

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

July 16, 2017



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

Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small! Revelation 19:5

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 148 (page 840 in the hymnal)

*Praise Hymn

115 - All Creatures of Our God and King

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*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 Iesus 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.

*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 - 6:00 pm - Dinner 6:45 pm - Glenn & Francis Camenisch report

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.

2017 Pictorial Directory - There are copies of the updated directories in the narthex. Please pick one up today!

Summer Fellowship - This Wednesday we will hear a report from our missionaries Glen and Frances Camenisch, who are wrapping up 30 years of missionary service in Portugal.

Town Hall Meeting - There will be a Town Hall Meeting next Sunday, July 23rd during the SS hour (9:30-10:30) to discuss the Session's unanimous recommendation to move forward with the new building.

Congregational Meeting - Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 30th, we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the Session's recommendation to move forward with the new building.

Union with Christ - Update reading schedules are available in the narthex.

Musicians & Singers - We are delighted to have David Milligan playing the piano, Paul McCommon playing the trumpet, and Andrew Hearn and Margaret Baker singing today.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

August - Neal & Willa Ham

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>July</u> - Rob Morton, Larry Breed, Kevin Watson, Howard Reed, Jeff Thompson

<u>August</u> - Paul McCommon, Jason Churchwell, Dan Strawn, Jeff Kross, John McSween

♦ USHERS

<u>July</u> - Tate Morris, Joe Timberlake, Robby Danner & Paul Kanode <u>August</u> - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Patrick Hoye, Elliot Robinson

♦ GREETERS

<u>July</u> - Jerry & Cheryl Willis <u>August</u> - Lonnie & Donna Dye

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

<u>July</u> - Joey Leggett <u>August</u> - Tate Morris

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

<u>Today (7/16)</u> - Beth Youmans <u>Next Sunday (7/23)</u> Allison Deaton

♦ PRAYER TEAM

<u>Today (7/16)</u> Dan Strawn, Charles Baker <u>Next Sunday (7/23)</u> John McSween, Jason Churchwell

♦ Nursery Workers

<u>Today (7/16)</u> Kevin & Scarlett Watson <u>Next Sunday (7/23)</u> LeeAnn & Gracen Wildman

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>Today (7/16)</u> Rob & Anne Mortson <u>Next Sunday (7/23)</u> Paul & Pam Kanode *Hymn

44 - How Great Thou Art (vs. 1,3, &4)

Corporate Confession

Most just and most gracious God, your infinite greatness no one can fathom, but we have thought little of you and ignored your immensity, power and glory. You give us access to the worship of heaven before your throne, but we have neglected and abused this holy privilege. You rule the nations and all of our lives, but we have not sought first your kingdom. You have made us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, but we have forsaken this high calling to serve ourselves. You shower us with abundant grace in Christ and promise us the certain hope and glory of resurrection in a new creation; but we have turned away in unbelief, squandering your gifts, living without hope, and seeking to save and satisfy ourselves. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! Your Son, the Lamb of God, is our salvation, and your promises our hope. Remind us that we are your children, enliven us with the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 2:24

Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn, your young men will come to you like the dew.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

*Hymn of Preparation

521– My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Thousand Year Reign Revelation 20

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

441 - Jesus Shall Reign

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power 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

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SUMMER 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)

Adult Classes - We have a number of classes studying & discussing our 2017 Summer book, Union With Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God by Rankin Wilbourne.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

We will gather each Wednesday evening in June and July, except for July 4th week, from 6:00 - 7:30 for dinner, singing and a Bible Story lesson. Come and join us!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—— 6/30/2017 Capital Campaign— 6/30/2017 2017 Receipts: \$ 429,354 Amount Pledged: Pledges Received: — 1,195,875 2017 Expenses: \$ 357.526 2017 transfer to Capital Campaign: \$58,000 Pledges Outstanding: Building Fund Cash: Faith Promise for Missions Bldg Expenses Paid: Collected Jan-Jun: \$24,738 Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,668,472 \$19,275 Paid out Jan-Jun: to support our 15 missionaries Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Needed July-Dec: \$19,275 Collected in July: 340

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

\$1,955,766

759,891

163,850

1,744,731

Our Church Family:

- Expecting: Carissa Bell, Marie Seay, Lily Robinson, Allie Monsted & Jessie Schnetzer
- Newborns: Clay Barnes, Forrest Garrett, Hatcher Barnes, William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson & Ella Anne Norvell
- 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 had twin girls); Dan Strawn (mom)
- Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Howard Murray (lung); Barbara Gibson (knee)
- 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); Kathy Combs (stepdad); Charles Hughes (brother)

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.

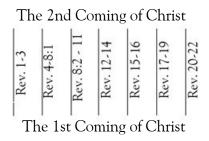
The Events of the Last Day

Last Sunday we studied 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where the apostle Paul lays out the order of events of the Last Day. He does not tell us everything, but he gives us a solid starting point.

- 1. Return of Jesus Christ
- 2. Resurrection of the dead in Christ
- 3. Rapture of the living in Christ
- 4. Reunion of the whole church (Jesus with the dead & living in Christ)
- 5. Restitution (Destruction) for the wicked (1 Thess 5:2-3; 2 Thess 1:6-10)
- 6. Renewal of all things—the New Heavens & New Earth (2 Peter 3:10-13)

Interpretation of Revelation

The system of interpretation of the book of Revelation which seems most satisfactory (though it is not without difficulties) is that known as *progressive parallelism*, which teaches that Revelation consists of 7 "parallel" sections. Each section spans the entire period from the 1st Coming of Christ until the 2nd Coming, and does so from a different vantage point & a different emphasis. The themes of judgment, persecution and salvation intensify as the book progresses through each section. Hence the name "progressive parallelism." There are two major divisions: Rev. 1-11 and 12-22. In the first half of the book, we see the surface of the conflict: the Church persecuted by the world. In the second, we see the deeper, spiritual conflict between the Church and Satan. Vern Poythress summarizes Revelation with these words: "God rules human history and will bring it to its consummation in Christ!"



THE PREACHED WORD

Title: The Thousand Year Reign Revelation 20

Found on page 1003 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

Meditation

Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

"He will rule them with an iron scepter."

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:15-16

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:

Bert, Anna, Bo & Hatcher Barnes Bill, Rebecca, Liam & Clay Barnes Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes Steve & Susan Barnes

Our Missionaries:

Glenn and Frances Camenish are church planters in Lisborn, Portugal. They have been on the field for over 30 years.

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 college students, RUF Mercer & RUF Wesleyan, Amanda DeYoung, Kristen Hearn & Dalton Titus; 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