



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 9, 2018



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad! Let the distant
shores rejoice!

**People: Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every
side.

**People: His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and
trembles.**

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before
the Lord of all the earth.

**People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the
peoples see his glory.**

*Praise Hymn

38 - *Immortal, Invisible*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

Monday - 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.

Missionary of the Month - To help our congregation get to know and better
support our 16 missionaries around the world, we will select a "Missionary of
the Month" so that we can learn about where they serve, what they are doing
and how we can pray for them. Trey & Kikki Adams, serving in Thailand,
will be our "Missionary of the Month" for September.

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 - Sept 23rd and Oct 7th from 5:30 -
8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email hunter@nmnpc.net.

Leadership Training Forum - The Small Groups Committee is hosting a
Leadership Training Forum at the church this evening at 7:00pm. Dessert
and childcare will be provided.

Central GA Presbytery (CGP) - CGP will be held at Lake Oconee PCA
this Tuesday. The Presbytery's business includes (1) the examination of men
who desire to become pastors, (2) overseeing church planting efforts in our
region, (3) overseeing RUF ministries at college campuses (like Mercer &
Wesleyan), and (4) any shepherding concerns in our churches. Please pray
for our Teaching Elders and representative Ruling Elders as they meet.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION
September - Susan Robertson

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

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

- ♦ GREETERS
September - Jim & Melanie Grier, Paul & Pam Kanode

- ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
September- Joey Leggett

- ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE
September 9 – Connie Strawn
September 16– Murray Todd

- ♦ PRAYER TEAM
Today (9/9) Paul McCommon, Charles Baker
Next Sunday (9/16) Howard Reed, Kevin Watson

- ♦ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (09/09) Cal & Holly Garretson
Next Sunday (9/16) Rick Funk & Howard Gordon

- ♦ CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Today (09/09) Adam & Joanna Griffin
Next Sunday (9/16) Pat Jenkins & Kathleen Gettmann

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from
my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages, and is the most
widely used and most warmly praised catechisms of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

Chorus: For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*) The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged
beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.

Scripture Reading

selections from Zechariah

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 12th will be Pork Loin w/Caper Sauce,
mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, salad bar, bread & ice cream sandwiches.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—7/31/2018		Capital Campaign— 7/31/2018	
2018 Receipts:	\$ 489,804	Amount Pledged:	\$1,993,891
2018 Expenses:	\$ 463,378	Pledges Received:	— 1,571,648
Faith Promise for Missions		Pledges Outstanding:	422,243
Needed by Dec.	\$22,175	Building Fund Cash:	480,400
Collected July:	\$ 3,400	Bldg Expenses Paid:	2,278,054
to support our 16 missionaries		Total Gifts & Pledges:	\$3,180,697
We paid out \$23,470 in June to support our missionaries.		Total Project Cost:	\$4,277,912
		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); Martha Roddenberry (dad)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (strength); 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)

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 strengthen evangelical churches throughout our community, country and the whole world; that all of God’s people would proclaim the Gospel faithfully and boldly; that we would do what is righteous and just; that we would be filled with mercy and compassion; that we would walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8); that God would grant us His peace that would guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

***Hymn of Preparation**

128 - *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Behold, Your King Comes to You!
Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*
(vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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.

Stewardship Principles

Sermon Series in August 2018

1. Psalm 24:1-2. God owns everything and has entrusted a portion to each of us. Therefore, we are stewards of God's resources, not owners, and we will give an account one day for our stewardship.
2. 1 Timothy 6:17 tells us that our God "...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." Let us enjoy what God provides and be thankful for his abundant provisions!
3. Matthew 6:19-24 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Jesus commands us not to store up treasures on earth...where we will either lose them or leave them behind. Instead, with a Kingdom mindset and an eye on eternity, we are to store up treasures in heaven by being "rich in good deeds...and willing to share."
4. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. God loves a cheerful giver, one who gladly & generously gives his time, talents, money & possessions to help & serve & bless others.
5. 2 Corinthians 9:8-11. God will see to it that a cheerful giver always has an abundance so that he can continue to be a cheerful giver.
6. Proverbs 3:9-10 & Malachi 3:6-12. We honor God with our wealth when we gladly bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.
7. Matthew 6:25-34. Trust in your Heavenly Father and do not worry about your finances; seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

NMPC WEEKLY

09/09/18

Meditation

*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, O Daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Encouraging and building up one another through works of service and words of encouragement
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors
Witnesses for Jesus Christ in Macon and around the world.

Our Members:

Buck & Liz Ream
Howard, Debi, Lizzie & Ashby Reed
Chip & Cathy Ridley
Susan Robertson

Our Ministries:

Our college students; Marlin & Caroline Harris, Amanda DeYoung & Kristen Hearn; RUF Mercer & RUF Wesleyan; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ

Our Missionary of the Month:

Trey & Kiki Adams are serving in Thailand. Please pray that God will continue to grow and bless our church, Grace Point Church. Pray for continued unity, along with dedication to the Scriptures and to fellowship. Pray for Trey and Narin (our Thai pastor) as they preach, shepherd, and disciple.