



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.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b

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

302 - *Come Christians Join to Sing*

*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

6:00 pm - Diaconate Meeting

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 - So far, 29 families have turned in a Faith Promise commitment card, resulting in \$27,680 to be given to support our 15 missionaries around the world. Additional cards are in the narthex, and can be turn in today through the offering.

Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer - On Sunday, April 2nd, we will gather during the Sunday school hour for a Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer in order to give thanks to God that we have reached the \$2,000,000 mark in our Capital Campaign and to seek the Lord in prayer as we move forward from here.

byFaith - byFaith magazines are available in the narthex.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

April - Neal & Willa Ham

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

April - Howard Reed, Rob Morton, Larry Breed, Jeff Thompson, Dan Strawn

◆ **USHERS**

March - Howard Gordon, Seth Peed, Jeff Kross, Wes Seay
April - Bert Barnes, Silas Peed, Keith Young, John LaPish

◆ **GREETERS**

March - Dan & Connie Strawn
April - Howard & Debi Reed

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

March - Will Stanford
April - Paul Johnson

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (3/12) - Connie Strawn
Next Sunday (3/19) - Murray Todd

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (3/12) Rob Morton, Jeff Thompson
Next Sunday (3/19) Jeff Kross, Howard Reed

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (3/12) Peggy Timberlake, Diane McCallum
Next Sunday (3/19) Donna Dye & Lesley Ganey

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (3/12) Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn
Next Sunday (3/19) Charlie & Kathy Pye

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg 26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*Hymn

94 - *How Firm a Foundation*
(verses 1-4, 6)

Call to Prayer

James 5:16b-18

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

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.

You hear me when I call; You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy Underneath my feet You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies Is always by my side

The one who reigns forever; He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies Is always by my side

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me; Yours is the victory. Whom shall I fear?

And nothing formed against me shall stand;
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful.

***Hymn of Preparation**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

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: \$ 156,002
2017 Expenses: \$ 96,679
2017 transfer to
Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June: \$20,400
Collected Jan-Jun: \$ 6,730
through Faith Promise giving
to support our 15 missionaries

Capital Campaign— 1/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888
Pledges Received: — 912,105

Pledges Outstanding: 452,783
Building Fund Cash: 1,386,449
Bldg Expenses Paid: 161,750

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,000,982

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); 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); Susan Barnes (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot)

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

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.

Sermon

*God's Exaltation of Joseph
Genesis 41*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste the on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

***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.

Title: *God's Exaltation of Joseph*

Genesis 41

Found on page 34 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*The greatest among you will be your servant.
For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
Matthew 23:11-12*

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:

Mary Jane & Joey Leggett
Lynn Leverette
Elaine Libbey
Alan, Kathy, Hannah, Bryce & Olivia Little

Our Missionaries:

Seth and Leslie Wallace are involved in church planting in southern Cyprus
& are helping in the development & Broadcast of evangelistic videos into
the Middle East.

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:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first
Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and
the Holy Spirit.
Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.