



*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 23, 2017*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

*In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ,  
in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace,  
which he has freely given us in the One he loves  
Ephesians 1:5-6*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 103  
(page 821 in the hymnal)

## \*Praise 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.

O 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.

## \*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*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 - Report from SweatFest team

## 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!

**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** - Updated reading schedules are available in the narthex.

**Offertory** - We are delighted to have Maggie Miller, the granddaughter of Larry and LuAnn Breed, playing the piano for the Offertory today.

# SERVICE SCHEDULES

## ♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

August - Neal & Willa Ham

## ♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

August - Paul McCommon, Jason Churchwell, Dan Strawn, Jeff Kross,  
John McSween

## ♦ USHERS

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

## ♦ GREETERS

July - Jerry & Cheryl Willis  
August - Lonnie & Donna Dye

## ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

July - Joey Leggett  
August - Tate Morris

## ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

Today (7/23) - Allison Deaton  
Next Sunday (7/30) Beth McSween

## ♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (7/23) John McSween, Jason Churchwell  
Next Sunday (7/30) Larry Breed, Frank Fleming

## ♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (7/23) LeeAnn & Gracen Wildman  
Next Sunday (7/30) Matt & Allie Monsted

## ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (7/23) Paul & Pam Kanode  
Next Sunday (7/30) Bert & Sharon Kostedt

## \*Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempt-er would pre-vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast.  
I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;  
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast.  
For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

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

Once and For All

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:8-25

\*Hymn of Preparation

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T’was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I’ve been set free;  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love, Amazing grace.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
’Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’ve first begun.

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:	\$1,955,766
2017 Expenses:	\$ 357,526	Pledges Received: —	1,195,875
2017 transfer to			
Capital Campaign:	\$ 58,000	Pledges Outstanding:	759,891
Faith Promise for Missions		Building Fund Cash:	1,744,731
Collected Jan-Jun:	\$24,738	Bldg Expenses Paid:	163,850
Paid out Jan-Jun:	\$19,275	Total Gifts & Pledges:	2,668,472
to support our 15 missionaries		Goal to break ground:	2,750,000
Needed July-Dec:	\$19,275	Guaranteed max price:	4,000,000
Collected in July:	\$ 340		

### 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); 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 unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

### Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Sermon

*Two Eternal Destinities*  
*Revelation 20:11-21:8*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

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

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, 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

## The Events of the Last Day

On Sunday, July 9th we studied 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where Paul lays out the order of events (bold print below) of the Last Day. Last week we studied Revelation 20, where John gives us more information about the events leading up to the 2nd Coming and about the final judgment (regular print below).

From Rev 20, we learned that we are currently living in the “millennial reign” of Jesus Christ, which began at his 1st Coming and will conclude just before his 2nd Coming. During this period, Satan is “bound” (i.e. he is kept from deceiving the nations) so that the church, by God’s grace, may fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations. At the end of the “millennial reign”, Satan will be set free for a short time.

Coming of the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:13-14; 19:17-21; 20:7-10)

**Return of Jesus Christ**

**Resurrection of the dead in Christ**

**Rapture of the living in Christ**

**Reunion of the whole church** (Jesus with the dead & living in Christ)

**Destruction of the wicked & the earth** (2 Thess 1:6-10; 2 Peter 3:10-13)

White Throne Judgment for all mankind (Rev 20:11-15)

Lake of Fire for all the forces of evil (Rev 20:11-15)

**Renewal of all things—the New Heavens & New Earth** (Rev 21:1-5)

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## NMPC WEEKLY

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07/16/17

### Meditation

*He who was seated on the throne said,*

*“I am making everything new!”*

*Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

*Revelation 21:5*

### Intercession

#### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Pervasive worship (in all of life), fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ’s Body*: Servants  
Having the Attitude of Christ, doing Works of Service & speaking Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ’s Work in the World*: Ambassadors  
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

#### Our Members:

Dwayne, Natalie, Meryt & Luke Benson

Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes and Nolan Bloodworth

Robert, Rebecca, Mia & Jack Bowers

Larry & LuAnn Breed

#### Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, helping to build churches, and teaching and training pastors.

Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that “the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

#### Our Ministries:

Our families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another. Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.