



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

March 26, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*And my God will meet all your needs according
to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: **Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: **Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: **Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!**

*Praise Hymn

115 - *All Creatures of our God and King*

*Invocation

Bill Barnes

**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 - Bible Lesson

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.

Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer for the Capital Campaign - Next 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.

Youth - The EDGE is a week-long, Junior High Retreat (for current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders) held each summer on the campus of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA. One of the primary goals of the camp is that students leave keenly aware that God is who He says He is, and that we are called to respond to Him. Cost is \$335; scholarships are available. Deadline to sign up (with \$100 deposit) is April 5th. Brochures are available in Mark's office, or you can email him (mark@nmpc.net).

Communion - If you are interested serving our church family by preparing communion one month, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office.

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 (3/26) - Cheryl Willis
Next Sunday (4/2) - Communion

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (3/26) Buck Ream, Larry Breed
Next Sunday (4/2) Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (3/26) Tom & Angie Gibbons
Next Sunday (4/2) Ed & Peggy Grimsley

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (3/26) Tommy & Lolly James
Next Sunday (4/2) Alan & Kathy Little

*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.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bill Barnes

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

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-18

*Hymn of Preparation

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)

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— 2/28/2017

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— 2/28/2017

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, Joanna Norvell and Marie Seay

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); Jeff & Cindy Kross (Mackenzie expecting twins)

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); Haden Churchwell (arm); Emily Barnes (ACL); Jason Tripp (ACL)

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:

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Confident Trust in the Good Shepherd
Psalm 23

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Hymn of Response

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs

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.

*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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Confident Trust in the Good Shepherd*

Psalm 23

Found on page 441 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

03/26/17

Meditation

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

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:

Walker & Sidney Middlebrooks

Stephen Mackes

Matt, Allie & Neva Monsted

Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris

Our Missionaries:

Stephen & Sarah Young worked in Perth Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.

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 Seniors; they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.