

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 9, 2017



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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

*Greater love has no one than this,
that one lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship:

Psalm 118:1, 22-29

- Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- People: **The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- People: **O LORD, save us. O LORD, grant us success.**
- Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.
- People: **The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**
- Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- People: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

*Praise Hymn

235 - *All Glory, Laud & Honor*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday - 10:45 am - Worship
Monday - 9:00 am - Monday Morning Prayer
Wednesday - NO Wednesday Night Activities
Thursday - 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service
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.

NMPC Schedule for Easter Week

Wednesday - NO Wednesday Night meeting
Thursday - 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Sunday - 9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
Sunday - 10:45 AM Worship Service

2017 Warm Springs Mission Team - NMPC will send a team to Warm Springs, OR the week of July 1-8, 2017 to work alongside Sacred Road Ministries in serving the Warm Springs tribe of Native Americans. The team members are: Emily Barnes, Claire & Mary Jane Boland, Mia Bowers, Emory & Jay Churchwell, Matthew Halprin, Joey Leggett, Miles Morris, Nicole Parrish, Ashby Reed, Mary Rachel, Mia & Stone Stevenson, Ansley Timberlake, Iris Archer, Phillip Austin, Ben & Margaret Baker, Mark Ballard, Lizzie Reed and Oliva Taylor. Let us pray for our team!

Lunch on the Grounds - On Sunday, April 30th we will have a lunch on the grounds immediately following the worship service. Make plans to join us for this church-wide fellowship!

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 (4/9) - Beth Youmans
Next Sunday (4/16) - Joan Youmans
- ◆ **PRAYER TEAM**
Today (4/9) Howard Reed & Jeff Thompson
Next Sunday (4/16) Dan Strawn & John McSween
- ◆ **NURSERY WORKERS**
Today (4/9) Howard & Debi Reed
Next Sunday (4/16) John & Beth McSween
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
Today (4/9) Bryan & Meredith Covert
Next Sunday (4/16) Charlie & Kathy Pye

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: 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 A.D. 451.

***Hymn**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Call to Prayer

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SPRING QUARTER—begins next Sunday, April 9th

- 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** - *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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>General Operations— 3/31/2017</u>	<u>Capital Campaign— 3/31/2017</u>
2017 Receipts: \$ 215,571	Amount Pledged: \$1,364,888
2017 Expenses: \$ 150,775	Pledges Received: — 927,592
2017 transfer to	
Capital Campaign: \$ 8,000	Pledges Outstanding: 437,296
	Building Fund Cash: 1,403,040
<u>Faith Promise for Missions</u>	Bldg Expenses Paid: 163,850
Needed by June: \$20,400	
Collected Jan-Jun: \$13,078	Total Gifts & Pledges: 2,004,186
through Faith Promise giving	
to support our 15 missionaries	Goal to break ground: 2,750,000
	Guaranteed max price: 4,000,000

Our Church Family:

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

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

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

Recovering: Bill Gaeta (chronic leukemia); Kathryn Jones (stroke); Larry Benton, Kate Harrison's brother (back surgery); Susan Barnes (hip); Cathy Ridley (knee); Bobby Freeman (foot); Haden Churchwell (arm); Emily Barnes (ACL); Jason Tripp (ACL)

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)

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:

Pray for the peace and prosperity of Macon (Jeremiah 29:7) and of central Georgia; pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders and elected officials.

Pray for another Great Awakening in America; pray that we would be a country who honors and fears the LORD.

***Hymn of Preparation**

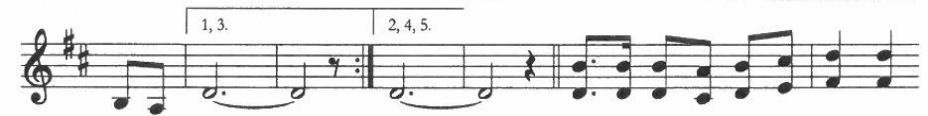
My Worth Is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of
2. My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in
3. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau - ty
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un -



flesh and bone, but in the cost - ly wounds of love
pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed
hur - ry by, but life e - ter - nal calls to us
fleet - ing light, but I will boast in know - ing Christ
wor - thi - ness; my val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid



at the cross. cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er,
at the cross. cross.
at the cross. cross.
at the cross. cross.



great-est treas - ure, Well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no



oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.

NMPC WEEKLY

Sermon

Joseph Reveals Himself
Genesis 44:1 - 45:15

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

75 - *O Father You Are Sovereign*

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Meditation

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

1 John 3:16

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
Laying down our lives for one another just as Christ did for 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:

Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish
Jon, Laura, Brandon & Natalie Paxton
Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed

Our Missionaries:

Rodney & Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, helping to build churches, and teaching and training pastors.
Pray for the Persecuted Church; ask God to strengthen these believers, protect and provide for them, comfort and assure them, enable them to stand firm in their faith, and that they would "spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.

Our Ministries:

Our Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word
Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully