



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

July 8, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
Psalm 147:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: **Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: **Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: **Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!**

***Praise Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful
(see insert)*

***Invocation**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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

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.

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.

Marlin & Caroline Harris - We welcome Marlin & Caroline back to Macon as they work with RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) at Mercer University. Marlin & Caroline were members of NMPC after graduating from Mercer, and Marlin was a pastoral intern at NMPC in 2011. We are glad to have Marlin preaching today!

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ 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 8 - Murray Todd
July 15- Cheryl Willis
- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
Today (7/8) Kevin Watson, Dan Strawn
Next Sunday (7/15) Charles Baker, Buck Ream
- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (7/8) Keith & Kasey Young
Next Sunday (7/15) Iris Archer & Jane Brooks
- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (7/8) Bert & Anna Barnes
Next Sunday (7/15) Stephen & Christian Barnes

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
He, who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more:
He, who washed us with His blood; He, who washed us with His blood;
He, who washed us with His blood; Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood;
You have washed us with your blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

Call to Prayer

- Q. God asks, Who am I to you?
- A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**
- Q. What is it that you desire most?
- A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
- Q. What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?
- A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.**
We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Q. How can you be so bold in asking for these things?
- A. **For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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.

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—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.

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:

Ask God to restrain wickedness in our city; to convict men of their sins so that they turn to Jesus the Savior; to write His laws upon our hearts so that we might live to please Him.

Offertory

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-17

***Hymn of Preparation**

*Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(see insert)*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Sorrow & Silence
2 Samuel 12*

Rev. Marlin Harris

***Hymn of Response**

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

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Title: *Sorrow and Silence*

2 Samuel 12

Found on page 248 in your pew Bible

Meditation

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah (which means "loved by the LORD").

2 Samuel 12:24-25

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Celebrating Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Loving one another as Jesus has loved us
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Testifying to the world that Jesus is the Christ

Our Members:

Pat Jenkins
Glen & Helen Johnson
Paul Johnson
Kathryn Jones

Our Missionaries:

Mike & Eli Sabin - Engineer with Trans World Radio in Guam
Unreached People Groups; pray for the missionaries who minister to those who have never heard the Gospel, that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit, open the hearts of their hearers, and cause churches to be established; pray that God would raise up more missionaries with a heart for these unreached people groups.

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.