



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

February 25, 2018



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
Psalm 105:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name! Make known among the nations what he has done!

People: Sing to him! Sing praise to him! Tell of all his wonderful acts!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: Look to the LORD and his strength. Seek his face

Pastor: Remember the wonders he has done.

*Praise Hymn

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Cloth-ed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

**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

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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.

Faith Promise - NMPC supports its 16 missionaries through Faith Promise Giving. Please turn in your Commitment Card this morning. ***We are hoping for 100% participation from our congregation in 2018!***

Men's Fellowship - All men are invited to attend the Chili & Wild Game Cook-off this Saturday, March 3rd at 6 PM at Jack Pyles' home (3736 Overlook Ave). Please let Josh know if you are bringing a dish! Otherwise, just come and enjoy some great food and fellowship with the men of NMPC!

New Members Class - If you want to learn more about NMPC or join our membership, you are invited to sign up for the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings—March 4 & 18 from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). To sign up or for more information, please contact Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net). *The notebooks for the Class are available in the foyer.*

Flowers - If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathy Pye.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

March - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

March - Rob Morton, Dan Strawn, Paul McCommon, John
McSween, Frank Fleming

♦ **USHERS**

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

March - Wes Seay, Jeff Kross, Jason Churchwell, Andrew Wohlrabe

♦ **GREETERS**

February - Joe & Peggy Timberlake

March - Hays & Andrea Fyke

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

February - Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

February 25 - Beth Youmans

March 4 - Communion

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (2/25) Charles Baker, Jeff Thompson

Next Sunday (3/4) Larry Breed, Dan Strawn

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (2/25) Paul Johnson, Mary Jane Leggett

Next Sunday (3/4) Boo & Rebecca McKelvey

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (2/25) Dwayne & Natalie Benson

Next Sunday (3/4) Morris & Jessica Butler

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what are the benefits you have in Christ Jesus?

First, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

Second, we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Third, we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor heavenly rulers, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hymn**

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence
depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father, if where our treasure is, there our heart is also, then we stand condemned as those whose hearts are far from you. We have treasured the approval of men more than the approval of our Savior, the health of our sports teams more than the health of your church, the size of our savings more than the stewardship of your gifts, the fleeting comforts of sin more than the eternal riches of Christ. We have clung to what we should have released, grasped what we should have cast aside, loved what we should have hated, and, while attempting to serve two masters, we have rejected you. But while our hearts are far from you, your heart is not far from us. Instead, you have called us your treasured possession, a people ransomed not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Our sin is great, but your love is deeper. In your mercy, make everything else taste bitter, that you would be the sweeter!

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance (Isaiah 1:18)

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlett, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

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 29:13-24

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— 1/31/2018

2018 Receipts:	\$ 50,704
2018 Expenses:	\$ 63,240

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed Jan-Jun:	\$20,550
Collected Jan-Jun:	\$ 996
to support our 16 missionaries	

Capital Campaign— 2/15/2018

Amount Pledged:	\$1,993,891
Pledges Received:	— 1,398,343

Pledges Outstanding:	595,548
Building Fund Cash:	2,074,279
Bldg Expenses Paid:	500,120

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,169,947

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: Becky Gorman (Randy); Amelia Smith (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (daughter-in-law); Charlie Parrish (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Steven Bloodworth (mom); John Timms (brother); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Steve Smith (dad); Rana Munna (mom); Jeff Kross (mom)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Kathy Combs (strength)

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); Neal Ham (mom); Charles Baker (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 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.

***Hymn of Preparation**

Spirit of God

Spirit of God

Dm C F B \flat F/A C

Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,

n C F B \flat C

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

n C F B \flat Dm C B \flat

Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as Thou art;
To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove,

F/A B \flat

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Root of Legalism
Mark 7:1-8

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin

Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un - mea - sured, bound - less free,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur - pass - ing all the rest,
rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,
how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.
un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,
how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.
You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may he God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back for the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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.

NMPC WEEKLY

Meditation

The LORD says:

"These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship of Me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Isaiah 29:13

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:

Beverly Wooden
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
Skip & Debbie Yetter
Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans

Our Missionaries:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry with MTW.
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 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. Pray for the Men's Fellowship on Saturday evening.
Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.