



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

April 16, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Jesus Christ is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
Colossians 1:18b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Pastor: I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery:

People: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Pastor: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed!

People: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

Pastor: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory!'

People: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God!

People: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Praise Hymn

277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

6:00 pm - Joint Elder & Deacon dinner & meeting

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.

Lunch on the Grounds - On Sunday, April 30th we will have a lunch on the grounds immediately following the worship service. Make plans to join us for this church-wide fellowship!

2017 Warm Springs Mission Team - NMPC will send a team to Warm Springs, OR the week of July 1-8, 2017 to work alongside Sacred Road Ministries in serving the Warm Springs tribe of Native Americans. The team members are: Emily Barnes, Claire & Mary Jane Boland, Mia Bowers, Emory & Jay Churchwell, Matthew Halprin, Joey Leggett, Miles Morris, Ashby Reed, Mary Rachel, Mia & Stone Stevenson, Ansley Timberlake, Iris Archer, Phillip Austin, Ben & Margaret Baker, Mark Ballard, Lizzie Reed and Oliva Taylor. Let us pray for our team!

Missions - We have a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 from 11 - 5 to raise money for the Warm Springs Mission Team. Tickets will go on sale this Wednesday, April 19.

National Day of Prayer - National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4th. Breakfast will be served from 6:45 - 7:25 am at First Presbyterian Church. The program begins at 7:30 am. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from Barbara Freeman or Pam Kanode.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

May - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

May - Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson, John McSween, Frank Fleming & Jason Churchwell

◆ **USHERS**

April - Bert Barnes, Silas Peed, Keith Young, John LaPish

May - Lonnie Dye, Charlie Parrish, Rhett Farmer & Lee Hendrix

◆ **GREETERS**

April - Howard & Debi Reed

May - Stephen & Christian Barnes

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

April - Paul Johnson

May - Howard Gordon

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (4/16) - Joan Youmans

Next Sunday (4/23) - Beth McSween

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (4/16) Dan Strawn & John McSween

Next Sunday (4/23) Charles Baker, Jason Churchwell

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (4/16) Tim & Laura Finney

Next Sunday (4/23) Silas & Jill Peed

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (4/16) Charlie & Kathy Pye

Next Sunday (4/23) Jason & Payton Churchwell

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 37-38

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

**A. The souls of believers are, at their death,
made perfect in holiness
and do immediately pass into glory;
and their bodies, being still united to Christ,
do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted
in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed
in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

***Hymn**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Call to Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 24

*Hymn of Preparation

276 - Up From the Grave He Arose

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING 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** - *Titus* led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)
- Women's Class** - *The Book of Daniel* led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Room#115)
- Adult Elective #1:** *The Splendor of Holiness*, led by Bill Barnes (Room #118)
- Adult Elective #2:** *The Westminster Confession of Faith for Beginners*, led by Hunter Stevenson & Seth Peed (Room #119)
- Adult Elective #3:** *Haggai*, led by Josh Garrett (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

<u>General Operations— 3/31/2017</u>	<u>Capital Campaign— 3/31/2017</u>
2017 Receipts: \$ 215,571	Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888
2017 Expenses: \$ 150,775	Pledges Received: — 927,592
2017 transfer to	
Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000	Pledges Outstanding: 437,296
	Building Fund Cash: 1,403,040
<u>Faith Promise for Missions</u>	Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850
Needed by June: \$20,400	
Collected Jan-Jun: \$13,078	Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,004,186
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, Joanna Norvell, Marie Seay & Lily Robinson

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 (daughter Mackenzie is expecting twin girls); Dan Strawn (mother)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton, Kate Harrison’s brother (back surgery); 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 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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Certain Hope of the Resurrection
Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

286 - *Worship Christ the Risen King*

***Benediction**

Jude 24:25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, 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: *The Certain Hope of the Resurrection*

Acts 2:22-24;
1 Corinthians 15:20-23

Found on page 833 & 933 in your pew Bible

Meditation

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:6

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another just 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:

Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed
Jeremy, Ellie & Jackson Pelt
Charlie, Kathy & Becca Pye; Hannah James
Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles

Our Missionaries:

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She is currently working in Texas with Wycliffe Associates

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:

Our sister churches & partnering ministries; Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Evangelism Explosion, Campus Clubs, Covenant Care Services and Caring Solutions. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom through these ministries in Middle GA. Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit