



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 8, 2017



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 97:1-6, 10-12

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

People: **The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

Pastor: Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones, and he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: **Light is shed upon the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name!

*Praise Hymn

92 - A Mighty Fortress

*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

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.

Wednesday Nights at NMPC - This Wednesday, January 11 we will resume our Wednesday Night Activities with dinner at 5:45, singing at 6:30, and lessons for all ages at 6:45. Come join us!

Ladies' Bible Study - The Ladies' Friday morning Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School - The Winter quarter of Sunday school classes began this morning. Pick a class on page 9 and come join us next Sunday!

Year-End Matching Gift - The \$25,000 matching gift resulted in a total of \$91,177 for the Capital Campaign! Thank you for your generosity! See pg 9 for a full update on the Campaign.

Youth Ministry - Our youth ministry is having a Winter Retreat on the weekend of February 17-20 at Ridge Haven, NC. All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend. Brochures with more details can be found on the table in the narthex, or in Mark's office.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

January— Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

January - Charles Baker, Rob Morton, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross & Frank Fleming

♦ USHERS

January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

January 8 - Beth McSween

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

January - Matt Monsted

♦ PRAYER TEAM

January 8 - Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson

January 15 - Dan Strawn, Charles Baker

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (1/8) Dan & Connie Strawn

Next Sunday (1/15) Jeff & Cindy Kross

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (1/8) Mary Jane & Joey Leggett

Next Sunday (1/15) Robert & Rebecca Bowers

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.

*Hymn

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. (Refrain)

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed. (Refrain)

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. (Refrain)

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance 2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him, who had no sin, to be sin for us,
so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

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

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

General Operations—12/31/2016		Capital Campaign—12/31/2016	
2016 Receipts:	\$813,021	Amount Pledged:	\$1,374,283
2016 Expenses:	\$735,250	Pledges Received:	— 771,884
2016 transfer to			
Capital Campaign:	\$77,771	Pledges Outstanding:	602,399
Faith Promise for Missions		Building Fund Cash:	1,418,780
Collected Jan-Jun:	\$23,377	Bldg Expenses Paid:	33,600
Paid out Jan-Jun:	\$19,125	Total Gifts & Pledges:	2,054,779
to support our 14 missionaries		Goal to break ground:	2,750,000
Collected Jul-Dec:	\$18,624	Guaranteed max price:	4,000,000
Paid out Jul-Dec:	\$19,125		
to support our 14 missionaries			

Our Church Family:

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

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)

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 continue to ask the Lord that we would have sufficient cash & pledges in the next few months, so that we could break ground in 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 unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

***Hymn of Preparation**

*Speak, O Lord
(see insert)*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Jacob Becomes Israel
Genesis 32*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

*He Will Hold Me Fast
(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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Jacob Becomes Israel*

Genesis 32

Found on page 27 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

01/08/17

Meditation

*Your name will no longer be Jacob (he grasps the heel),
but Israel (he struggles with God),
because you have struggled with God and with man and have overcome.
Genesis 32:28*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ: Worshipers*
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body: Servants*
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World: Ambassadors*
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

Our Members:

Lesley Ganey
Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine, Jack & Forrest Garrett
Cal, Holly & Caroline Garretson
Jay & Kathleen Gettmann

Our Missionaries:

Jeff & Jaime are part of a church planting team, and where Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Our Ministries:

Our women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.
Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness.