



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 30, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take
your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6:10-11*

Prelude *For All the Saints*

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 46
(page 802 in the hymnal)

***Praise Hymn** 92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

***Invocation** Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.**

**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
7:00 pm - Session Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting - Immediately following the worship service today, we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the Session's unanimous recommendation to move forward with the new building. As of Monday, July 24th we have \$2,703,677 in cash & pledges (98.3% of our goal).

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.

Carpets & Chairs Cleaned - On Tuesday & Wednesday this week, the carpets throughout the building, along with the chairs in the sanctuary, will be cleaned.

Summer Fellowship - Our Summer Fellowships have concluded for the summer. We will take a break for 3 weeks. Our Wednesday Night activities will resume on August 23 at 5:45 PM. The adults will study portions of Jeremiah this Fall.

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

Musicians & Singers - We are delighted to have Anna Kate Peed (Seth & Silas' niece) playing the piano for the Prelude & Postlude, Maggie Miller (Larry & LuAnn Breed's granddaughter) playing a duet with Monni for the Offertory, Phillip & Jay playing guitars & Phillip, Marie & Maggie singing the hymns 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 (7/30) - Beth McSween
Next Sunday (8/6) Communion

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (7/30) Larry Breed, Frank Fleming
Next Sunday (8/6) Dan Strawn, Jeff Kross

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (7/30) Matt & Allie Monsted
Next Sunday (8/6) Adam & Joanna Griffin

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (7/30) Bert & Sharon Kostedt
Next Sunday (8/6) Bert & Anna Barnes

***Hymn**

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence
depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Sacrament of Baptism

William Ernest Cathey

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take his life and let him be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

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

Awesome God

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
 Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
 For by thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
 O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
 Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. (Refrain)

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

Our Summer Fellowships have concluded for the summer. We will resume our Wednesday Night activities on August 23, 2017 at 5:45 pm.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 6/30/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 429,354
 2017 Expenses: \$ 357,526
 2017 transfer to
 Capital Campaign: \$ 58,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Collected Jan-Jun: \$24,738
 Paid out Jan-Jun: \$19,275
 to support our 15 missionaries
 Needed July-Dec: \$19,275
 Collected in July: \$ 340

Capital Campaign— 6/30/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,955,766
 Pledges Received: — 1,195,875
 Pledges Outstanding: 759,891
 Building Fund Cash: 1,744,731
 Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850
 Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,668,472
 Goal to break ground: 2,750,000
 Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

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:

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.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed. (Refrain)

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. (Refrain)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The New Heavens and the New Earth
Revelation 21:1-5

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

691 - *It is Well with My Soul*

***Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 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 July 9th we studied 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where Paul lays out the order of events (bold print below) of the Last Day. On July 16th 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 “to deceive the nations...and to gather them for battle” (Rev. 20:8). Here are the events:

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; John 5:28-29)

Lake of Fire for all the forces of evil (Rev 20:10-15)

Renewal of all things—New Heavens & Earth (Rev 21:1-5; 2 Pet 3:13)

The apostle Peter asks, “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.” (2 Peter 3:11-14).

Let us be ready!!

NMPC WEEKLY

07/30/17

Meditation

He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold! I am making all things 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
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:

Mike & Helen Brock

Jane Brooks

Lee, Jennifer & Jennalee Burch

Thomas Burch

Our Missionaries:

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC’s own missionaries has worked in bible translation and literacy.

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 men; they would be men after God’s own heart; they would seek first Christ’s Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.