



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 23, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!
Revelation 5:12*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship:

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!'; and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Praise Hymn

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**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

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.

Men's Fellowship - All of our men are invited to shoot sporting clays this Saturday, April 29th at 10 AM at the Meadows Gun Club.

2017 Pictorial Directory - Skip Yetter will take pictures of our recent New Members on the next two Sundays: April 30th & May 7th. If you would like to update your family picture for the 2017 Pictorial Directory, please make plans to do so on one of those two Sundays.

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! Bring a picnic blanket for the family, or some lawn chairs if you wish. We also recommend wearing casual clothes!

Missions - We have a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 from 11 - 5 to raise money for the Warm Springs Mission Team. Tickets will be on sale in the Conference Room after the service this Sunday morning.

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.

Couch needed - If you have an extra couch that is in good shape and would like to donate it to a person in need from Strong Tower Fellowship, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office.

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 (4/23) - Beth McSween

Next Sunday (4/30) - Stephanie Chipley

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (4/23) Charles Baker, Jason Churchwell

Next Sunday (4/30) Kevin Watson, Frank Fleming

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (4/23) Silas & Jill Peed

Next Sunday (4/30) Dan & Holly Taylor

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (4/23) Jason & Payton Churchwell

Next Sunday (4/30) Robby & Katy Danner

***Invocation**

Bill Barnes

***Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:6-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

***Hymn**

297 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Call to Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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.

Lost are saved, find their way, at the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame, at the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place, at the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave, at the sound of Your great name

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for us, son of God and man
You are high and lifted up, that all the world will praise Your great name

All the weak, find their strength, at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace, at the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest, at the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, and the dead are raised, at the sound of Your great name

Redeemer, my healer, almighty, My savior, defender, You are my king

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

*Hymn of Preparation

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Chorus: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING QUARTER

Children's Classes - Children's classes are available by grade.

Youth Class - *The Sermon on the Mount: The Norms of the Kingdom of Heaven*, 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.

Our last Wednesday Night for the semester is May 3rd.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 3/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 215,571

2017 Expenses: \$ 150,775

2017 transfer to

Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June: \$20,400

Collected Jan-Jun: \$13,078

through Faith Promise giving
to support our 15 missionaries

Capital Campaign— 3/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888

Pledges Received: — 927,592

Pledges Outstanding: 437,296

Building Fund Cash: 1,403,040

Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,004,186

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kasey Young, Megan Cathey, Meredith Covert, Holly Garretson, Joanna Norvell, Marie Seay, Lily Robinson & Allie Monsted

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); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Meryt Benson (wrist)

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); Barbara Gibson (Dan)

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

Easter Sunday Living on Monday Morning
Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Hymn of Response

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.
I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

*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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Easter Sunday Living on Monday Morning*

Ephesians 1:15-23

Found on page 946 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

04/23/17

Meditation

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 in his incomparably great power for us who believe.
Ephesians 1:18-19a

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:

Buck & Liz Ream
Howard, Debi, Lizzie & Ashby Reed
Chip & Cathy Ridley
Susan Robertson

Our Missionaries:

Jeff & Jamie are part of a church planting team and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
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:

Children's Ministry; Amy Peed & Holly Shepley; Children's Ministry Committee, teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit