



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

September 23, 2018



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.
John 15:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

5:30 pm - New Members Class

Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 8:45 am - Mentor Moms

Wednesday - 9:30 am - Bible Study

5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

Thursday - 9:00 am - Mentor Moms

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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.

New Members Class - If you want to learn more about NMPC or join our membership, you are invited to sign up for the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings—tonight and Oct 7th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please speak to Pastor Hunter today. Also, please pick up a notebook for the class in the foyer today.

Men's Fellowship - The next Men's Fellowship will be held at the Kross Cabin on September 30th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. There will be food, fishing and fellowship. Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons.

Disaster Response - The PCA through the Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response Division is proactively ministering to victims of Hurricane Florence. We can contribute to their efforts through the following link: www.pcamna.org

Missionary of the Month - Trey & Kikki Adams, serving in Thailand, are our "Missionary of the Month" for September. Please see page 7 for specific prayer requests for the Adams.

Weekly E-mails - If you are a visitor and want to receive weekly e-mails from the church, please send Kathy (kathy@nmpc.net) your e-mail address.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

October - Kate Harrison, Beverly Wooden & Joan Youmans

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

September - Howard Reed, Paul McCommon, Ed Grimsley, Charles Baker & John McSween

October - Jeff Kross, Dan Strawn, Kevin Watson, Jason Churchwell, Rob Morton

♦ **USHERS**

September - Wes Seay, Howard Reed, Charlie Parrish, James Norvell

October - Patrick Hoye, Seth Peed, Dan Taylor, Lonnie Dye

♦ **GREETERS**

September - Jim & Melanie Grier, Lonnie & Donna Dye

October - Frank & Nina Fleming

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

September- Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

September 23– Cheryl Willis

September 30 – Beth Youmans

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (9/23) Jason Churchwell, Larry Breed

Next Sunday (9/30) John McSween, Frank Fleming

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (09/23) Ed & Peggy Grimsley

Next Sunday (9/30) Neal & Willa Ham

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (09/23) Will & Kristen Daniels

Next Sunday (9/30) Patrick Hoye & Hays Fyke

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Cloth-ed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***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. 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.

Call to Prayer

James 5:16b-18

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

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

Lord, I Need You

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/FALL QUARTER

Maximizing Your Faith & Minimizing Your Stress - Teacher: Jeff Thompson
Room #118

James: Responding to Grace - Teachers: Jason Churchwell, Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson. Room #119

Understanding & Experiencing the Psalms - Teacher: Josh Garrett, Room #120B

Men's Class - *A Praying Life* - Teacher: Howard Gordon, Conference Room

Ladies' Class - *The Book of Acts*, Room #115

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 a study of Jeremiah & 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.

The menu for Wed, Sept 26th is Hot Chicken Salad, Corn Souffle, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread & Peach Cobbler.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—8/31/2018

2018 Receipts:	\$ 558,694
2018 Expenses:	\$ 516,475

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by Dec.	\$22,175
Collected thru Aug.	\$ 6,820
to support our 16 missionaries	

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

Capital Campaign—8/31/2018

Amount Pledged:	\$1,993,891
Pledges Received:	— 1,602,540

Pledges Outstanding:	391,351
Building Fund Cash:	278,706
Bldg Expenses Paid:	2,591,314

Total Gifts & Pledges:	\$3,181,538
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Total Project Cost:	\$4,277,912
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Proposed completion date: 10/11/18

To give electronically, please visit our website at nmipc.net.

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kathryn 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); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Mike Brock (Helen); Tyler Gottlieb (brother); Mary Jane (daughter-in-law); Amy Self (dad); Pearson Kelly (mom)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (surgery); Peggy Timberlake (surgery); Cathy Crumbley (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); Joan Youmans (brother); Martha Roddenberry (dad)

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.

***Hymn of Preparation**

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain, Who
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-side, Who
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a-bove, Whose
plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain, Who
floods my weak-ness-es with strengths and caus-es fear to fly, Whose
wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love, For
crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness and clothed me in His light, And
ev-'ry prom-ise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take, Sus-
cv-'ry day I have on earth is giv-en by the King. So
wrote His law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.
tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all to love and fol-low Him.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Hymn of ResponseJesus I am Resting, Resting*

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
 Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
 For by thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
 O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
 Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. (Refrain)

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
 And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
 Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
 Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed. (Refrain)

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
 Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
 Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
 Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. (Refrain)

***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we could
 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

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,
 and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
 showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

*John 15:7-8***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:

Linda Scott

Wes, Marie, Elizabeth & Matthew Seay

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self

Roy Shen

Our Ministries:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first
 Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and
 the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled; pray for Dwayne
 Benson, Patrick Hoye & Brandon Youmans (deacon nominees) and Cleve
 Cunningham & Neal Ham (elder nominees) as they participate in the
 Officer Training Course

Our Missionary of the Month:

Trey & Kiki Adams are serving in Thailand. Please pray that God will pour
 out His Spirit on Thailand, as only about 1% of the population are
 professing Christians. Pray for the overwhelmingly Buddhist country to
 "taste and see that the Lord is good" and turn to Christ.

Pray that God would raise up 1% of our congregation to be missionaries;
 "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the
 harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matt 9:37).