



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

February 12, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 124:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 104

- Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!
- People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**
- Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.
- People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**
- Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**
- Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!
- People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!**

**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.

Men's Fellowship - There will be a Men's Chili and Wild Game Cook Off at the home of Adam Griffin (120 Grove Pointe Dr) on Sat, Feb 25th from 6:00-8:30 PM. Sign up in the narthex to attend, and/or to enter the contest.

Faith Promise Commitments - You will receive a letter this week from the Missions Committee, encouraging you to participate in Faith Promise giving, through which NMPC supports its 16 missionaries around the world. Please be ready to turn in your Faith Promise Commitment Card on Sun, Feb 26th.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited sign up for the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings and is scheduled for March 5th and 19th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net).

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

March - Tracey Huyck

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

March - Frank Fleming, Paul McCommon, Howard Reed, Kevin Watson, Rob Morton

♦ **USHERS**

February - Charlie Pye, Matt Shepley, Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

March - Howard Gordon, Seth Peed, Jeff Kross, Wes Seay

♦ **GREETERS**

February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake

March - Dan & Connie Strawn

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

February - Jon Paxton

March - Will Stanford

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (2/12) Patricia Hughes

Next Sunday (2/19) Sara Pyles

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (2/12) Dan Strawn, Jeff Kross

Next Sunday (2/19) Jason Churchwell, Rob Morton

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (2/12) Stephanie Chipley & Margaret Baker

Next Sunday (2/19) Chris & Hope Wilson

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (2/12) Wes & Marie Seay

Next Sunday (2/19) Jeremy & Ellie Pelt

***Praise Hymn**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #27 & 28

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Forrest Robinson Garrett

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take his life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

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— 1/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 88,960
2017 Expenses: \$ 50,110
2017 transfer to
Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June: \$20,400
Collected Jan-Jun: \$ 2,850
through Faith Promise giving
to support our 15 missionaries

Capital Campaign— 1/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888
Pledges Received: — 905,068

Pledges Outstanding: 459,820
Building Fund Cash: 1,378,962
Bldg Expenses Paid: 161,750

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,000,532

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

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); Jeff Thompson (bronchitis)

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); 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:

Pray for the peace and prosperity of Macon (Jeremiah 29:7) and of central Georgia; pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders and elected officials.

Pray for another Great Awakening in America; pray that we would be a country who honors and fears the LORD.

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 46:3-4

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even down to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

Chorus: For I am the Lord your God
(*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

Sermon *Joseph Is Sold Into Slavery*
Genesis 37

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.
I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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.

NMPC WEEKLY

02/12/17

Meditation

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Christ has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Having a passion for the glory of God and a compassion for the lost

Our Members:

Romey & Debby Hitson

Lyn & Aaron Hogg

Patrick, Ashley, Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoyo

Charles & Patricia Hughes

Our Missionaries:

Mike & Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness. Pray for the Persecuted Church; ask God to strengthen these believers, protect and provide for them, comfort and assure them, enable them to stand firm in their faith, and that they would "spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.

Our Ministries:

Children's Ministry; Amy Peed, Holly Shepley, Children's Ministry

Committee, teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ

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