



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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Jason Churchwell
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Dan Strawn
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Bert Barnes
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*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 15, 2018



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, 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 or Lord.
Romans 8:38-39*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

People: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

People: The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*Praise Hymn

302 - *Come Christians Join to Sing*

**those who are able please stand*

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.

Men's Fellowship - All of our men are invited to shoot sporting clays this Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 AM at the Meadows Gun Club. We will enjoy BBQ for lunch afterwards. Please talk to Josh if you have any questions. (Young men are welcome to come with their dads or another adult.)

Online Donations - NMPC is pleased to announce an electronic option for making donations. Contributions can now be conveniently debited from your checking or savings account, either as a one-time donation or a reoccurring basis. Please visit our website (nmpc.net) and click the "Online Giving" tab to get started.

Communicant's Class - NMPC will be offering a Communicant's Class in June for students (rising 5th graders & up) in order to prepare them to make a public profession of their faith & become a communing member of the church. Please contact Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) for more info.

Children's Ministry Director - NMPC has formed a Search Committee to find our next Children's Ministry Director. If you know of a potential candidate, please contact Bill Barnes (bill@nmpc.net) for a job description and more information.

The Edge - Signups for the EDGE are underway! The EDGE is a junior high camp for rising 7th – rising 9th graders, on the campus of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga. It's planned for June 18 – 22, and the cost is \$335. To sign up, please fill out a registration (on table in Narthex) and turn in \$100 deposit by **Wednesday, April 25**. Contact Mark Ballard if you have questions about the EDGE – or if you are in need of financial assistance.

Caring Solutions Banquet - Caring Solutions of Central Georgia is hosting their 34th Annual Fundraising Benefit on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 PM at the Macon City Auditorium. Benjamin Watson, who recently signed with the New Orleans Saints, is the keynote speaker. Tickets are complimentary and available through their website: www.friendsofcaringsolutions.com or by calling 478-755-1343.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

May - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

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

♦ **USHERS**

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

May - Silas Peed, Charlie Pye, Steven Bloodworth, Glen Johnson

♦ **GREETERS**

April - Howard & Debi Reed

May - Stephen & Christian Barnes

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

April - Paul Johnson

May - Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

April 15– Connie Strawn

April 22 – Murray Todd

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (4/15) Dan Strawn, Buck Ream

Next Sunday (4/22) Charles Baker, Frank Fleming

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (4/15) Charlie & Nicole Parrish

Next Sunday (4/22) Howard & Debi Reed

♦ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (4/15) Charlie & Kathy Pye

Next Sunday (4/22) Jack & Sara Pyles

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 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.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

***Hymn**

128 - God Moves In a Mysterious Way

Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor Graham Schnetzer

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask 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.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—3/31/2018

2018 Receipts: \$ 186,263
2018 Expenses: \$ 194,777

Capital Campaign— 3/31/2018

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891
Pledges Received: — 1,506,095

Pledges Outstanding: 487,796
Building Fund Cash: 1,644,583
Bldg Expenses Paid: 1,025,450

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed Jan-Jun: \$20,550
Collected Jan-March: \$19,856
to support our 16 missionaries

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,157,829

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 (shingles, COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Buck Ream (neck); Savannah Walker (leukemia); Skip Yetter (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee); Steve Barnes (cataracts); Diane McCallum (hip); Bryan Covert (knee); Mallory Sammons

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 restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

Offertory

***Hymn of Preparation**

500 - *Rock of Ages*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Peter's Confession & Christ's Call
Mark 8:27 - 9:1

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary: You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You!
The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You!
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You!

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,
Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your
glorious grace, Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus twice)

***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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.

THE PREACHED WORD

Title: *Peter's Confession & Christ's Call*

Mark 8:27–9:1

Found on page 820 in your pew Bible

NMPC WEEKLY

04/15/18

Meditation

If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it.
Mark 8:34-35

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

Our Members:

Matt, Megan, Andrew & William Cathey
John, Stephanie & Lizzie Chipley
Haden Chruchwell
Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell

Our Missionaries:

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher - Mentoring ministry of missionaries in Sub-Saharan Africa and those on Home Assignment.
Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups.

Our Ministries:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit