

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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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 30, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

People: **Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***Praise Hymn**

92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

***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

Wednesday - 5:45 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Bible Lesson

Friday - 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study

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.

Honoring Our Graduates - We would like to recognize Lesley Ganey (Nursing from Middle Georgia State College), Andrew Hearn (Global Health from Mercer), Hannah James (Exercise and Sports Medicine from UGA), and Jackson Turner (Juris Doctor from Mercer Law), for completing their degrees.

2017 Pictorial Directory - Skip Yetter will take pictures of our recent New Members today and next Sunday, May 7th. If you would like to update your family picture for the 2017 Pictorial Directory, please make plans to do so.

Missions - We have a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 from 11 - 5 to raise money for the Warm Springs Mission Team. Tickets will be on sale in the Conference Room after the service this Sunday morning.

National Day of Prayer - National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4th. Breakfast will be served from 6:45 - 7:25 am at First Presbyterian Church. The program begins at 7:30 am. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from Barbara Freeman or Pam Kanode.

Couch needed - If you have an extra couch that is in good shape and would like to donate it to a person in need from Strong Tower Fellowship, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office.

SERVICE SCHEDULES

◆ COMMUNION PREPARATION

May - Carol Dawson & Charlotte Laurens

◆ COMMUNION SERVERS

May - Jeff Kross, Kevin Watson, John McSween, Frank Fleming & Jason Churchwell

◆ USHERS

April - Bert Barnes, Silas Peed, Keith Young, John LaPish

May - Lonnie Dye, Charlie Parrish, Rhett Farmer & Lee Hendrix

◆ GREETERS

April - Howard & Debi Reed

May - Stephen & Christian Barnes

◆ SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

April - Paul Johnson

May - Howard Gordon

◆ FLOWER SCHEDULE

Today (4/30) - Stephanie Chipley

Next Sunday (5/7) - Communion

◆ PRAYER TEAM

Today (4/30) Kevin Watson, Frank Fleming

Next Sunday (5/7) Dan Strawn, Paul McCommon

◆ NURSERY WORKERS

Today (4/30) Dan & Holly Taylor

Next Sunday (5/7) John & Beth McSween

◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today (4/30) Robby & Katy Danner

Next Sunday (5/7) Tate & Stephanie Morris

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #27 & 28

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God, by which he upholds—as with his hand—heaven and earth and all creatures; and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand, that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*Hymn

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

Chorus: For I am the Lord your God
(*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior (2x)

I am the Lord (*Do not fear*) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

(Repeat Chorus)

I am the Lord.

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

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

128 - God Moves in a Mysterious Way

*Hymn of Preparation

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord

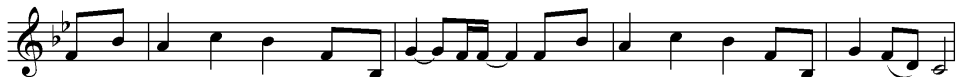
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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You— to re-ceive the food of Your ho - ly word
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, — ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu - mil - i - ty. —
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; — Shape and fash - ion us — in Your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance — of Your pu - ri - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christmight be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deed of faith.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - i - ses; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill — in us — all Your pur - pos - es — for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING QUARTER

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

Youth Class - *The Sermon on the Mount: The Norms of the Kingdom of Heaven*, led by Mark Ballard (Room #120A)

Men's Class - *Titus* led by Howard Gordon (Conference Room)

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

Adult Elective #1: *The Splendor of Holiness*, led by Bill Barnes (Room #118)

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

Adult Elective #3: *Haggai*, led by Josh Garrett (Room #120B)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM for the whole family (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00). At 6:30 PM, some adults meet in the sanctuary for Bible study and some adults meet in Small Groups (see Josh for details), while the youth (grades 7-12) and the children (4 years to 6th grade) have classes. Nursery is provided.

Our last Wednesday Night for the semester is May 3rd.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations— 3/31/2017

2017 Receipts: \$ 215,571

2017 Expenses: \$ 150,775

2017 transfer to

Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000

Faith Promise for Missions

Needed by June: \$20,400

Collected Jan-Jun: \$13,078

through Faith Promise giving
to support our 15 missionaries

Capital Campaign— 3/31/2017

Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888

Pledges Received: — 927,592

Pledges Outstanding: 437,296

Building Fund Cash: 1,403,040

Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850

Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,004,186

Goal to break ground: 2,750,000

Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

Expecting: Kasey Young, Megan Cathey, Meredith Covert, Holly Garretson, Joanna Norvell, Marie Seay, Lily Robinson & Allie Monsted

Newborns: Hank Peed, Clay Barnes, Forrest Garrett, Hatcher Barnes & Evie Stanford

Members caring for Loved Ones: Charles Baker (mom); Diane Elliott (mom); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Becky Gorman (Randy); Willa Ham (mom); Amelia Smith (mom—Kathryn Jones); Mary Jane Leggett (mom & daughter-in-law); Jeff & Cindy Kross (daughter Mackenzie is expecting twin girls); Dan Strawn (mother)

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Meryt Benson (wrist); Susan Barnes (hip)

Bereaved: Susan Robertson (Paul); Lynn Leverette (Oscar); Jimmy & Diane McCallum (daughter); John Timms (mom); Bryan Covert (step mom); Peggy Grimsley (mom); Kasey Young (dad); Nina Fleming (mom & dad); Ann Timms (mom); John & Nancy Briandi (son-in-law); Howard Reed (dad); Barbara Gibson (Dan)

Our Capital Campaign:

Let us pray for the discernment of God’s timing to break ground, for the accomplishment of God’s purposes in our church while we wait, for God’s provisions for all that we need financially, and for God to be honored and glorified.

Pray that God would enable us to give what we have pledged and more, and that He would guide our Capital Campaign as we move forward.

Our City & Country:

Ask God to unleash the power of the Gospel in our city, community and country in order to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives of sin and release for the prisoners of fear, and to comfort all who mourn.

Sermon

Do Not Be Afraid
Genesis 45:16 - 46:29

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

He Will Hold Me Fast

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*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: *Do Not Be Afraid*

Genesis 45:16 - 46:29

Found on page 39 in your pew Bible

Meditation

*For I am the LORD, your God,
who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.
Isaiah 41:13*

Intercession

Our Priorities:

1. A progressive commitment to *Christ*: Worshipers
Pervasive worship (in all of life), fueled by Public and Private worship
2. A progressive commitment to *Christ's Body*: Servants
Having the Attitude of Christ, doing Works of Service & speaking
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:

Elliot, Lily, Charlotte & Samantha Robinson
Anna Sampson
Richard & Linda Scott
Wes, Marie & Elizabeth Seay

Our Missionaries:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.

Ask God to multiply healthy, Gospel-centered churches throughout the world so that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Our Ministries:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom
Our church leaders would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit