



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

March 11, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
Psalm 95:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For he is our God and we are the sheep of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

*Praise Hymn

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**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. So far, we have received 48 commitments for \$55,296. Please turn in your Commitment Card today in the offering plate.

Missions - The Missions Committee is hosting a covered dish dinner this evening at 6:00 PM for two of our missionary couples: Rich & Chrissy Greete and Dr. Victor & Nosizo Nakah. Please sign up in the narthex.

Preschool Moms - There will be a gathering of preschool moms on Tuesday, March 20th at 8:30 AM. After a time of fellowship from 8:30-9:00, Iris Archer will be speaking on *Bringing out the Best in Your Child*.

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

April - Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

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

♦ **USHERS**

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

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

♦ **GREETERS**

March - Hays & Andrea Fyke

April - Howard & Debi Reed

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

March - Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

March 11 - Barbara Freeman

March 18 - Beth McSween

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (3/11) John McSween, Rob Morton

Next Sunday (3/18) Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (3/11) Walker & Sidney Middlebrooks

Next Sunday (3/18) Matt & Allie Monsted

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (3/11) Matt & Megan Cathey

Next Sunday (3/18) Jason & Payton Churchwell

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother - all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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

Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:5-13

*Hymn of Preparation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
(see insert)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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— 3/04/2018

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| 2018 Receipts: | \$ 121,614 |
| 2018 Expenses: | \$ 125,331 |

Capital Campaign— 2/28/2018

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| Amount Pledged: | \$1,993,891 |
| Pledges Received: | — 1,423,053 |

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| Pledges Outstanding: | 570,838 |
| Building Fund Cash: | 1,918,122 |
| Bldg Expenses Paid: | 645,502 |

Faith Promise for Missions

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| Needed Jan-Jun: | \$20,550 |
| Collected Jan-Jun: | \$ 966 |

to support our 16 missionaries

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,134,462

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

Our Church Family:

Expecting: None...that we know of!

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); John Timms (brother); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Steve Smith (dad); Rana Munna (mom); Jeff Kross (mom); Liz Ream (Buck)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Buck Ream (spinal surgery); Savannah Walker (leukemia)

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)

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.

Sermon

A Share of the Blessings
Mark 7:24-30

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when
the evening comes. *Chorus.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your
heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand
reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus.*

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my
time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand
years and then forevermore. *Chorus.*

***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to
him be glory and power 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

Title: *A Share of the Blessings*

Mark 7:24-30

Found on pages 819 in your pew Bible

Meditation

The LORD says, "It is too small a thing for You to be my Servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make You a light for the Gentiles, so that You may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6

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:

Vicki Anderson
Iris Archer
Phillip Austin
Benjamin Baker

Our Missionaries:

David & Erin Pervis are church planters in Kiev, Ukraine
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 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.