

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 Jack Pyles Will Stanford

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

North Macon Presbyterian Church, PCA 5707 Rivoli Drive Macon, GA 31210-1229 Phone: 478-477-7777 • Fax: 478-477-0243 Website: www.nmpc.net • Email: office@nmpc.net



January 22, 2017



NORTH MACON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Revelation 5:12b

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

# Call to Worship:

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

- Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:
- People: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.
- Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:
- People: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!
- Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:
- People: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!
- Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

# \*Praise Hymn

295 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

# \*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*those who are able please stand

#### 2

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer 6:00 pm - Joint Elder & Deacon Dinner & Meeting Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm - Classes for all ages Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

# **Ann**<sup>o</sup>uncements

**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.

**Stewards of Children** - On Saturday, March 4th from 10 AM—12 PM, NMPC will provide training for all of our nursery workers, children's ministry teachers/helpers, youth ministry teachers/helpers, and Preschool teachers so that we might best implement our updated Child Protection Policy & Code of Conduct.

**2017 Mission Trip** - NMPC is planning to serve alongside Sacred Road ministries once again this summer: July 1-8, in Warm Springs, Oregon. Please talk to Mark Ballard (478-747-3864) if you are interested in participating. The deadline to sign up is January 31. Brochures with more details can be found on the table in the narthex.

**Flowers** - If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathy Pye.

# SERVICE SCHEDULES

- <u>COMMUNION PREPARATION</u>
   <u>February</u>– Kate Harrison, Joan Youmans, Beverly Wooden
- <u>COMMUNION SERVERS</u> <u>February</u> - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Larry Breed, John McSween, Jason Churchwell

## • <u>Ushers</u>

January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson <u>February</u> - Charlie Pye, Matt Shepley, Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

• <u>GREETERS</u> Paul & Pam Kanode

- FLOWER SCHEDULE January 22 - Barbara Freeman
- <u>SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR</u> January - Matt Monsted <u>February</u> - Jon Paxton
- <u>PRAYER TEAM</u> <u>January 22</u> - John McSween, Jason Churchwell <u>January 29</u> - Howard Reed, Frank Fleming

# <u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>

<u>Today (1/22)</u> Cleve & Kathy Cunningham <u>Next Sunday (1/29)</u> Chris & Hope Wilson

# • <u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>

<u>Today (1/22)</u> Alex & Tabitha Hinson <u>Next Sunday (1/29)</u> Lynn Hogg & Melissa Langford

# \*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty, and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life, for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

### \*Hymn

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross: Son of God—slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross!

10 🎽

# Call to Prayer

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

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		1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Financial Update			
*Hymn of Preparation		565 - All For Jesus	<u>-</u> <u>General Operations</u> 2016 Receipts:			<u>2/31/2016</u> \$1,374,283
			2016 Receipts: 2016 Expenses: 2016 transfer to	\$735,250	0	— 839,381
Prayer for Our Covenant Children		Rev. Hunter Stevenson	Capital Campaigr	n: \$77,771	Pledges Outstanding: Building Fund Cash:	534,902 1,447,631
		Rev. Hunter Stevenson	<u>Faith Promise for Missions</u> Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,377		Bldg Expenses Paid:	33,600
Sermon	Right Reaction, Wrong Response Genesis 34		Paid out Jan-Jun: to support our 14	\$19,125	Total Gifts & Pledges:	2,016,133
			Collected Jul-Dec: Paid out Jul-Dec:	\$18,624 \$19,125	Goal to break ground:	2,750,000
			to support our 14 missionaries		Guaranteed max price:	4,000,000

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# SUNDAY SCHOOL/WINTER QUARTER

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 - Psychology of Atheism by R.C. Sproul led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)
Women's Class - The Book of Daniel led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Rm #115)
Adult Elective #1: Saved For What? The Mission of God's People in the World, led by Josh Garrett (Room #118)
Adult Elective #2: The Westminster Confession of Faith for Beginners, led by Hunter Stevenson and Seth Peed (Room #119)
Adult Elective #3: Paul's Letter to the Romans 1-7, led by Paul

McCommon (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.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Mary Frances Stanford, Megan Cathey, Kasey Young, Meredith Covert, Holly Garretson and Joanna Norvell

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes, Forrest Garrett & Hatcher Barnes

- Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Howard Reed (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Willa Ham (mom)
- Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton, Kate Harrison's brother (serious heart problems)
- Bereaved: Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter); 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 pray for the discernment of God's timing to break ground, for the accomplishment of God's purposes in our church while we wait, for God's provisions for all that we need financially, and for God to be honored and glorified.
- Pray that God would enable us to give what we have pledged and more, and that He would guide our Capital Campaign as we move forward.

# 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.



### \*Benediction

\*Hymn of Response

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Amen.

### Postlude

8

# THE PREACHED WORD

Title: Right Reaction, Wrong Response

Genesis 34

Found on page 28 in your pew Bible

# NMPC WEEKLY

01/22/17

# Meditation

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. Romans 12:19

# 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:

Pete & Judy Goudelock Leonard & Margaret Green Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin Ed, Peggy & Walker Grimsley

# Our Missionaries:

Tim, Nicole, Gabe & Salem

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:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students would grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord

6

7