



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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Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
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Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 7, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.
Psalm 17:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

5:00 pm - Stewards of Children Training

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 8:00 am - Central Georgia Presbytery

Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Stewards of Children Training

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday - 11:00 am - Missions Bar-b-que

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Pictorial Directory - Skip Yetter will take pictures of our recent New Members today. If you would like to update your family picture for the 2017 Pictorial Directory, please see Skip in Room 112 today!

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.

Central GA Presbytery (CGP) - One distinctive of the PCA is that we are a "connectional" church, which means that local churches work together to advance the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. NMPC belongs to Central GA Presbytery, which consists of 17 PCA churches from Columbus over to Lake Oconee, and from Forsyth down to Valdosta. The Spring meeting of CGP will be held at NMPC this Tuesday. The Presbytery's business includes (1) the examination of men who desire to become pastors, (2) overseeing church planting efforts in our region, (3) overseeing RUF ministries at college campuses, and (4) any shepherding concerns in our churches. Please pray for our Teaching Elders and representative Ruling Elders as they meet.

Wednesday Night Activities - We have concluded our Wednesday Night Activities for the semester. Our Summer Fellowships will begin on Wednesday, May 31st.

Missions - We have a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 from 11 - 3 to raise money for the Warm Springs Mission Team. Tickets will be on sale in the Conference Room after the service this Sunday morning.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION
May - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens
- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS
May - Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson, John McSween, Frank Fleming & Jason Churchwell
- ◆ USHERS
May - Lonnie Dye, Charlie Parrish, Rhett Farmer & Lee Hendrix
- ◆ GREETERS
May - Stephen & Christian Barnes
- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
May - Howard Gordon
- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE
Today (5/7) - Communion
Next Sunday (5/14) - Joan Youmans
- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
Today (5/7) Dan Strawn, Paul McCommon
Next Sunday (5/14) Jason Churchwell, Jeff Kross
- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (5/7) John & Beth McSween
Next Sunday (5/14) Neal & Willa Ham
- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (5/7) Tate & Stephanie Morris
Next Sunday (5/14) Natalie Benson

*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

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.

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.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 34:8-10

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

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

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet (2x).

***Hymn of Preparation**

128 - *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Shelters Thee Under His Wings
Genesis 46:28 - 47:31

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

We have concluded our Wednesday Night Activities.

We will begin our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday, May 31st.

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, Meredith Covert, Holly Garretson, Joanna Norvell, Marie Seay, Lily Robinson & Allie Monsted

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes, Forrest Garrett, Hatcher Barnes, Evie Stanford & William Cathey

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Willa Ham (mom); Amelia Smith (mom—Kathryn Jones); 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); Susan Barnes (hip)

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:

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.

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

The Power of the Cross

The Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.
4: This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at the cross.
What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross. (repeat final chorus)

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*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

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.

Postlude

Title: *Shelters Thee Under His Wings*

Genesis 46:28 - 47:31

Found on page 40 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

Psalm 91:1

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
Laying down our lives for one another just as Christ did for 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:

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self

Roy Shen

Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

Steve, Amelia, Mallory, Hadley & Brooks Smith; Bram & Hollis Bradham

Our Missionaries:

Tim, Nicole, Gabe & Salem Mares

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 college students, RUF Mercer; Elliott Everitt & Amanda DeYoung;
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