



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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Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Howard Reed
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Dan Strawn
Jeff Thompson
Kevin Watson

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Matt Cathey
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Silas Peed
Jack Pyles
Wes Seay

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
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Bill Barnes, *Interim Children's Min Dir.*

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 30, 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 I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.
Hebrews 8:12*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2, 4-6

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid!

People: **The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song! He has become my salvation!**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things! Let this be known to all the world!

People: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

*Praise Hymn

224 - *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

*Invocation

Bill Barnes

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship

Monday - Wednesday - Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not meet for prayer tomorrow morning. Monday Morning Prayer will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Winter Sunday School Classes - Please see page 9 for a list of the Sunday school classes, which will begin on Sunday, January 6th.

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.

Youth Winter Retreat - Our 2019 Youth Winter Retreat will be back at Ridge Haven, near Brevard, NC. We'll be leaving from the church after school on Friday, February 15, and returning Monday, February 18. Cost is \$175. Sign-up information can be found in the brochures located at the coffee bar. Please see Mark for more information.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

January– Charles & Patricia Hughes

◆ **COMMUNION SERVERS**

January - Jason Churchwell, Rob Morton, Dan Strawn, Larry Breed,
Charles Baker, Matt Shepley

◆ **USHERS**

December - Cal Garretson, Jeff Kross, Matt Shepley, Shane Self
January - Lonnie Dye, Paul McCommon, David Todd, Morris Butler,
Robby Danner, Joey Leggett

◆ **GREETERS**

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye
January 6 - Paul & Pam Kanode

◆ **SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR**

December - Jim Grier
January - Jon Paxton

◆ **FLOWER SCHEDULE**

December 30– Beth McSween
January 6 - Communion

◆ **PRAYER TEAM**

Today (12/30) Jason Churchwell, Larry Breed
Next Sunday (01/06) Ed Grimsley, Jeff Thompson

◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**

Today (12/30) Jon & Laura Paxton
Next Sunday (01/06) Grant Nicholson & David Todd

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today (12/30) Jason & Allison Tripp
Next Sunday (01/06) Kevin & Scarlett Watson

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 23-26

Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. **Christ, as our Redeemer,
executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king,
both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Q. 24. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. **Christ executes the office of a prophet,
in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit,
the will of God for our salvation.**

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. **Christ executes the office of a priest,
in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice
to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God,
and in making continual intercession for us.**

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. **Christ executes the office of a king,
in subduing us to himself,
in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths 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**

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse a-far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

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Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

Frank-in-cense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high! *Chorus*

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sor-r'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Chorus*

Glorious now behold Him arise! King and God and Sacrifice!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies! *Chorus*

Call to Prayer

James 5:16a

Therefore confess your sins to each other
and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

*"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

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

2018 Receipts: \$ 820,913
2018 Expenses: \$ 721,528

Faith Promise for Missions

Collected Jan-June: \$30,700
Paid out in June: \$23,470
to support our 16 missionaries
for the first half of 2018

Needed July-Dec: \$22,175
Collected July-Nov: \$15,875
to support our 16 missionaries
for the second half of 2018

New Building as of 11/30/2018

Total Cost: \$ 4,277,912
Cash & Pledges: — 3,191,405

Projected Debt: \$ 1,086,507

Dec Drive as of 11/30/2018

Dec Drive Gifts: \$ 24,788
Dec Drive Match: + \$ 12,394

Dec Drive Total: \$ 37,182

*To give electronically,
please visit our website at nmpc.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)

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); Diane McCallum (Jimmy)

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.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Bill Barnes

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

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

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:1-14

***Hymn of Preparation**

226 - *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

How to Have a Blessed New Year
Psalm 32

Rev. Josh Garrett

***Hymn of Response**

211 - *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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: *How to Have a Blessed New Year*

Psalm 32

Found on page 446 in your pew bible

Meditation

*I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me,
and I will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.*

Jeremiah 33:8

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:

Larry & LuAnn Breed

Mike & Helen Brock

Jane Brooks

Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris, Jr. & Ben Butler

Our Ministries:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students would grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord

Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff & Jamie Garrett, who are church planters and teachers in South Asia; pray for the huge country of India and the masses of people there that are still living in darkness. The effects of not having the gospel of Light shows in every aspect of society; please pray for His light to shine on this country and cast out the darkness. Pray for the Gospel to take hold of all areas of life there.

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).