



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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Silas Peed
Jack Pyles
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 22, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and praise!
Revelation 5:12*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**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

6:00 pm - Elder & Deacon Dinner & Meeting

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.

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 & a become 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.

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 22 - Murray Todd

April 29 - Cheryl Willis

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (4/22) Charles Baker, Frank Fleming

Next Sunday (4/29) Howard Reed, Paul McCommon

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (4/22) Howard & Debi Reed

Next Sunday (4/29) Susan Robertson & Heather Stevenson

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (4/22) Jack & Sara Pyles

Next Sunday (4/29) Ryan & Jessie Schnetzer

***Praise Hymn**

310 - *Rejoice the Lord is King*

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

***Hymn**

297 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

Receiving New Members

Audrey Drummond; Bill & Glenda Eaves; Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna; Brian, Dawn, Tucker & Max Hannah; Caitlyn Hannah; Rebecca Martinez; John & Joyce Meadows; Mallory Sammons; Mike & Cheryl Simmons; Chuck & Jackie Wachob

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

The Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

Call to Prayer

2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

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

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 through April;
they will be repeated 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 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.

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 1:7-8; Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:13-17, 76-80; Matthew 3:1-3; 11:7-15

*Hymn of Preparation

Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You— to re-ceive the food of Your ho - ly word
 Teach us Lord full a - be - di - ence, — ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu - mil - i - ty. —
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; — Shape and fash - ion us — in Your like - ness,
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance — of Your pu - ri - ty.
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty.

that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deed of faith.
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promi - ses; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill — in us — all Your pur - pos - es — for Your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

When the Veil Was Removed
Mark 9:2-13

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*Hymn of Response

642 - Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. Amen.

Postlude

Title: *When the Veil Was Removed*

Mark 9:2-13

Found on page 820 in your pew Bible

Meditation

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud:

"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Mark 9:7

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:

Kathy Combs

Bryan, Meredith, Hunter & Rhett Covert

Larry & Cathy Crumbley

Brenda Crutchfield

Our Missionaries:

Stephen & Sarah Young minister to Japanese in Tennessee

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 college students; pray for Marlin & Caroline Harris as they prepare to move back to Macon to serve at RUF Mercer, alongside of Amanda DeYoung, Kristen Hearn and Dalton Titus; pray also for Amanda's work at RUF Wesleyan; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ

Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ