



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 9, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him.
Psalm 115:3*

The sovereignty of God is strongly emphasized in Scripture. He is represented as the Creator of all things, and His will is represented as the cause of all things. Since he created all things, all things belong to him. Therefore, God is clothed with absolute authority over the hosts of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. He upholds all things with His almighty power, and determines the ends which all things are destined to serve. He rules as King in the most absolute sense of the word, and all things are dependent on Him and subservient to Him. Louis Berkhof

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 115
(page 827 in the hymnal)

*Praise Hymn

75 - O Father You Are Sovereign

*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 - Warm Springs Mission Team 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.

Summer Fellowship - This Wednesday we will hear a report from our Warm Springs Mission Team. Next Wednesday, our missionaries Glen and Frances Camenish will report about their 30 years of missionary service in Portugal.

Men's Fellowship - Our men will gather this Friday, July 14th at the home of Brandon Youmans (520 Walden Rd, Forsyth) for a bag toss tournament & hamburgers and hotdogs. Please sign up your Team for the tournament on the table in the narthex. We will begin at 5:30 PM and conclude when a champion is crowned in glorious victory. Whether or not you plan to participate in the tournament, please make plans to attend!

Capital Campaign - The May Match was a wonderful success, resulting in \$590,000 for the Campaign and bringing our grand total to \$2,647,747. Thank you so much for giving so generously! And let us give thanks to God for pouring out his blessings upon our congregation!

Town Hall Meeting - There will be a Town Hall Meeting on 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

August - Neal & Willa Ham

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

July - Rob Morton, Larry Breed, Kevin Watson, Howard Reed, Jeff Thompson

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 Hoyer, Elliot Robinson

♦ **GREETERS**

July - Jerry & Cheryl Willis

August - Lonnie & Donna Dye

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

July - Joey Leggett

August - Tate Morris

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (7/09) - Cheryl Willis

Next Sunday (7/16) Beth Youmans

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (7/09) Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson

Next Sunday (7/16) Dan Strawn, Charles Baker

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (7/09) Neal & Willa Ham

Next Sunday (7/16) Kevin & Scarlett Watson

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (7/09) Jason & Allison Tripp

Next Sunday (7/16) Rob & Anne Morton

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism 26 & 27

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God, by which he upholds—as with his hand—heaven and earth and all creatures; and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand, that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563. It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.

***Hymn**

128 - God Moves In a Mysterious Way

Call to Prayer

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose..

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.

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 49

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike: My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding. I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:

Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—that he should live on forever and not see decay. For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others. Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves. But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. Like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them. The upright will rule over them in

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— 5/31/2017	Capital Campaign— 4/30/2017
2017 Receipts: \$ 381,301	Amount Pledged: \$1,365,988
2017 Expenses: \$ 279,654	Pledges Received: — 956,156
2017 transfer to Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000	
Faith Promise for Missions	
Needed by June: \$20,400	Pledges Outstanding: 409,832
Collected Jan-Apr: \$20,728	Building Fund Cash: 1,434,065
through Faith Promise giving to support our 15 missionaries	Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850
	Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,007,747
	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); 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 restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions. But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself.

Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him. Though while he lived he counted himself blessed—and men praise you when you prosper—he will join the generation of his fathers, who will never see the light of life. A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

***Hymn of Preparation**

699 - *Like a River Glorious*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Events of the Final Hour
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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***Hymn of Response**

358 - *For All the Saints*

***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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: *The Events of the Final Hour*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Found on page 958 in your pew Bible

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Meditation

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.
1 John 3:2-3

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another just as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

Our Members:

Charles, Myra & Sara Marie Baker
Margaret Baker
Rod & Bess Baker
Mark & Kara Ballard

Our Missionaries:

Stephen and Sarah Young worked in Perth, Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (Jesus Calling), continues her writing ministry. Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups

Our Ministries:

Youth Ministry; pray for our leaders, Mark & Kara Ballard, Bryce Little & Olivia Taylor; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit