25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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: *God's Protection Over Jacob*

Genesis 31:22-55

Found on page 26 in your pew Bible

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
Whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Encouraging and building up one another through works of service and words of encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Witnesses for Jesus Christ in Macon and around the world

Our Members:

Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell

Franklin & Caitlyn Clark

Kathy Combs

Larry & Cathy Crumbley

Our Missionaries:

Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher have a mentoring ministry to missionaries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and to those who are in the States on Home Assignment.

Pray that God would unleash the power of the Gospel throughout the world, leading to a great multitude of believers from every nation, tribe, people and language to worship our great God.

Our Ministries:

Children's Ministry; Children's Ministry Committee, Amy Peed & Holly Shepley; teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ

Our elders, deacons and staff would be filled with the Holy Spirit