



*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

October 7, 2018



**NORTH MACON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA**

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

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.  
Psalm 145:3*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-8

**Pastor:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**People:** Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

**Pastor:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**People:** One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

**Pastor:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works!

**People:** They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

**Pastor:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**People:** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

## \*Praise Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

*\*those who are able please stand*

# ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday - 9:30 am - Sunday School**

**10:45 am - Worship**

**5:30 pm - New Member's Class**

**Monday - Friday - Church closed due to construction**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week (October 8-13) at NMPC** - The church will be closed all week so that Sheridan Construction can put new flooring in the existing hallways and can also paint the hallways. If you have a need or an emergency, you may call Kathy Pye at 478-361-0532.

**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](http://www.pcamna.org)

**New Sanctuary** - Lord willing, our first worship service in the new sanctuary will be on Sunday, October 21st. There will be a brunch from 9:30-10:30 (instead of SS) so that everyone can explore the new building. Also, we are planning to dedicate the new building to the Lord on Sunday, November 11th with a "Lunch on the Grounds" after the service.

**Reformation Celebration** - Our Children's Ministry will host a Reformation Celebration with games and burgers on Sunday, October 28th, from 4:30 to 6:30. If you have children up to 6th grade, please plan to attend (sign-ups coming soon).

**Emergency Messages** - In the event of an emergency, we would like to be able to send a message to everyone in our congregation. To receive such messages, please text @89f3f8 to 81010

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

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# SERVICE SCHEDULES

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♦ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

October - Kate Harrison, Beverly Wooden & Joan Youmans

♦ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

October - Charles Baker, Larry Breed, Frank Fleming, John McSween, Buck Ream

♦ **USHERS**

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

♦ **GREETERS**

October - Frank & Nina Fleming

♦ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

October - Joey Leggett

♦ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

October 7 - Communion

October 14 - Barbara Freeman

♦ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (10/07) Ed Grimsley, Kevin Watson

Next Sunday (10/14) Jeff Thompson, Dan Strawn

♦ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (10/07) Alex & Tabitha Hinson

Next Sunday (10/14) Tommy & Lolly James

♦ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today (10/07) Paul & Pam Kanode

Next Sunday (10/14) Paul & Debbie McCommon

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother - all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

**\*Invocation**

Dr. David Todd

**\*Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 4,5 & 1

Q. Christian, what is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. Are there more God's than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**\*Hymn**

500 - Rock of Ages

**Call to Prayer**

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.

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Dr. David Todd

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.

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road  
And those who've gone before us line the way  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses  
Let us run the race not only for the prize  
But as those who've gone before us, Let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful  
May the fire of our devotion light their way  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone  
And our children sift through all we've left behind  
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover  
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find

\*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,  
The agonies of Calvary: You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank You!  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank You!  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table; Jesus, thank You!

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,  
Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your  
glorious grace, Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you  
Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (Chorus twice)

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Dr. David Todd

# 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.

We will not have dinner or classes this week due to construction.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

| <u>General Operations—8/31/2018</u>                       |            | <u>Capital Campaign— 8/31/2018</u> |             |
|---|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2018 Receipts:  | \$ 558,694 | Amount Pledged:                    | \$1,993,891 |
| 2018 Expenses:  | \$ 516,475 | Pledges Received:                  | — 1,602,540 |
| <u>Faith Promise for Missions</u>                         |            | Pledges Outstanding:               | 391,351     |
| Needed by Dec:  | \$22,175   | Building Fund Cash:                | 278,706     |
| Collected July-Aug:                                       | \$ 6,820   | Bldg Expenses Paid:                | 2,591,314   |
| to support our 16 missionaries                            |            | Total Gifts & Pledges:             | \$3,181,538 |
| 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 [nmnpc.net](http://nmnpc.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); Mary Jane (daughter-in-law); Amy Self (dad); Pearson Kelly (mom); Joe Timberlake (Peggy)

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

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.

### Sermon

By What Authority?

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Mark 11:27-33

### The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seat, as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

### \*Hymn of Response

*Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

## Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin



Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un - mea - sured, bound-less free,  
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,  
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur-pass - ing all the rest,  
rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,  
how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;  
it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.  
un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,  
how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,  
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,  
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.  
how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.  
You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.  
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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### \*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

### Postlude

**Title:** *By What Authority?*

Mark 11:27-33

Found on pages 823 in your pew Bible

## Meditation

*And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*Mark 1:7-8*

## 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:

Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson  
Steve & Julie Strange  
Dan, Connie & Daniel Strawn  
Dan, Holly, Ellie Grace & Annabelle Taylor

### 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; pray for Dwayne Benson, Patrick Hoyer & Brandon Youmans (deacon nominees) and Cleve Cunningham & Neal Ham (elder nominees) as they participate in the Officer Training Course

### Our Missionary of the Month:

Kay Burklin works with mission to the World as the European refugee liaison to support and develop refugee ministries throughout Europe. Please pray for Kays's husband, Heiko, as he works as a missions developer for World Witness, the missions agency of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Kay & Heiko have three married sons. Please pray for their marriages.