



*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 19, 2017



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!  
Psalm 95:1*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Introit**

**Call to Worship:**

Psalm 95:1-7

**Pastor:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

**People:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!

**Pastor:** For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**People:** In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

**Pastor:** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People:** Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

**Pastor:** For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**\*Praise Hymn**

53 - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*those who are able please stand*

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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**Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship**

**Monday - Office Closed**

**Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner**

**6:30 pm - Classes for all ages**

**Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Albany Storm Relief** - We are working together with Northgate Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Albany to assist with their efforts of storm relief in the area. Please designate your gifts today with "Albany Storm Relief" on the offering envelope or on the memo line of your check.

**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will NOT gather for prayer tomorrow morning. The office will be closed for the President's Day holiday.

**Men's Fellowship** - There will be a Men's Chili and Wild Game Cook Off at Adam Griffin's home (110 Grove Pointe Dr) this Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 PM. Sign up in the narthex to attend, and/or to enter the contest.

**Faith Promise Commitments** - You should have received a letter this week from the Missions Committee, encouraging you to participate in Faith Promise giving, by which NMPC supports its 16 missionaries around the world. Please be prepared to turn in your Faith Promise Commitment Card next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmnpc.net).

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

March - Tracey Huyck

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

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 (2/19) Sara Pyles  
Next Sunday (2/26) Liz Ream

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (2/19) Dan Strawn, Jason Churchwell  
Next Sunday (2/26) Buck Ream, Charles Baker

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (2/19) Chris & Hope Wilson  
Next Sunday (2/26) Judy & Betsy LaPish

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (2/19) Jeremy & Ellie Pelt  
Next Sunday (2/26) Shane & Amy Self

## \*Confession of Faith

Children's Catechism 1-13

1. Q. *Who made you?*  
A. God.
2. Q. *What else did God make?*  
A. God made all things.
3. Q. *Why did God make you and all things?*  
A. For his own glory.
4. Q. *How can you glorify God?*  
A. By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Q. *Why are you to glorify God?*  
A. Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Q. *Is there more than one true God?*  
A. No. There is only one true God.
7. Q. *In how many Persons does this one God exist?*  
A. In three Persons.
8. Q. *Name these three persons.*  
A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
9. Q. *What is God?*  
A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.
10. Q. *Where is God?*  
A. God is everywhere.
11. Q. *Can you see God?*  
A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Q. *Does God know all things?*  
A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.
13. Q. *Can God do all things?*  
A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

*The Children's Catechism is a simple introduction to the concepts contained in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which serve as a part of the doctrinal foundation of the PCA.*

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hank Patton Peed*

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.*

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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<u>General Operations— 1/31/2017</u>	<u>Capital Campaign— 1/31/2017</u>
2017 Receipts: \$ 88,960	Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888
2017 Expenses: \$ 50,110	Pledges Received: — 905,068
2017 transfer to	
Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000	Pledges Outstanding: 459,820
	Building Fund Cash: 1,378,962
<u>Faith Promise for Missions</u>	Bldg Expenses Paid: 161,750
Needed by June: \$20,400	
Collected Jan-Jun: \$ 2,850	Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,000,532
through Faith Promise giving	
to support our 15 missionaries	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); Dan Gibson (pneumonia); Susan Barnes (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee)

Bereaved: Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter); John Timms (mom); Pete Goudelock (brother); Bryan Covert (step mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Kasey Young (dad); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Ann Timms (mom); John & Nancy Briandi (son-in-law)

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.

**Call to Prayer**

Lamentations 3:22-24

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.

**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**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*The Refiner’s Fire for Judah  
Genesis 38*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

500 - *Rock of Ages*

**\*Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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:** *The Refiner's Fire for Judah*

Genesis 38

Found on page 32 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*Both the One who makes men holy  
and those who are made holy are of the same family.  
So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.  
Hebrews 2:11*

## 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:

Thomas, Tracey, Hannah Grace & Holland Huyck  
Tommy & Lolly James  
Pat Jenkins  
Glen & Helen Johnson

### Our Missionaries:

Roger & Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute and teach reformed literature in Latin America.  
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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom; pray especially for our students on the Youth Retreat this weekend  
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit