



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

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NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Every good and perfect gift is from above.
James 1:17a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 40:1-3

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God!**

Pastor: May will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

People: **Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust!**

*Praise Hymn

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

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**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.

Faith Promise Commitments - You should have received a letter recently from the Missions Committee, encouraging you to participate in Faith Promise giving, by which NMPC supports its 16 missionaries around the world. Please turn in your Faith Promise Commitment Card this morning during the Offertory. Extra cards are available in the narthex.

Stewards of Children - This 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, VBS volunteers/helpers and Preschool teachers so that we might best implement our updated Child Protection Policy & Code of Conduct. **Printed copies of the Policy & Code of Conduct are available in the narthex today.**

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). **Notebooks for the class are available in the narthex today.** To sign up, please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net).

Opportunities to Serve - We have a number of opportunities to serve in our various ministries at NMPC. Copies of the list are available in the narthex. Would you prayerfully consider where God may have you serve?

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **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 (2/26) Liz Ream
Next Sunday (3/5) Communion

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (2/26) Buck Ream, Charles Baker
Next Sunday (3/05) Kevin Watson, Frank Fleming

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (2/26) Judy & Betsy LaPish
Next Sunday (3/05) Patricia Hughes & Susan Robertson

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (2/26) Shane & Amy Self
Next Sunday (3/05) Jeff & Madeline Thompson

Oh to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Cloth-ed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wan-d'ring spirit back, When I forsake His ways;
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;
 One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
 O may thy house be my abode, And all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;
 No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Bryan, Meredith & Hunter Covert

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

The Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

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); Dan Gibson (pneumonia); Susan Barnes (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee); Haden Churchwell (broken arm); Bobby Freeman (broken foot)

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 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.

Call to Prayer

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

Sermon

The Secret to Success
Genesis 39

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful;
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. 2X

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. 2X

*Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you
strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the 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.

NMPC WEEKLY

02/26/17

Meditation

*He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
while every branch that does bear fruit he trims clean
so that it will be even more fruitful.*
John 15:2

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:

Paul Johnson
Kathryn Jones
Paul & Pam Kanode
Phillip & Kathy Kersey

Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They
have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria" a minister
to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking.
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 college students, RUF Mercer & RUF Wesleyan, Elliott Everitt,
Amanda DeYoung & Dalton Titus; pray that our students would grow in
the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ