



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
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jack Pyles

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 26, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Give thanks to the LORD, for his is good. His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Praise Hymn

363 - *We Gather Together*

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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 - 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.

2018 Mission Trip - NMPC will send a team Washington state to minister to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans the week of June 2-9, 2018. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you participate?

Christmas Shoeboxes - We will be collecting Christmas shoeboxes until Sunday, December 3rd to send the children of Sacred Road Ministries. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex with all of the information.

Communion - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, December 3rd.

WIC Christmas Party - Our WIC Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00. Ruthie Carlson will be the speaker. Please sign up in the narthex if you will be attending.

Preschool Moms - All Preschool and Elementary School Moms are invited to gather on Thursday, December 7th from 8:30-10:00 AM at NMPC. After a time of fellowship, there will be a presentation on "Keeping Christ in Christmas: Practical Ideas for your Family." A nursery will be provided.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10th immediately following the service to elect officers.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

December - Susan Robertson

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

December - John McSween, Larry Breed, Charles Baker, Frank Fleming,
Buck Ream

◆ **USHERS**

November - Bert Barnes, Jason Churchwell, Shane Self, Keith Young
December - Matt Cathey, Seth Peed, Alan Little

◆ **GREETERS**

November - Howard & Debi Reed
December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

November - Jack Pyles
December - Paul Johnson

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (11/26) - Stephanie Chipley
Next Sunday (12/3) Communion

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (11/26) Larry Breed, Jeff Thompson
Next Sunday (12/03) Jeff Thompson, Frank Fleming

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (11/26) Jay & Kathleen Gettmann
Next Sunday (12/03) Tom & Angie Gibbons

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (11/26) John & Beth McSween
Next Sunday (12/03) Tate & Stephanie Morris

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith, Section 4.1

Q. Christian, what do you believe concerning the creation?

A. Concerning the creation, we believe that
it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
for the manifestation of the glory
of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness,
in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing,
the world, and all things therein,
whether visible or invisible,
in the space of six days,
and all very good.

***Hymn**

116 - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Don & Kathy Moore

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders of NMPC

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Let All Things Now Living

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary: You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You!
The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You!
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You!

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,
Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your glorious
grace, Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus twice)

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— 10/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 673,354

2017 Expenses: \$ 639,986

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 - Oct. \$ 5,958

Capital Campaign— 10/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,990,766

Pledges Received: — 1,290,546

Pledges Outstanding: 700,220

Building Fund Cash: 1,842,797

Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,706,867

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Allison Deaton

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

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Steven Bloodworth (mom); John Timms (brother); Neal Ham (mom); Grant Shelton (dad); Hunter Stevenson (dad); Melanie Grier (mom)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Helen Brock (facial nerve); Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Ed Voss (A fib); Howard Murray (lungs & broken hip); Jennifer Burch (pain)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Barbara Gibson (Dan); Charles Hughes (brother); Kate Harrison (sister); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad); Dan Strawn (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us continue to 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 continue to pray for the EOC as they work alongside Sheridan Construction & SP Design during construction. Let us pray for safety & excellence for all those working on this project.

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Consider Carefully What You Hear
Mark 4:21-34

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*Hymn of Response

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when
the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your
heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand
reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my
time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand
years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: *Consider Carefully What You Hear*

Mark 4:21-34

Meditation

*Consider carefully what you hear. With the measure you use,
it will be measured to you—and even more.*

Mark 4:24

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:

John & Beth McSween

Walker & Sidney Middlebrooks

Matt, Allie, Neva & Bowen Monsted

Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris

Our Missionaries:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry with MTW.

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; Mark Ballard; our teachers & helpers; 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

Pray for Ed Grimsley (elder nominee) and Silas Peed & Wes Seay (deacon nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course