



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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Matt Monsted
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Jack Pyles
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Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 29, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
1 John 3:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

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.

Children's Ministry - There will be a cookout for Children's Ministry Families today at 5:30 PM on the playground. Come join us!

Wednesday Night Activities - Our Summer Fellowships have concluded for the summer. We will not meet this Wednesday night. We will take a break for 3 weeks and then resume our normal Wednesday Night Activities on August 22nd.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **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 29– Barbara Freeman
August 5 – Communion

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (7/29) Jeff Kross, Paul McCommon
Next Sunday (8/5) Jason Churchwell, Rob Morton

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (7/29) Robert & Rebecca Bowers
Next Sunday (8/05) Lee & Jennifer Burch

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (7/29) Dwayne & Natalie Benson
Next Sunday (8/05) Steven & Jill Bloodworth

***Praise Hymn**

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

***Invocation**

Bill Barnes

***Confession of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.**

For by him all things were created:

**things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.**

**He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church;

**He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

***Hymn**

94 - *How Firm a Foundation*
(vs. 1-4, 6)

Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton; James & Amy Drummond;
Tyler & Jessi Gottlieb

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

Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday nights have concluded for the summer. We will resume our normal Wednesday Night Activities on August 22nd.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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 nmnpc.net.

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kathryn 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:

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.

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:39-43 & Revelation 7:9-12

*Hymn of Preparation

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from this la - bor's rest to thee by -
 2. Thou hast their rock, their for-ress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 3. O may thy sold - iers faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the

4 A G D A
 faith be - fore the world con - fess thy name O Je - sus be for -
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their
 saints who no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's

7 Bm A G D Last Time To Coda A
 e - ver - blessed al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.
 one true light, al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.
 crown of gold, al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Allelu.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Hymn of ResponseOn 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**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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.

Meditation

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
may have power, together with all the saints,
to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...
Ephesians 3:17-18*

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:

Elaine Libbey
Alan, Kathy, Bryce & Olivia Little
Stephen Mackes
Rebecca Martinez

Our Missionaries:

Josh Tsvatewa is the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Roads Ministries.
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:

Our Seniors; they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.