

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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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

June 24, 2018



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 136

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.
People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD who alone does great wonders.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the One who remembered us in our low

estate.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to our God who freed us from our enemies.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: His love endures forever.

\*Praise Hymn

302 - Come Christians Join to Sing

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

### \*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
7:00 pm - Stated Session Meeting
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School
Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Dinner
6:45 pm - Bible Lesson

# 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.

**Vacation Bible School** - *The King is Coming!* Please pray for the 75 children and 59 volunteers (28 youth) serving at VBS starting tomorrow morning. If you can help prepare food, please see Bill Barnes or Joan Youmans.

**Summer Fellowship** - On Wednesday we will gather for dinner at 6:00 PM followed by a *Story of Deliverance* from the book of Judges for all ages.

**RUF Bible Study** - RUF Summer Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the FPC Annex. The study is "Unique: What Sets Christianity Apart." This bible study will run until July 25th.

# SERVICE SCHEDULES

### ♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

<u>July</u> - Charles & Patricia Hughes

### ♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>July</u> - Jeff Thompson, Howard Reed, Ed Grimsley, Jason Churchwell, Dan Strawn

### ♦ <u>Ushers</u>

<u>June</u> - Tate Morris, Joe Timberlake, Robby Danner, Paul Kanode <u>July</u> - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Patrick Hoye, Elliot Robinson

#### ♦ GREETERS

<u>June</u> - Jim & Melanie Grier <u>July</u> - Jerry & Cheryl Willis

### ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

<u>June</u> - Joey Leggett

### ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

<u>June 24</u> - Connie Strawn <u>July 1</u> - Communion

# ♦ PRAYER TEAM

<u>Today (6/24)</u> Howard Reed, Larry Breed <u>Next Sunday (7/1)</u> Ed Grimsley, Jeff Thompson

# ♦ Nursery Workers

Today (6/24) Andrew & Kathlyn Wohlrabe Next Sunday (7/1) John & Ann Timms

# ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>Today (6/24)</u> Brandon & Beth Youmans <u>Next Sunday (7/1)</u> Matt & Ashlee Smith

#### \*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

Father, Long Before Creation



# Call to Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

### 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

Jonathan Wisdom

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

\*Hymn of Preparation

Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus* 

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus* 

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus* 

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### 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

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). There will be a different menu each week in addition to a full salad bar. At 6:45 PM we will have a lesson for all ages in the sanctuary. This summer we will be studying *Stories of Deliverance* from the book of Judges.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

 General Operations
 5/31/2018

 2018 Receipts:
 \$ 360,931

 2018 Expenses:
 \$ 307,451

<u>Capital Campaign</u>— 5/31/2018 Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891 Pledges Received: — 1,534,679

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Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June \$22,175 Collected Jan - May: \$28,166 to support our 15 missionaries Pledges Outstanding: 459,212 Building Fund Cash: 1,125,903 Bldg Expenses Paid: 1,585,027

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.

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### Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kathlyn Wohlrabe

Newborns: William Cathey, Jonathan Young, Rhett Covert, Camp Garretson, Ella Anne Norvell, Matthew Seav, 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:

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

I Want To See! Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

# \*Hymn of Response

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Iesus. I my cross have taken. All to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be. Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care. Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine, Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

#### 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: I Want to See! Mark 10:46-52

Found on page 823 in your pew Bible

# NMPC WEEKLY

### **Meditation**

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong; do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shout for joy.

Isaiah 35:3-6

### 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:

Andrew & Kristen Hearn Alex, Tabitha, Ella & Zander Hinson Romey & Debby Hitson Lyn & Aaron Hogg

### Our Missionaries:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson - Vernacular Media with Wycliffe 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:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; our summer interns, Lizzie Reed & Skylar Gossett; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and would seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness

Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit