



*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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Howard Reed  
Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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Bert Barnes  
Matt Cathey  
Lonnie Dye  
Cal Garretson  
Matt Monsted  
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Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*December 17, 2017*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name!  
Psalm 96:3*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-4, 9

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People:** I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**People:** Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

**People:** He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name!

## \*Praise Hymn

196 - *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
verses 1, 3 and 4

## \*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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**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.

## Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 Refreshments & Fellowship (No SS classes)

10:45 Worship service

5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

(Nursery for 0-3 year olds provided)

Sunday, December 31st

10:00 Refreshments & Fellowship (No SS classes)

10:45 Worship service

**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.

**Women's Retreat** - There will be a Women's Retreat on February 23-24 at Callaway Gardens. Please email Iris Archer (irismarcher@yahoo.com) to sign up. We encourage all of our women to participate!

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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, Dan Taylor

January - Matt Monsted, Rob Morton, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

♦ **GREETERS**

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Paul Johnson

January - Jim Grier

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (12/17) - Joan Youmans

Next Sunday (12/24) Beth Youmans

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (12/17) Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

Next Sunday (12/24) Buck Ream, Howard Reed

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/17) Ed & Peggy Grimsley

Next Sunday (12/24) Neal & Willa Ham

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (12/17) Jack & Sara Pyles

Next Sunday (12/24) Shane & Amy Self

## \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

Q. Christian, what do you believe about the Incarnation?

A. We believe that the Son of God,  
the second person in the Trinity,  
being truly and eternally God,  
of one substance and equal with the Father,  
did, when the fullness of time had come,  
take upon himself man's nature,  
with all its essential properties and common infirmities,  
yet without sin;  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.  
In this way, two whole natures,  
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct,  
were inseparably joined together in one person  
without being changed, mixed, or confused.  
This person is truly God and truly man,  
yet one Christ,  
the only mediator between God and man.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings 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

204 - Away in a Manger

## Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## 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

O Holy Night

## Scripture Reading

Micah 5:1-5

Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

# 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); 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); Grant & Carter Shelton (dad)

### 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:

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.

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

201 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### **Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### **Sermon**

*Jesus' Power to Heal*  
*Mark 5:21-43*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### **\*Hymn of Response**

226 - *As With Gladness Men of Old*

### **\*Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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' Power to Heal*

*Mark 5:21-43*

**Meditation**

*He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you.  
Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

*Mark 5:34*

**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  
Loving one another as Christ has loved 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:

Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed  
Charlie, Kathy & Becca Pye; Hannah James  
Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles  
Buck & Liz Ream

Our Missionaries:

Mike & Eli Sabin – Engineer with Trans World Radio in Guam  
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.  
Let us give thanks for our new elder, Ed Grimsley, our new deacons, Silas  
Peed and Wes Seay, and our new trustees, Jeff Kross & Rob Morton!