



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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Lonnie Dye
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 15, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.
Psalm 126:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-8

Pastor: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works!

People: **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

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

*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**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

6:00 pm - Joint Elder & Deacon Dinner & Meeting

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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.

Strong Tower Fellowship - Strong Tower invites you to their annual fundraising banquet at 6:30 PM this Thurs, Oct 19th at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Richard Pratt will be speaking. Please RSVP to Jeanne Scurry: 478-742-7379 or jeanne@strongtowermacon.com.

Covenant Care - Covenant Care Adoptions invites you to their "Fall Evening for Life" at 6:30 PM on Tues, Oct 24 at First Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a complimentary dinner and be inspired by stories of lives changed through adoption. Reservations are required: 478-475-4990 or eveningforlife.eventbrite.com.

Reformation Celebration - NMPC is partnering with First Presbyterian for a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sun, Oct 29th from 4:30-7:00 PM at the FPD Soccer Field (5671 Calvin Dr). There will be music, games, inflatables and a pot luck dinner. Please sign up on our website (nmpe.net) or in the narthex.

Guest Musicians - We are delighted to have a brass ensemble to lead us in worship today as we celebrate what God has done for us! Athens Carter & Paul McCommon, trumpet; Keith Fitzgerald & Austin Murray, trombone; Kyle Krejci, tuba.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

October– Joan Youmans & Beverly Wooden

November - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

October - Paul McCommon, Larry Breed, Jeff Kross, Jeff Thompson,
Howard Reed

November - Rob Morton, Kevin Watson, John McSween, Jason Church-
well, Dan Strawn

◆ **USHERS**

October - Howard Reed, Matt Shepley, Charlie Parrish, Joey Leggett

November - Bert Barnes, Jason Churchwell, Shane Self, Keith Young

◆ **GREETERS**

October - Dwayne & Natalie Benson

November - Howard & Debi Reed

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

October - Lonnie Dye

November - Jack Pyles

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (10/15) - Murray Todd

Next Sunday (10/22) Cheryl Willis

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (10/15) John McSween, Charles Baker

Next Sunday (10/22) Larry Breed, Jason Churchwell

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (10/15) Stephanie & Lizzie Chipley

Next Sunday (10/22) Stephen & Christian Barnes

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (10/15) Steve & Amelia Smith

Next Sunday (10/22) Robert & Rebecca Bowers

***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.**

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**

32 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Prayer

Psalm 118:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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.**

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.

"Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

*Hymn of Preparation

55 - *To God Be the Glory*

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/FALL QUARTER

Children's Classes - Children's classes are available by grade.

Youth Class - *The Book of Colossians* led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)

Adult Classes -

Romans 8-16 For You by Tim Keller - led by Paul McCommon

Old Testament Historical Context - led by Josh Garrett

Technology and Your Family - Led by Jason Churchwell

Men's Class - Union with Christ - led by Howard Gordon

Women's Class - The book of Acts - led by Pam Kanode

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study and some adults meet in Small Groups (see Josh for details), while the youth (grades 7-12) and the children (4 years to 6th grade) have classes. Nursery is provided.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 9/30/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 614,316

2017 Expenses: \$ 556,609

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 - Aug.: \$ 4,502

Capital Campaign— 9/30/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,990,766

Pledges Received: — 1,272,814

Pledges Outstanding: 717,952

Building Fund Cash: 1,823,710

Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,705,512

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Allie Monsted, Jessie Schnetzer & Allison Deaton

Newborns: William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson, Ella Anne Norvell, Marjory Bell, Matthew Seay & Benjamin Robinson

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom & daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Dan Strawn (mom); Neal Ham (mom)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Howard Murray (lung); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia); Kate Harrison (hip); Kathy Combs (strength); Ed Voss (A Fib)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Howard Reed (dad); Barbara Gibson (Dan); Kathy Combs (stepdad); Charles Hughes (brother); Kate Harrison (sister); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us give thanks to God for the outpouring of His blessings upon our congregation! He has enabled us to give so generously, has granted us wisdom and discernment throughout this process so far, and has unified us so that with “one heart and one mind” we are moving forward with our new sanctuary. Let us pray that **Sunday, October 15th** will be a glorious day to celebrate God’s faithfulness as we break ground on the new building.

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

*Ultimate Authority
Mark 2:1-12*

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***Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both 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.

Title: *Ultimate Authority*

Mark 2:1-12

Found on pages 813 in your pew Bible

Meditation

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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:

Alex, Tabitha, Ella & Zander Hinson
Romey & Debby Hitson
Lynn & Aaron Hogg
Patrick, Ashley, Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoye

Our Missionaries:

Bruce & Barbara Wannamacher have a mentoring ministry to missionaries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and to those who are in the States on Home Assignment.
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 women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.
Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness.
Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course.