



*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."*

**Evangelical - Reformed - Presbyterian**

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Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Howard Reed  
Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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Bert Barnes  
Matt Cathey  
Lonnie Dye  
Cal Garretson  
Matt Monsted  
Tate Morris  
Jack Pyles

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Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 10, 2017



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

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*Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
Psalm 96:3*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD all the earth!

**People: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him all the earth.

## \*Praise Hymn

203 - *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

## \*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*those who are able please stand*

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# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Congregational Meeting** - There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service today to elect new officers & additional trustees.

**Christmas Shoeboxes** - NMPC collected 54 shoe boxes & \$748 this year to send to Sacred Road Ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated!

**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.

**Wednesday Night Activities** - Our Wednesday Night activities have concluded for 2017. We will resume activities on Wed, Jan 10th.

### Christmas Schedule

Sun, Dec 24 AM - Refreshments & Fellowship at 10 AM  
(No Sunday School Classes)

Worship service at 10:45 AM

Sun, Dec 24 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 31 - Worship service at 10:45 AM

(No Sunday school classes)

**PCA Ministerial Relief Fund** - We will take up a special offering at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used for financial assistance for the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - Help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! Forms for purchasing a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one can be found in the narthex this morning. The deadline is Wed, Dec 14.

**Brass Ensemble** - We are delighted to have a brass ensemble playing this morning for our worship service!

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION  
January - Charles & Patricia Hughes
- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS  
January - Jason Churchwell, Jeff Kross, Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & Howard Reed
- ◆ USHERS  
December - Matt Cathey, Seth Peed, Alan Little
- ◆ GREETERS  
December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye
- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR  
December - Paul Johnson
- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE  
Today (12/10) - Barbara Freeman  
Next Sunday (12/17) Joan Youmans
- ◆ PRAYER TEAM  
Today (12/10) Jeff Kross, John McSween  
Next Sunday (12/17) Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson
- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS  
Today (12/10) Howard Gordon, Seth Peed  
Next Sunday (12/17) Ed & Peggy Grimsley
- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
Today (12/10) Tate & Stephanie Morris  
Next Sunday (12/17) Jack & Sara Pyles

## \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 21-22

- Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?
- A. **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**
- Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?
- A. **Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

## \*Hymn

218 - Angels From the Realms of Glory

## Call to Prayer

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

\*Hymn of Preparation

200 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

# 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

Our Wednesday Night activities have concluded for 2017.

We will resume activities on Wednesday, January 10th.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 11/30/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 725,474

2017 Expenses: \$ 697,010

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-Nov: \$11,258

Capital Campaign— 11/30/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,866

Pledges Received: — 1,309,138

Pledges Outstanding: 684,728

Building Fund Cash: 1,853,118

Bldg Expenses Paid: 164,020

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,701,866

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

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 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**

*Jesus Restores the Demented  
Mark 5:1-20*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

208 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

**\*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: *Jesus Restores the Demoniac*

Mark 5:1-20

## Meditation

*When they came to Jesus,  
they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons,  
sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.*

Mark 5:15

## Intercession

### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants  
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & 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:

Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn  
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish  
Jon, Laura, Brandon & Natalie Paxton  
Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed

### Our Missionaries:

David & Erin Pervis are church planters soon to be working in Greece  
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.