



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 29, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*For this is what the high and exalted One says-he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.*
Isaiah 57:15

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 89:5-8

Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

**People: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**

Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

**People: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty,
O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

Pastor: Praise be to the LORD forever!

*Praise Hymn

100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Classes for all ages

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evie Stanford - Mary Evelyn "Evie" Stanford was born on Mon, Jan 23rd, weighing 4 lbs & 15 oz. Congratulations to Will, Mary Frances, Anna Lynn, Gracie and Alie Parker Stanford.

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.

College Lunch - We invite all of our college & graduate students to a lunch immediately after the worship service next Sunday, February 5th at the home of Stephen & Christian Barnes (85 Dixie Dr.).

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.

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 this Wednesday, February 1st. Brochures with more details can be found on the table in the narthex.

Women's Ministry Training - Lisa Hellier will be leading a PCA Women's Ministry Training March 17-18 at First Presbyterian Church. She will discuss the Biblical role of women in the church and their community, and how to begin and maintain a healthy balanced women's ministry. This weekend is for women of all ages, and the cost is \$20.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

February– Kate Harrison, Joan Youmans, Beverly Wooden

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

February - Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson, Larry Breed, John McSween,
Jason Churchwell

◆ **USHERS**

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

◆ **GREETERS**

Paul & Pam Kanode

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

January 29 - Beth Youmans
February 5 - Communion

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

January - Matt Monsted
February - Jon Paxton

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

January 29 - Howard Reed, Frank Fleming
February 5 - Kevin Watson, Paul McCommon

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (1/29) Chris & Hope Wilson
Next Sunday (2/5) Jack & Sara Pyles

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (1/29) Lyn Hogg & Melissa Langford
Next Sunday (2/5) Skip & Debbie Yetter

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 84-88

Q. 84. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavor after, new obedience.

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

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.

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
He, who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more:
He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
He, who washed us with His blood; Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood;
You have washed us with your blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

Corporate Confession

O most great, most just and most gracious God,
your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity. Yet you have promised
mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him.
We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused your holy worship.
We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors.
We have not sought first your kingdom.
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered
us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation. The sin that we should have hated, we
have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In your Son is our salvation, and in your promises our are hope.
Remind us that we are your children, and make us alive with your Holy
Spirit, and in the end, receive us into your glory, through Jesus
Christ, our only Savior. Amen.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>General Operations—12/31/2016</u>	<u>Capital Campaign—12/31/2016</u>
2016 Receipts: \$813,021	Amount Pledged: \$1,374,283
2016 Expenses: \$735,250	Pledges Received: — 839,381
2016 transfer to Capital Campaign: \$77,771	Pledges Outstanding: 534,902
	Building Fund Cash: 1,447,631
<u>Faith Promise for Missions</u>	Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600
Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,377	Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,016,133
Paid out Jan-Jun: \$19,125 to support our 14 missionaries	Goal to break ground: 2,750,000
Collected Jul-Dec: \$18,624	Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000
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Our Church Family:

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

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

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); Amelia Smith (mom—Kathryn Jones); Helen Watson (daughter); Mary Jane Leggett (mom & daughter-in-law)

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 Goude-lock (brother); Bryan Covert (step mom); Lisa O'Quinn (niece); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Kasey Young (dad); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Ann Timms (mom)

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 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.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlett, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

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 18:9-14

*Hymn of Preparation

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with pow'r:
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners, Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

Sermon

Repentance and Renewal
Genesis 35

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary: You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You!
The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You!
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You!

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,
Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your
glorious grace, Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus twice)

***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his precious
blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and
Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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.

Meditation

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart..."
Render your heart and not your garments.
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love...
Joel 2:12-13

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:

Matthew Halprin
Neal, Willa & William Ham
Sara Ham
Becky Harman

Our Missionaries:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson have been working with Wycliffe Bible
Translators in Australia and Malaysia on Vernacular Media Services.
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:

Our Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be
filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray
for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through
the faithful teaching of God's Word
Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully