



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

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

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*August 19, 2018*



**NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

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*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that through his poverty you might become rich.  
2 Corinthians 8:9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

People: **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

People: **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

\*Praise Hymn

77 - *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\*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 - 9:30 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

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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.

**PCA Installation Services** - Marlin Harris will be ordained as a Teaching Elder (TE) and installed as the RUF Minister of Mercer University tonight at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church.

**Wednesday Night Activities** - Our Wednesday night activities resume this week. Dinner begins at 5:45 PM with classes for all ages at 6:30 PM.

**Youth Parent Meeting** - On Sun, Aug 26th from 7 – 8 PM, Mark Ballard will have a Parent Meeting in the sanctuary. Parents, please plan to attend.

**Buddy Training** - NMPC will offer another "Buddy Training" for our Special Needs Ministry at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, August 29th. If you want to sign up or to learn more, please contact Bill for more info ([bill@nmpc.net](mailto:bill@nmpc.net)).

**Discipleship Opportunities at NMPC** - We encourage every communing member to participate in a small group this Fall. Please go to the Small Groups page on the NMPC website ([www.nmpc.net](http://www.nmpc.net)) to sign up.

**Officer Nominations** - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon by next Sunday, August 26th. Nomination forms are in the narthex.

**Campus Clubs** - CC is having a Golf Tournament to raise funds for their ministry on Fri, Aug 24th. Registration forms are in the narthex.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary are given for the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Hunter's birthday today.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION  
September - Susan Robertson
- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS  
September - Howard Reed, Paul McCommon, Jeff Kross, Dan Strawn,  
Kevin Watson
- ◆ USHERS  
August - Matt Monsted, Charles Baker, Hays Fyke, Howard Gordon  
September - Wes Seay, Howard Reed, Charlie Parrish, James Norvell
- ◆ GREETERS  
August - Lonnie & Donna Dye, Jane Brooks & Kate Harrison  
September - Paul & Pam Kanode
- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR  
August- Joey Leggett
- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE  
August 19 – Holly Garretson  
August 26 – Liz Ream
- ◆ PRAYER TEAM  
Today (8/19) Larry Breed & Jeff Thompson  
Next Sunday (8/26) Dan Strawn & John McSween
- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS  
Today (08/19) Robby & Katy Danner  
Next Sunday (8/26) Judy LaPish & Amy Frey
- ◆ CHILDREN’S CHURCH  
Today (08/19) Matt & Megan Cathey  
Next Sunday (8/26) Jason & Payton Churchwell

## \*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 officers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best statements of Reformed doctrine.*

## \*Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains; Unending love, Amazing grace.*

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 11:24-25; 22:9; 28:27; Luke 6:38

\*Hymn of Preparation

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

# 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

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study and some adults meet in Small Groups (see Josh for details), while the youth (grades 7-12) and the children (4 years to 6th grade) have classes. Nursery is provided.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—7/31/2018

2018 Receipts: \$ 489,804  
2018 Expenses: \$ 463,378

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by Dec. \$22,175  
Collected July: \$ 3,400  
to support our 16 missionaries

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

Capital Campaign— 7/31/2018

Amount Pledged: \$1,993,891  
Pledges Received: — 1,571,648

Pledges Outstanding: 422,243  
Building Fund Cash: 480,400  
Bldg Expenses Paid: 2,278,054

Total Gifts & Pledges: \$3,180,697

Total Project Cost: \$4,277,912

Proposed completion date: 10/11/18

*To give electronically, please visit our website at nmpc.net.*

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kathlyn Wohlrabe & Kristen Daniels

Newborns: Matthew Seay, Benjamin Robinson, Bowen Monsted,  
Eleanor Schnetzer & Maggie Lynn Deaton

Members caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Charlie Parrish (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Mike Brock (Helen); Tyler Gottlieb (brother); Mary Jane (daughter-in-law)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); Peggy Timberlake (surgery)

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); Linda Scott (Richard)

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**

*A Generous Man Will Prosper*  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*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*

**\*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:** *A Generous Man Will Prosper*

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Found on page 940 in your pew bible

## Meditation

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8

## 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:

Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris

Rob & Anne Morton

Kim & Austin Murray

Grant & Jenny Nicholson

### Our Missionaries:

Trey & Kikki Adams - Thailand

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 sister churches & partnering ministries; Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Evangelism Explosion, Campus Clubs, Covenant Care Services and Caring Solutions. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit