

*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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Kevin Watson

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

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*April 29, 2018*



**NORTH MACON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*And my God will meet all your needs  
according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

53- *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

\*Invocation

Bill Barnes

*\*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

Thursday - 7:30 am - National Day of Prayer Breakfast

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.

**Honoring our Graduates** - Please take a few minutes to write in the journals of our graduating high school seniors this morning.

**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 (nmpe.net) and click the "Online Giving" tab to get started.

**Special Needs Ministry** - If you are interested in serving our children with special needs and their families, please contact Bill Barnes to sign up for more information and a training session.

**National Day of Prayer** - National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 3rd at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served from 6:45 am until 7:25 am. Program is 7:30 - 8:40 am. Tickets are available in Kathy's office.

# 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 29 - Cheryl Willis

May 6 - Communion

## ♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (4/29) Howard Reed & Paul McCommon

Next Sunday (5/6) Jeff Kross & Rob Morton

## ♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (4/29) Susan Robertson & Heather Stevenson

Next Sunday (5/6) Chris & Hope Wilson

## ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (4/29) Ryan & Jessie Schnetzer

Next Sunday (5/6) Pat Jenkins & Kathleen Gettmann

## \*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

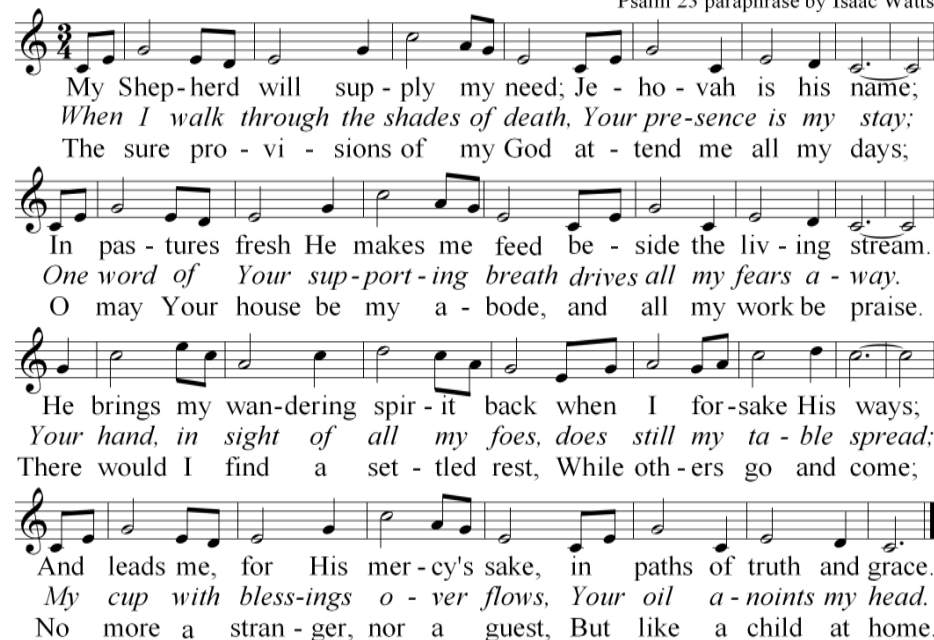
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on  
to live for him.

## \*Hymn

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup- ply my need; Je- ho- vah is his name;  
*When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre- sence is my stay;*  
The sure pro- vi- sions of my God at- tend me all my days;  
In pas- tures fresh He makes me feed be- side the liv- ing stream.  
*One word of Your sup- port- ing breath drives all my fears a- way.*  
O may Your house be my a- bode, and all my work be praise.  
He brings my wan- dering spir- it back when I for- sake His ways;  
*Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta- ble spread;*  
There would I find a set- tled rest, While oth- ers go and come;  
And leads me, for His mer- cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
*My cup with bless- ings o- ver flows, Your oil a- noints my head.*  
No more a stran- ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

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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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his 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 him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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 his life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**Call to Prayer**

Luke 12:22-34

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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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 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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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**General Operations—3/31/2018**

2018 Receipts: \$ 186,263

2018 Expenses: \$ 194,777

**Faith Promise for Missions**

Needed Jan-Jun: \$20,550

Collected Jan-March: \$19,856  
to support our 16 missionaries

**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

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,157,829

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

### Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kathlyn Wohlrabe

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 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.

## 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

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful;  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place;  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. 2X  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. 2X

## Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

**\*Hymn of Response***On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.  
I am bound (*I am bound*), I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

**\*Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant  
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,  
equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is  
pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**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

**Meditation**

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."  
Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"  
Mark 9:23-24

**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:**

Cleve & Kathy Cunningham  
Will, Kristen, Nate, Seth, Josiah, Noah, Isaac & Joshua Daniels  
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner  
Carol Dawson

**Our Missionaries:**

Trey & Kikki Adams - Thailand  
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 families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses  
would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their  
children; children would love & obey their parents and love one another.  
Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.