



*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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Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Howard Reed  
Hunter Stevenson  
Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Kevin Watson

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

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*July 1, 2018*



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

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

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*From one man he made every nation of men,  
that they should inhabit the whole earth;  
and he determined the times set for them  
and the exact places where they should live.*  
Acts 17:26

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Acts 17:24-28a

Pastor: The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

People: **And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.**

Pastor: From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

People: **God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.**

Pastor: For in him we live and move and have our being.

\*Praise Hymn

710 - *God of Our Fathers*

*\*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

Tuesday - Thursday - Office Closed

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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.

**Summer Fellowship** - We will not have our Summer Fellowship this Wednesday evening in observance of the July 4th holiday. We will resume next Wednesday, July 11th.

**Toilet Paper for Campus Clubs** - Campus Clubs, which meets at Strong Tower Fellowship, is in need of toilet paper. NMPC would like to help! Between now and July 15th you can donate a pack of your favorite toilet paper or make a donation (please make your check out to NMPC with "CC TP" in the memo line). The donations will enable Campus Clubs to pay for headphones for a special computerized reading program for struggling readers along with other things.

**The Lord's Supper** - Participants in the Lord's Supper will be asked to walk down to the front to receive the elements this morning. The center sections will exit to the center aisle, walk down front, take the elements and walk back to their seats via the side aisles. The outside sections will exit to the side aisles, walk to the back of the sanctuary, walk down the center aisle, take the elements and walk back to their seats via the outside aisles.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

July - Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

July - Jeff Thompson, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross, Josh Garrett,

◆ USHERS

July - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Bert Barnes, Elliot Robinson

◆ GREETERS

July - Jerry & Cheryl Willis

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

July- Joey Leggett

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

July 1 - Communion

July 8 - Murray Todd

◆ PRAYER TEAM

Today (7/1) Ed Grimsley & Jeff Thompson

Next Sunday (7/8) Kevin Watson & Dan Strawn

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (7/1) John & Ann Timms

Next Sunday (7/8) Keith & Kasey Young

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (7/1) Matt & Ashlee Smith

Next Sunday (7/8) Bert & Anna Barnes

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:  
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
and who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence—  
is my God and Father  
because of Jesus Christ His Son.  
I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good  
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*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

599 - Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Call to Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

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

NMPC Children

\*Hymn of Preparation

598 - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Most Excellent Way  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL/SUMMER QUARTER

This summer our whole church will be reading and studying Paul Miller’s book, *A Praying Life*. You can pick up a copy of the book & a reading schedule in the narthex.

Please sign up for a Sunday School Class where we will be discussing *A Praying Life* during the summer months.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will not meet Wednesday in observance of the July 4th holiday.

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# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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General Operations—5/31/2018

2018 Receipts: \$ 360,931  
2018 Expenses: \$ 307,451

Capital Campaign— 5/31/2018

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891  
Pledges Received: — 1,534,679

Pledges Outstanding: 459,212  
Building Fund Cash: 1,125,903  
Bldg Expenses Paid: 1,585,027

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June \$22,175  
Collected Jan - May: \$28,166  
to support our 15 missionaries

Total Gifts & Pledges: 3,170,142

Ground Breaking: Oct 15, 2017

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

To give electronically, please visit our website at [nmpc.net](http://nmpc.net).

### 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); Tyler Gottlieb (brother)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Buck Ream (neck); Savannah Walker (leukemia); Skip Yetter (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee); Diane McCallum (hip); Kate Harrison (voice); Mike Simmons (hip)

Bereaved: 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); Kathy Kersey (brother); Iris Archer (sister); Myra Baker (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.

## The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seat, as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

### \*Hymn of Response

*How Deep the Father’s Love For Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no powr's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore.  
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:** *The Most Excellent Way*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8a*

Found on page 932 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.*

*But the greatest of these is love.*

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

## 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:

Patrick, Ashley, Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoye  
Reba Hudson  
Charles & Patricia Hughes  
Tommy & Lolly James

### 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:

Let us give thanks to God for a great week at Vacation Bible School! We  
had over 100 children to participate and over 60 volunteers helping out.  
It was a great success. Pray that the seeds of the Gospel would bear much  
fruit in the lives of our students.