



*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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Rob Morton  
Howard Reed  
Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*April 1, 2018*



**NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 15:57*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Pastor: I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

**People: in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

Pastor: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

**People: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**People: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Praise Hymn

277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*\*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

Wednesday - 9:30 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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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.

**Spring Sunday School Quarter** - The Spring SS Quarter has begun. See the class listings on page 9. Come join us at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning.

**2018 Yakama Mission Team** - Ben, Margaret & Sara Marie Baker; Mark & Kara Ballard; Emily Barnes; Claire Boland; Mia Bowers; Jay & Emory Churchwell; Marshall Danner; Matt Halprin; Paul Kanode; Ashby & Lizzie Reed; Andrei & Nicole Parrish; Mary Rachel, Mia & Stone Stevenson; Gracen & LeeAnn Wildman; and Lola Grace Wilson. This team will represent NMPC in Washington State as they serve the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans the week of June 2-9.

**BBQ for Missions** - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for Sat, Apr 14 to raise money for our 2018 Yakama Mission Team. Tickets are on sale now: \$8 for a plate, \$10 for a pound, \$8 for a quart & \$4 for a pint of stew, & \$30 for a Boston Butt. Someone will be in the conference room after church today to sell tickets.

**Men's Fellowship** - Save the date for the next Men's Fellowship: Saturday, April 21st! All of our men will be invited to shoot sporting clays that morning at the Meadows Gun Club. (Young men are welcome to come with their dads or another adult.)

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

April - Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

April - Jeff Thompson, Ed Grimsley, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross,  
Kevin Watson

◆ USHERS

April - Bert Barnes, Lonnie Dye, Rhett Farmer, Ryan Schnetzer

◆ GREETERS

April - Howard & Debi Reed

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

April - Paul Johnson

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

April 1 - Communion

April 8 - Liz Ream

◆ PRAYER TEAM

Today (4/1) Ed Grimsley, John McSween

Next Sunday (4/8) Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (4/1) Grant & Jenny Nicholson

Next Sunday (4/8) James & Joanna Norvell

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (4/1) John & Beth McSween

Next Sunday (4/8) Tate & Stephanie Morris

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

**\*Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith, Section 8.4

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Mediator between God and man?

People: We believe that Jesus Christ  
most willingly undertook the office of Mediator,  
and in order to discharge its obligations,  
he was born under the law, and perfectly fulfilled it.  
He endured most grievous torments in his soul  
and most painful sufferings in his body;  
He was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He remained under the power of death, yet his body did not  
undergo decay;  
And he arose from the dead on the third day  
with the same body in which he had suffered.  
In this body he ascended into heaven,  
where he sits at the right hand of his Father,  
making intercession,  
and he shall return to judge men and angels at the end  
of the age. Amen.

*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**

295 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

## Call to Prayer

Ephesians 1:17-21

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

## 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

2 Kings 14:25; Jonah 1:1-3:5

## \*Hymn of Preparation

276 - *Up From the Grave He Arose*

## Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Sermon

*The Sign of Jonah*  
Matthew 16:1-4; 12:38-41; 28:1-10

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING QUARTER

*Titus* - Teachers: Jason Churchwell, Paul McCommon & Rob Morton,  
Rm. # 118

*Image Bearers* - Teacher: Josh Garrett. Rm. # 119

*Marriage Enrichment* - Teacher: Hunter Stevenson, Rm# 120B

*Each of the adult electives above runs for 4 weeks;  
so you can take one class in April, a second in May.*

Men's Class - *Grace Focused Optimism* - Teacher: Howard Gordon

Ladies' Class - *The Book of Acts*, Rm. #115

## 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.

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# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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### General Operations—2/28/2018

2018 Receipts: \$ 121,614

2018 Expenses: \$ 125,331

### Capital Campaign— 2/28/2018

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891

Pledges Received: — 1,423,053

Pledges Outstanding: 570,838

Building Fund Cash: 1,918,122

Bldg Expenses Paid: 645,502

### Faith Promise for Missions

Needed Jan-Jun: \$20,550

Collected Jan-Feb: \$13,621

to support our 16 missionaries

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,134,462

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

### Our Church Family:

Newborns: William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson, Ella Anne Norvell, Matthew Seay, Benjamin Robinson, Bowen Monsted, Eleanor Schnetzer & Maggie Lynn Deaton

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); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Steve Smith (dad); Rana Munna (mom); Jeff Kross (mom); Liz Ream (Buck); Mike Brock (Helen)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Buck Ream (spine); Savannah Walker (leukemia); Skip Yetter (broken hip); Cathy Ridley (knee replacement); Steve Barnes (cataracts); Diane McCallum (knee)

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); Jack Pyles (cousin); Kathy Kersey (brother); LeAnne Dickey Berry (Luella)

### 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 unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

## The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

### \*Hymn of Response

*In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### \*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:** The Sign of Jonah

Matthew 16:1-4; 12:38-41; 28:1-10

## Meditation

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Romans 1:1-4*

## Intercession

### Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers  
Pervasive worship, fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants  
Attitude of Christ, Works of Service & Words of Encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors  
Enlist to help NMPC make disciples; Engage the world around us

### Our Members:

Bill, Rebecca, Liam & Clay Barnes

Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth

Robert, Rebecca, Mia & Jack Bowers

Larry & LuAnn Breed

### Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton are church planters in Sofia, Bulgaria

Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

### Our Ministries:

Our sister churches & partnering ministries: Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Evangelism Explosion, Campus Clubs, Covenant Care Services and Caring Solutions. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit