



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

December 2, 2018



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Please be sure to turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.
Also, please do not bring food or drinks into the sanctuary.

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:4-6, 34-35

Pastor: Sing to God! Sing praise to his name! Extol him who rides on the clouds!

People: His name is the LORD! Rejoice before him!

Pastor: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

People: God sets the lonely in families. He leads forth the prisoners with singing, but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Pastor: Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies!

People: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary! The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

**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

6:00 pm - Women's Christmas Dinner

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Children's Christmas Program

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.

Women's Ministry - The annual Women's Christmas Dinner is tomorrow night, December 3rd at 6:00 PM. The Bear's Den is catering and Dr. Allison Newman is speaking.

Children's Ministry - Our last Wednesday Night gathering for the semester will be this Wednesday. Dinner will be served at 5:45, and our students will participate in a Christmas Program at 6:30.

Christmas Eve - We will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 PM.

December Drive - NMPC began the "December Drive" last month, a campaign to reduce the amount of long-term debt incurred from the construction of the new building. With a \$50,000 matching gift, every \$1.00 given to the campaign between now and Dec 31st will be matched \$0.50.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

♦ COMMUNION PREPARATION

December— Charles & Patricia Hughes

♦ COMMUNION SERVERS

December - Frank Fleming, Paul McCommon, Howard Reed, Jeff Thompson, John McSween & Kevin Watson

♦ USHERS

December - Cal Garretson, Jeff Kross, Matt Shepley, Shane Self

♦ GREETERS

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoyer

♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

December - Jim Grier

♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE

December 2 - Communion

December 9 - Cheryl Willis

♦ PRAYER TEAM

Today (12/2) Dan Strawn, Rob Morton

Next Sunday (12/9) Jeff Kross, John McSween

♦ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (12/2) Matt & Allie Monsted

Next Sunday (12/9) Rob & Anne Morton

♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (12/2) Wes & Marie Seay

Next Sunday (12/9) Shane & Amy Self

*Praise Hymn

195 - *Joy to the World*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn

218 - *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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

God Made Low

Prophets promised long ago, A King would come to bring us hope
And now a virgin bears a son, The time to save the world has come

Humble shepherds run in haste, To see the One the angels praised
In cattle stall they find a girl, Who holds the hope of all the world

CHORUS

Emmanuel has come to us, The Christ is born, Hallelujah!
Our God made low to raise us up, Emmanuel, has come to us

As He sleeps upon the hay, He holds the moon and stars in place
Though born an infant He remains, The sovereign God of endless days

For all our sins one day He’ll die, To make us sons of God on high
Let every heart prepare Him room, The promises have all come true

(Please sign the friendship book, pass it down the row, and then pass it back.)

*Hymn of Preparation

196 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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 December 5th is Taco Salad, Salad Bar & Peach Cobbler.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—10/31/2018		New Building as of 10/31/2018	
2018 Receipts:	\$ 734,691	Total Cost:	\$ 4,277,912
2018 Expenses:	\$ 658,480	Cash & Pledges:	— 3,191,233
		Projected Debt:	\$ 1,094,030
Faith Promise for Missions		Dec Drive as of 11/26/2018	
Collected Jan-June:	\$30,700	Dec Drive Gifts:	\$ 16,138
Paid out in June:	\$23,470	Dec Drive Match:	+ \$ 8,069
to support our 16 missionaries for the first half of 2018		Dec Drive Total:	\$ 24,207
Needed July-Dec:	\$22,175		
Collected July-Oct:	\$12,985		
to support our 16 missionaries for the second half of 2018			

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

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kristen Daniels

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

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); Mary Jane (daughter-in-law); Amy Self (dad); Pearson Kelly (mom); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Margaret Rogers (dad)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (surgery); Peggy Timberlake (surgery); Ed Grimsley (broken ankle) Camp Garretson (burns); Boo McKelvey (appendectomy)

Bereaved: 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)

The December Drive:

Let us give thanks to God for the \$50,000 matching gift (matching \$0.50 on every dollar given, up to \$50,000). This gift helped jump start the “December Drive”, a campaign to reduce the amount of long-term debt incurred from the construction of the new building.

Pray that God would inspire many to give generously towards the “December Drive” so that we might end up borrowing as little as possible.

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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Self-Serving or Self-Sacrificing?
Mark 12:38 - 44

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The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in 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 allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

213 - *What Child is This?*

*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.

*Doxology

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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: *Self - Serving or Self - Sacrificing?*

Mark 12:38-44

Found on page 825 in your pew bible

Meditation

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Mark 10:45

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:

Vicki Anderson

Iris Archer

Phillip Austin

Benjamin Baker

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. Pray also 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:

Jeff & Jamie Garrett, who are church planters and teachers in South Asia. Pray for Jeff as he teaches in the seminary to train men to be pastors; pray for their children as they are trying to adjust and meet new friends; pray for Jamie as she is on a strict diet and is trying to avoid gallbladder surgery. 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).