



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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 14, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Who is like you—majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?
Exodus 15:11b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: **Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: **Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: **Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!**

*Praise Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

**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 - 9:30 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

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.

Ladies Bible Study - All ladies are invited to a three week study on spiritual gifts on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 and Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 on January 10, 17 & 24. These studies will be great opportunities for our ladies to get to know one another better and to learn how to serve the body of Christ more effectively. A nursery will be provided.

Child Protection Training - We will host another Stewards of Children training on Sunday, January 21st at 5:00 PM in the conference room. This one-time training is required for all volunteers who want to serve in our children's ministry. Please let Bill Barnes know if you plan to attend.

Missions - The Missions Committee is hosting a baked potato & salad bar on Sunday, January 21st at 5:30 PM for two of our missionary couples: Dal & Beth Stanton and David & Erin Pervis. Please sign up in the narthex.

Youth Winter Retreat - All 7th-12th graders are invited to the Winter Retreat on Feb 16-19th at Ridge Haven. Brochures are in the narthex.

Women's Retreat - All ladies are invited to the Women's Retreat on February 23-24 at Calloway Gardens. Contact Iris to sign up.

Mission Trip - NMPC will send another mission team this year to work alongside of Josh Tsavatewa and Sacred Road as they work with the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans in Washington State on June 2-9. Brochures are in the narthex.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

February - Kate Harrison, Beverly Wooden & Joan Youmans

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

January - Jason Churchwell, Jeff Kross, Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & John McSween

February - Howard Reed, Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson, Dan Strawn, Jeff Thompson

♦ **USHERS**

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

February - Cal Garretson, Matt Shepley, Alan Little & Stephen Barnes

♦ **GREETERS**

January - Dan & Connie Strawn

February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

January - Jim Grier

February - Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

January 14 - Beth Youmans

January 21 - Liz Ream

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (1/14) John McSween, Jeff Thompson

Next Sunday (1/21) Dan Strawn & Charles Baker

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (1/14) Donna Dye & Patricia Hughes

Next Sunday (1/21) Tommy & Lolly James

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (1/14) Jason & Allison Tripp

Next Sunday (1/21) Brandon & Beth Youmans

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #27 & 28

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

***Hymn**

75 - *O Father You Are Sovereign*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 121

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 40:9-31

*Hymn of Preparation

Behold Our God

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Baird and Altrogge

Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num-bered ev-'ry grain of sand?
 Who has gi-ven coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of his words?
 Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?
 Kings and na-tions trem-ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris-es to re - joice.
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all his won-drous deeds?
 God e - ter - nal hum-bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to reign!
 Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.
 Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a - dore Him!
 Men: You will reign for - ev-er, Je-sus Christ our Sav-ior.
 Women: Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.
 You will reign for - ev-er, Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior. Be-
 Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,
 hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.
 Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be-
 (repeat chorus)

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 -

Room # 120A - *Shepherding a Child's Heart* - led by Seth Peed

Room # 118 - *2 Corinthians* - led by Jeff Thompson

Room # 119 - *Ezra & Nehemiah* - Led by Josh Garrett

Room # 102 - Men's Class - *Grace-Focused Optimism* - led by Howard Gordon

Room # 115 - 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— 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)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Ed Voss (A fib)

Bereaved: Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Barbara Gibson (Dan); James Norvell (dad); Katy Danner (dad); Dan Strawn (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (mom); Grant & Carter Shelton (dad); Kim & Austin Murray (Howard); Holly Shepley (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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Familiarity Breeds Contempt
Mark 6:1-6

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***Hymn of Response**

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has
ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love, Amazing
grace.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

***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: *Familiarity Breeds Contempt*

Mark 6:1-6

Found on pages 816 & 817 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*He could not do any miracles there,
except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
And he was amazed at their lack of faith.*

Mark 6:5-6

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:

Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith

Steve, Amelia, Brooks, Mallory & Hadley Smith, Bram & Hollis Bradham

Dwight Snuffer

Our Missionaries:

Seth & Leslie Wallace are currently on Home Ministry Assignment.

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 Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word

Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully