



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."

Evangelical - Reformed - Presbyterian

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Matt Cathey
Lonnie Dye
Cal Garretson
Matt Monsted
Tate Morris
Jack Pyles
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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 1, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Please be sure to turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ!
Ephesians 1:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his loves endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

2 - O Worship the King
Verses 1-5

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**those who are able please stand*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship

Monday - Tuesday - Office Closed

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not have Monday morning prayer due to the holidays.

Ladies' Bible Study - The Ladies' Friday morning Bible Study will resume this Friday, January 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Afterward we will bring a sack lunch to Jane Brook's home and Allison Tripp will be our guest speaker.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

- ◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION
January— Charles & Patricia Hughes

- ◆ COMMUNION SERVERS
January - Charles Baker, Rob Morton, Howard Reed, Jeff Kross & Frank Fleming

- ◆ USHERS
January - Jon Paxton, Alan Little, Paul McCommon, Kevin Watson

- ◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE
January 1 - Communion

- ◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR
January - Matt Monsted

- ◆ PRAYER TEAM
January 1 - Paul McCommon, Howard Reed
January 8 - Kevin Watson, Jeff Thompson

- ◆ NURSERY WORKERS
Today 1/1 Thomas & Tracey Huyck
Next Sunday (1/8) Dan & Connie Strawn

- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today (1/1) David & Murray Todd
Next Sunday (1/8) Mary Jane & Joey Leggett

IN CHRIST ALONE, MY HOPE IS FOUND

*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.

*Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Call to Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- Q. God asks, Who am I to you?
- A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

- Q. What is it that you desire most?
- A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

- Q. What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?
- A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.**
We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

- Q. How can you be so bold in asking for these things?
- A. **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

*Hymn of Preparation

642 - Be Thou My Vision

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

(ages 4 - 1st grade)

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/WINTER QUARTER

Sun, Jan 8 - The Winter Quarter will begin.

Children's Classes - Children's classes are available by grade.

Youth Class - *Discovering the Gospel, Jesus and Who You Really Are*, led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)

Men's Class - *Psychology of Atheism* by R.C. Sproul led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)

Women's Class - *The Book of Daniel* led by Diane Elliott & Liz Ream (Rm #115)

Adult Elective #1: *Saved For What? The Mission of God's People in the World*, led by Josh Garrett (Room #118)

Adult Elective #2: *The Westminster Confession of Faith for Beginners*, led by Hunter Stevenson (Room 119)

Adult Elective #3: *Paul's Letter to the Romans 1-7*, led by Paul McCommon (Room #120B)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We will resume our Wednesday Night Activities on January 11, 2017.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations—11/30/2016

Jan-Nov. Receipts: \$718,837

Jan-Nov. Expenses: \$659,842

Jan-Nov transfer to

Capital Campaign: \$ 58,995

Faith Promise for Our Missionaries

Collected Jan-Jun: \$23,327

Paid out Jan-Jun: \$19,125

to support our 14 missionaries

Needed for Jul-Dec: \$22,950

Collected Jul-Nov: 13,239

Capital Campaign—11/30/2016

Amount Pledged: \$1,367,433

Pledges Received: — 735,937

Pledges Outstanding: 631,496

Building Fund Cash: 1,243,158

Bldg Expenses Paid: 33,600

Total Gifts & Pledges: 1,908,254

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Anna Barnes, Mary Frances Stanford, Megan Cathey, Kasey Young, Meredith Covert and Holly Garretson

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes & Forrest Garrett

Members caring for Loved Ones: Barbara Gibson (Dan); Howard Reed (dad); Charles Baker (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton, Kate Harrison's brother (serious heart problems)

Bereaved: Susan, Rabun & Katie Robertson (Paul); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter); John Timms (mom); Pete Goudelock (brother); Bryan Covert (step mom); Lisa O'Quinn (niece); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Kasey Young (dad); Nina Fleming (mom & dad).

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us continue to ask the Lord that we would have sufficient cash & pledges in the next few months, so that we could break ground in 2017;

Pray that we would walk by faith throughout the process, trusting in the Lord to provide;

Pray that God would enable us to give what we have pledged and more, that He would guide our Capital Campaign Committee as they lead us, and that God would be glorified.

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.

A LAMP TO MY FEET, A LIGHT FOR MY PATH

Sermon *Let the Word of God Dwell in You Richly* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Psalm 1

IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

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.

Come down front by the center aisle, and return to your seat by the side aisles.

***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.

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: *Let the Word of God Dwell in You Richly*

Psalm 1

Found on page 431 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth;
meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.
Then you will be prosperous and successful.
Joshua 1:8*

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:

Caroline Fleming
Frank & Nina Fleming
Bobby & Barbara Freeman
Rick Funk

Our Missionaries:

Caroline Fleming, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She is currently working in Texas with Wycliffe Associates.

Pray that God would unleash the power of the Gospel throughout the world, leading to a great multitude of believers from every nation, tribe, people and language to worship our great God.

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.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.