



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

Session

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

Diaconate

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

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

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 24, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel.
Matthew 1:23*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever! With my mouth
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations!

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you
established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Pastor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I
have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line
forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

People: **The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your
faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Pastor: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

People: **In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is
more awesome than all who surround him.**

Pastor: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O
LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

*Praise Hymn

207 - Good Christian Men Rejoice

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - Tuesday - Office Closed

Friday - Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not gather for prayer tomorrow morning
or January 1st. We will resume on Monday, January 8.

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

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 tonight 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!

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **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 Hoyer

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Paul Johnson

January - Jim Grier

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

Today (12/24) - Beth Youmans

Next Sunday (12/31) Patricia Hughes

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (12/24) Buck Ream, Howard Reed

Next Sunday (12/31) Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/24) Neal & Willa Ham

Next Sunday (12/31) Jeff & Cindy Kross

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (12/24) Shane & Amy Self

Next Sunday (12/31) Stephen & Christian Barnes

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 23-26

Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer,
executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king,
both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet,
in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit,
the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest,
in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice
to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God,
and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king,
in subduing us to himself,
in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

*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

203 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Call to Prayer

Luke 1:67-75

His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:1-17

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/FALL QUARTER

Our Sunday School classes have concluded for 2017.

We will resume classes on Sunday, January 7th.

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 (CVICU)

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:

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.

***Hymn of Preparation**

194 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Luke 1:26-38

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***Hymn of Response**

224 - Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Luke 1:26-38

NMPC WEEKLY

12/24/17

Meditation

*You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,
and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.
Luke 1:31-33*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another 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:

Howard, Debi, Lizzie & Ashby Reed
Chip & Cathy Ridley
Susan Robertson
Elliot, Lily, Charlotte, Samantha & Benjamin Robinson

Our Missionaries:

Roger & Dianne Smalling - Write and teach reformed literature in Latin America.
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:

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.