



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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Every Member, *Ministers*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 16, 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.

*And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever;
his kingdom will never end.
Luke 1:33*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

- Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come,
and has redeemed his people!
- People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of
his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets
of long ago,**
- Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate
us—
- People: **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy
covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**
- Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us
to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness,
before him all our days.

*Praise Hymn

214 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**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

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.

Brunch on Sun, Dec 23 - We will not have Sunday school next Sunday,
December 23rd. Instead, we will have a brunch in the narthex at 9:45.

(A list of the Winter SS Electives is on page 9)

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

Greeters - If you would like to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings in
2019, please e-mail Paul Kanode at pekanode@yahoo.com.

Winter Retreat - The Women's Winter Retreat is Feb. 8-10 at Callaway
Gardens. You can sign up in the narthex today, or contact Iris
(iris@nmpc.net) for further details.

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 16 - Barbara Freeman
December 23– Beth Youmans

- ♦ PRAYER TEAM
Today (12/16) Paul McCommon, Howard Reed
Next Sunday (12/23) Charles Baker, Kevin Watson

- ♦ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (12/16) Kim & Austin Murray
Next Sunday (12/23) Charlie & Andrei Parrish

- ♦ CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Today (12/16) Matt & Ashlee Smith
Next Sunday (12/23) Dan & Holly Taylor

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Section 8.2

Q. Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ and the Incarnation?

A. We believe that the Son of God,
the second person in the Trinity,
being truly and eternally God,
of one substance and equal with the Father,
did, when the fullness of time had come,
take upon himself man’s nature,
with all its essential properties and common infirmities,
yet without sin.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.

In this way, two whole natures,
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct,
were inseparably joined together in one person
without being changed, mixed, or confused.

This person is truly God and truly man,
yet one Christ,
the only mediator between God and man. Amen.

The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Hymn

200 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

O come, O Come Emmanuel

Melanie Buckner

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:1-17; 9:6-7

*Hymn of Preparation

201 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/WINTER QUARTER

Adult Electives (beginning Sunday, January 6th):
Walking With God Through Pain & Suffering by Tim Keller, taught by Rob Morton
Joshua, taught by Josh Garrett
The Westminster Confession of Faith, taught by Seth Peed & Hunter Stevenson
Men's Class - *A Praying Life* - Teacher: Howard Gordon, Conference Room
Ladies' Class - *The Book of Acts*, Room #115

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We have concluded our Wednesday Night activities for 2018. We will resume on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—11/30/2018		New Building as of 11/30/2018	
2018 Receipts:	\$ 820,913	Total Cost:	\$ 4,277,912
2018 Expenses:	\$ 721,528	Cash & Pledges:	— 3,191,405
		Projected Debt:	\$ 1,086,507
Faith Promise for Missions		Dec Drive as of 11/30/2018	
Collected Jan-June:	\$30,700	Dec Drive Gifts:	\$ 24,788
Paid out in June:	\$23,470	Dec Drive Match:	+ \$ 12,394
to support our 16 missionaries for the first half of 2018		Dec Drive Total:	\$ 37,182
Needed July-Dec:	\$22,175	To give electronically, please visit our website at nmpc.net	
Collected July-Nov:	\$15,875		
to support our 16 missionaries for the second half of 2018			

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)

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); Ed Voss (sister)

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 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.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

His Kingdom Will Never End
Luke 1:26-56

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***Hymn of Response**

195 - *Joy to the World*

***Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 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: *His Kingdom Will Never End*

Luke 1:26-56

Found on page 830 in your pew bible

Meditation

*Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me;
your throne will be established forever.*

2 Samuel 7:16

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:

Bert, Anna, Bo & Hatcher Barnes

Bill, Rebecca, Liam & Clay Barnes

Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes

Steve & Susan Barnes

Our Ministries:

Our women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness.

Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff & Jamie Garrett, who are church planters and teachers in South Asia.

Pray for the body of Christ in South Asia, where Christians are a minority; pray for God to strengthen and establish His church despite the increase of persecution and challenges.

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).