



*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

Diaconate

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*  
Monni Parrish, *Financial Dir., Pianist*  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*December 31, 2017*



**NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you;  
he will never leave you nor forsake you.  
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.  
Deuteronomy 31:8*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his loves endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## \*Praise Hymn

53 - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

## \*Invocation

Bill Barnes

*\*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 - Tuesday - Office Closed

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Winter SS Classes** - Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 as the Winter Quarter of Sunday School classes begin. The classes are listed on page 9.

**Ladies Bible Study** - All ladies are invited to a three week study on spiritual gifts on Wednesday mornings, January, 10, 17 & 24, from 9:30 to 11:00. This will be a great opportunity for our ladies to get to know one another better and to learn how to serve the body of Christ more effectively. Please sign up in the narthex or by emailing Iris Archer (irismarcher@yahoo.com). A nursery will be provided.

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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 Hoyer

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

December - Paul Johnson

January - Jim Grier

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

Today (12/31) - Patricia Hughes

Next Sunday (1/7) Communion

♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (12/31) Frank Fleming, Rob Morton

Next Sunday (1/7) Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (12/31) Jeff & Cindy Kross

Next Sunday (1/7) Alex & Tabitha Hinson

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (12/31) Stephen & Christian Barnes

Next Sunday (1/7) Dan & Holly Taylor

## \*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

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

And the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,

I have called you by name, You are Mine.

*Chorus:* For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),  
I am the Lord your God (*I am*) The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,

And the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,

I have called you by name, You are Mine.

(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

## Call to Prayer

Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bill Barnes

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

*All Glory Be to Christ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ!

### Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy, The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet. All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I AM, The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain Is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us And be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be All glory be to Christ!

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/WINTER QUARTER

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

**Youth Class** - *The Book of Colossians* led by Mark Ballard

### **Adult Classes -**

*Shepherding a Child's Heart* - led by Seth Peed

*2 Corinthians* - led by Jeff Thompson

*Ezra & Nehemiah* - Led by Josh Garrett

Men's Class - *Grace-Focused Optimism* - 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); Steve Smith (dad); Nina Fleming (sister-in-law).

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 strengthen evangelical churches throughout our community, country and the whole world; that all of God’s people would proclaim the Gospel faithfully and boldly; that we would do what is righteous and just; that we would be filled with mercy and compassion; that we would walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8); that God would grant us His peace that would guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:8-19

### \*Hymn of Preparation

598 - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

### Sermon

*All Things New  
Revelation 21:1-5*

Rev. Josh Garrett

### \*Hymn of Response

195 - *Joy to the World*

### \*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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.

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# THE PREACHED WORD

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Title: *All Things New*

Revelation 21:1-5

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# NMPC WEEKLY

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12/31/17

## Meditation

*He who was seated on the throne said,  
"I am making everything new!"*

*Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true!"  
Revelation 21:5*

## 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:

David, Martha, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry  
Anna Sampson  
Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson & Eleanor Schnetzer  
Richard & Linda Scott

### Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton are church planters in Sofia, Bulgaria  
Pray that God would unleash the power of the Gospel throughout the world,  
leading to a great multitude of believers from every nation, tribe, people  
and language to worship our great God.

### Our Ministries:

Our Seniors; they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be  
healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom.  
Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.