



*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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Howard Reed  
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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 22, 2018



NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves,  
it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bill Barnes

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

\*Praise Hymn

44 - *How Great Thou Art*

\*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 - 6:00 pm - Dinner

6:45 pm - SweatFest Report

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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.

### Children's Ministry Dates

Special Needs Ministry Buddy Training: Wed, July 25th at 7:30 PM

Children's Ministry Family Cookout: Sun, July 29th at 5:30 PM

**SweatFest 2018** - Please pray for our 29 students and 3 leaders as they participate in SweatFest this week. SweatFest is a week long, in town, service project for the purpose of transforming things from chaos to order.

Adelle Vinson, Amelia & Sophie Tripp, Andrei & Nicole Parrish, Lizzie & Ashby Reed, Austin Murray, Miles & Charlie Morris, Claire & Mary Jane Boland, Dalton Self, Jay & Emory Churchwell, Haden Churchwell, Henry Peed, Marshall & Hughes Danner, Lola Grace Wilson, Mark Ballard, Mary Blue Butler, Mary Rachel, Mia & Stone Stevenson, Matt Halprin, Mia Bowers, Nate Daniels, Will & Rives Watson, Sarah Rogers & Skylar Gossett

**Summer Fellowship** - On Wednesday we will gather for dinner at 6:00 PM followed by a report from the SweatFest Team. Barbara Gibson will be providing the meal, along with a full salad bar. *This meeting will conclude our Summer Fellowships.* We will take a break for a three weeks and then resume our Wednesday Night Activities on August 22nd.

**Kristen Hearn, RUF Intern** - Kristen Hearn is a member of our church and is serving as a two year intern at RUF Mercer. She will give an update on her ministry with RUF this morning.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

August - Mary Jane Leggett

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

August - Paul McCommon, John McSween, Jason Churchwell,  
Rob Morton, Dan Strawn

◆ USHERS

July - Jack Pyles, Chris Wilson, Bert Barnes, Elliot Robinson  
August - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Hays Fyke, Howard Gordon

◆ GREETERS

July - Jerry & Cheryl Willis  
August - Lonnie & Donna Dye

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

July- Joey Leggett

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

July 22- Beth Youmans  
July 29- Barbara Freeman

◆ PRAYER TEAM

Today (7/22) Howard Reed, Frank Fleming  
Next Sunday (7/29) Jeff Kross, Paul McCommon

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (7/22) Myra & Margaret Baker  
Next Sunday (7/29) Robert & Rebecca Bowers

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (7/22) Dan & Holly Taylor  
Next Sunday (7/29) Dwayne & Natalie Benson

## \*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God

—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent his Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die,  
by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life,  
for our justification,  
in order that by him  
we might have immortality and eternal life.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

## \*Hymn

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, rescue the souls of men,  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have, hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,  
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Repeat Chorus)

## Call to Prayer

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## 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

## Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Come Ye Sinners*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with pow'r:  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:  
Not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners, Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;  
This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;  
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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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

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 hear a report from the SweatFest team about their service & work in our community.

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# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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### General Operations—6/30/2018

2018 Receipts: \$ 429,094  
2018 Expenses: \$ 387,419

### Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June \$22,175  
Collected Jan - June: \$30,700  
to support our 16 missionaries

We paid out \$23,470 in June to support our missionaries.

### Capital Campaign—6/30/2018

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891  
Pledges Received: — 1,539,946

Pledges Outstanding: 453,945  
Building Fund Cash: 828,868  
Bldg Expenses Paid: 1,896,629

Total Gifts & Pledges: \$3,179,442

Total Project Cost: \$4,277,912

Projected Completion: Oct 2018

To give electronically, please visit our website at [nmipc.net](http://nmipc.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); Bill Eaves (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. Josh Garrett

**Sermon**

*Abundant: A Feast for Prodigals*  
Luke 15:11-32

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**\*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**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to  
him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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:** *Abundant: A Feast Prodigals*

Luke 15:11-32

Found on page 849 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*But the father said to his servants,  
“Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger  
and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it.  
Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.  
Luke 15:22-24*

## 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:

Charlotte Laurens  
Moses & Mary Lee  
Mary Jane & Joey Leggett  
Lynn Leverette

### Our Missionaries:

Dal & Beth Stanton are church planters in Sofia, Bulgaria  
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 women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first  
Christ’s Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and  
the Holy Spirit.  
Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness.