

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

July 14, 2019



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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*Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
Psalm 90:2*

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## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

## Introit

*O God Beyond all Praising*

## 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?

**People:** You, O Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

\* those who are able please stand

\*Praise Hymn

32 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\*Invocation

Duncan Cantrell

\*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what are the benefits you have in Christ Jesus?

First, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

Second, we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Third, we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor heavenly rulers, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
*What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?*  
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?*



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.*  
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? \*On - ly my Ho - ly God.\**



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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## Call to Prayer

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Duncan Cantrell

**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 down the row.*

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

660 - *O God Beyond All Praising*

**Prayer for Our Covenant Children**

Rev. Josh Garrett

**Sermon**

*God at Work in the Bitterness*  
Ruth 1

Rev. Josh Garrett

**\*Hymn of Response**

691 - *It is Well With My Soul*

**\*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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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*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.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *God at Work in the Bitterness*

Ruth 1

**Pastor:** Rev. Josh Garrett

*pg. 210 in your pew bible*

## Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
3. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Work in the World*: Ambassadors

## Our Members:

Anna Smith  
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith  
Steve, Amelia, Hadley, Mallory & Brooks; Bram & Hollis Bradham  
Dwight Snuffer

## 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.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month, Joshua Tsavatewa, Children's Ministry Director for Sacred Roads. In early June, five people were murdered in one event in White Swan. There is a lot of violence and crime on the Reservation. Please pray for justice and safety in our community.

Pray also 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).

## Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kristen Hearn, Jessica Adams, Lindsay Garrett, Dawn Hannah & Heather Austin

Newborns: Rachel Grace Wohlrabe, Tristan Daniels & Joshua Tristan Young

Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Mary Jane Leggett (daughter-in-law); Margaret Rogers (dad); Charlie Parrish (mom)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia); Kathy Combs (surgery); John LaPish (eye); Jerry Willis (cancer); Bobby Freeman (surgery); Peggy Timberlake (chemo)

Bereaved: Grant & Carter Shelton (dad); Linda Scott (Richard); Martha Roddenberry (dad); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Amy Self (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Becky Harman (sister); Lonnie Dye (sister); Pearson Kelly (mom); David Roddenberry (mom); Al & Margaret Rogers (son-in-law)



# • Service Schedule •

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## **Nursery Workers**

July 14 - Alex & Tabitha Hinson

July 21 - Tommy & Lolly James

## **Children's Church**

July 14 – Bert & Anna Barnes

July 21 – Kevin Watson & Duncan  
Cantrell

## **Greeters**

July - Jerry & Cheryl Willis

## **Soundboard Operator**

July - Ed Voss

## **Communion Preparation**

July - Charles & Patricia Hughes

## **Usher Team**

July - Dwayne Benson

Neal Ham

Paul Kanode

Chris Wilson

Alex Hinson

Ben Baker

## **Communion Elders**

July- Kevin Watson

Larry Breed

Jeff Thompson

Frank Fleming

Charles Baker

Paul McCommon

Neal Ham

John McSween

## **Prayer Team**

July 14 - Buck Ream & Jeff Thompson

July 21 - Howard Reed & Jeff Kross

# • Financial Update •

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As of June 30, 2019

## **General Operations**

2019 Receipts: \$ 534,042

2019 Expenses: \$ 502,221

## **Faith Promise for Missions**

Needed Jan - June: \$ 22,175

Collected Jan - June: \$ 38,898

To support our 15 missionaries  
for the first half of 2019

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Sunday School - Summer Quarter (June - August)

For the last 8 years, NMPC has read a book together during the summer, allowing us to stay on the “same page” with each other as folks travel for vacation. This summer we will be reading *The Holiness of God* by RC Sproul and discussing the book in Sunday School.

Ages 20’s – 30’s: Room 125 (2nd to last classroom on the right of CE wing)  
Ages 40’s – 50’s: Room 127 (last classroom on the right of CE wing)  
Ages 60 and up: Fellowship Hall  
Women’s Class: New Conference Room  
Men’s Class: Old Conference Room

## Summer Fellowships

Dinner begins a 6:00 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family maximum \$15.00).  
At 6:45 PM we will sing together and have a lesson. This summer we will study “Stories from the Life of David” from 1 Samuel. Here is the teaching schedule:

May 29	Meet the Interns	July 3	No Meeting
June 5	1 Samuel 15	July 10	1 Samuel 24
June 12	Mission Teams Report	<b>July 17</b>	<b>1 Samuel 25</b>
June 19	1 Samuel 16	July 24	SweatFest Report
June 26	1 Samuel 17	July 31	1 Samuel 26

*The menu for Wednesday, July 17th is covered dish. Please bring a vegetable or dessert. The church will provide the chicken and a salad bar.*

## Small Groups

Pastor Josh recently sent out a survey seeking to gauge interest in Small Groups for the Fall. Please be sure to fill out the survey because the Small Groups Committee will be putting together the Small Groups for the 2019-2020 school year over the next couple of months.

# • Activities this Week •

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**Sunday** - 9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship

**Monday** - Monday Morning Prayer

**Wednesday** - 6:00 PM - Dinner

6:45 PM - Lesson

# • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for prayer tomorrow from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. If you have a prayer request, please let Josh or Duncan know.

**Men's Fellowship** - The 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament is Friday, July 19th at 6 PM at the home of Brandon Youmans (520 Walden Rd in Forsyth). All men college age and up are invited to attend!

**NMPC T-shirt** - Our youth summer intern, Julia Crawford, has designed a t-shirt for NMPC. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out a form in the narthex.

**2019 Pictorial Directory** - There are copies of the 2019 pictorial directory at the coffee station. Please pick one up today!



# NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Mission

To glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

### Session

Class of 2019  
Paul McCommon<sup>®</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>®</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>®</sup>

Class of 2020  
Ed Grimsley  
Kevin Watson<sup>®</sup>

Class of 2021  
Cleve Cunningham  
Neal Ham  
Dan Strawn<sup>®</sup>  
Jeff Thompson<sup>®</sup>

### Diaconate

Class of 2019  
Bert Barnes<sup>®</sup>  
Jack Pyles<sup>®</sup>

Class of 2020  
Matt Monsted<sup>®</sup>  
Silas Peed  
Wes Seay

Class of 2021  
Dwayne Benson  
Matt Cathey<sup>®</sup>  
Patrick Hoyer  
Brandon Youmans

*<sup>®</sup>the officer has completed a 3 year term and has agreed to serve another term.*

### Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Duncan Cantrell, *Children's Director*  
& *Operations Manager*

Kathy Pye, *Administrative Assistant*  
Monni Parrish, *Financial Director &*  
*Pianist*  
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon*  
*Preschool Director*

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