



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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Matt Cathey
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Silas Peed
Jack Pyles
Wes Seay

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
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Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 25, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
Psalm 145:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 22-24, 28-29

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*Praise Hymn

235 - *All Glory Laud and Honor*

*Invocation

Bill Barnes

**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

Thursday - 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday - Office Closed

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.

NMPC Schedule for Easter Week (March 28 - April 1)

Wednesday - NO Wednesday Night dinner or meeting

Thursday - 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Saturday - 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday - 9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages

Sunday - 10:45 AM Worship Service

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

April - Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

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 25– Holly Garretson

April 1– Communion

♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (3/25) Paul McCommon, Howard Reed

Next Sunday (4/1) Ed Grimsley, John McSween

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (3/25) Rob & Anne Morton

Next Sunday (4/1) Grant & Jenny Nicholson

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (3/25) Adam & Joanna Griffin

Next Sunday (4/1) John & Beth McSween

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,

so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*Hymn

44 - How Great Thou Art

Call to Prayer

Psalm 27:1-3

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 5:20-29



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain, Who
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side, Who
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove, Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain, Who
 floods my weak - ness - es with strengths and caus - es fear to fly, Whose
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love, For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And
 ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -
 ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING QUARTER

Marriage Enrichment - Teacher: Hunter Stevenson

Titus - Teachers: Jason Churchwell, Paul McCommon & Rob Morton

Image Bearers - Teacher: Josh Garrett

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

Ladies' Class - *The Book of Acts*

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—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

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,134,462

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed Jan-Jun: \$20,550

Collected Jan-Feb: \$13,621

to support our 16 missionaries

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)

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon *You’d Better Know Who You Are Following*
Mark 8:1-21

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***Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

***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

Title: You'd Better Know Who You Are Following

Mark 8:1-21

Meditation

*I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me
three days and have nothing to eat.*

Mark 8:2

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:

Bert, Anna, Bo & Hatcher Barnes

Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes

Steve & Susan Barnes

Dwayne, Natalie, Meryt & Luke Benson

Our Missionaries:

Roger and Diane Smalling write and teach reformed literature in Latin
America.

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 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