



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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Cal Garretson
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Jack Pyles
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Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 9, 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.

*"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land."
Jeremiah 23:5*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever! With my mouth
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations!

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you
established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Pastor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I
have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line
forever and make your throne firm through all generations."

People: **The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your
faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Pastor: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

People: **In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is
more awesome than all who surround him.**

Pastor: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O
LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you!

*Praise Hymn

211 - *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*
(vs. 1-3)

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

**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 - Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday - 1:00 pm - Staff Christmas Party

Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Youth Progressive Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting - Immediately after the service today we will have a congregational meeting to elect officers.

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.

Poinsettias - If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please pick up a slip in the narthex. Fill out the slip with your information, being sure to list "poinsettias" in the for section of your check, wrap it in the slip and either place it in the offering plate or give to the church secretary, Kathy Pye.

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.

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 Hoye

- ♦ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
December - Jim Grier

- ♦ FLOWER SCHEDULE
December 9 - Cheryl Willis
December 16 - Barbara Freeman

- ♦ PRAYER TEAM
Today (12/9) Jeff Kross, John McSween
Next Sunday (12/16) Paul McCommon, Howard Reed

- ♦ NURSERY WORKERS
Today (12/9) Rob & Anne Morton
Next Sunday (12/16) Kim & Austin Murray

- ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (12/9) Shane & Amy Self
Next Sunday (12/16) Matt & Ashlee Smith

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

*Hymn

208 - O Come All Ye Faithful

Call to Prayer

Titus 3:3-8a

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

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

Stephen Barnes

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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Isaiah 11:1-9; Malachi 4:5-6

*Hymn of Preparation

224 - Go Tell It on the Mountain

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

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)

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 *When the Fullness of Time Had Come*
Luke 1:1-25

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***Hymn of Response**

210 - *Silent Night, Holy Night*

***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.

***Doxology**

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Postlude

**The congregational meeting will begin
5 minutes after the service.**

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: *When the Fullness of Time Had Come*

Luke 1:1-25

Found on page 830 in your pew bible

Meditation

*When the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,
to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
Galatians 4:4-5*

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:

Charles & Myra Baker
Margaret Baker
Rod & Bess Baker
Mark & Kara Ballard

Our Ministries:

Our men; they would be men after God's own heart; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.
Pray for our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.

Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff & Jamie Garrett, who are church planters and teachers in South Asia. Pray for Jeff's work at Seminary. He is scheduled to teach 3 classes next semester. Pray for Jamie's ministry among the women.
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).