

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 3, 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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*Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel,  
you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since you were born.  
Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.  
Isaiah 46:3-4*

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

**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*

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:  
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
and who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence—  
is my God and Father  
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good  
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.  
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,  
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

\*Hymn

75 - O Father You Are Sovereign

Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Pastoral Prayer &amp; 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

*Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

*Please sign the friendship book, pass it down the row, then pass it back down the row.*

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side, Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain  
 Leave to thy God, to order and provide, In every change, He faithful will remain  
 Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend, Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake, To guide the future as He has the past  
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake, All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
 Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt  
 below

In You I rest, in You I found my hope, In You I trust, You never let me go  
 I place my life within Your hands alone. Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on, When we shall be forever with the Lord  
 When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored  
 Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

# O Great God

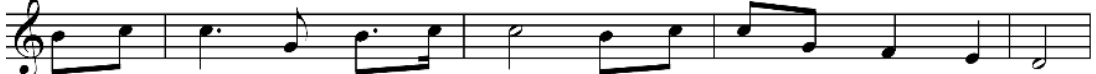
Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
*I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,*  
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.  
*did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.*  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
*Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,*  
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
*through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.*  
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Keep Watch!*  
Mark 13:32-37

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## 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.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*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.

**\*Benediction**

Jude 24 - 25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his  
glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory,  
majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and  
forevermore! Amen.

**\*Doxology**

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**\*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: *Keep Watch!*

Mark 13:32-37  
*Page 826 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:

Bill & Glenda Eaves  
Rhett, Joyce Matthew & Sara Rhett Farmer  
Caroline Fleming  
Frank & Nina Fleming

### Our Ministries:

Our college students; pray for Marlin Harris, Amanda DeYoung & Kristen Hearn as they serve at RUF Mercer, and for Amanda DeYoung at RUF Wesleyan; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ.

Our Missionary of the Month: Jim & Mary Alice Patterson are with Vernacular Media, a division of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for Jim who has been battling pneumonia for a month now; pray for their grandson, Johnathan, who is struggling with bronchitis; pray for their son-in-law who is serving in the National Guard in Afghanistan.

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:

Newborns: Rachel Grace Wohlrabe & Tristan Daniels

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); Pearson Kelly (mom); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Phillip Austin (mom); Cal Garretson (dad)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (surgery); Ed Grimsley (ankle); John LaPish (detached retina); Jerry Willis (cancer); Bobby Freeman (bypass surgery, 2/4)

Bereaved: Grant & Carter Shelton (dad); Kim & Austin Murray (Howard); Iris Archer (sister); Myra Baker (brother); Linda Scott (Richard); Joan Youmans (brother); Martha Roddenberry (dad); Ed Voss (sister); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Amy Self (dad)



# • Service Schedule •

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## **Nursery Workers**

Feb 3 - Buck & Sally Ruffin  
Feb 10 - Heather & Mia Stevenson

## **Children's Church**

Feb. 3 - Stephen & Christian Barnes  
Feb 10 - Dwayne & Natalie Benson

## **Grecters**

Feb 3 - John & Joyce Meadows  
Feb 10 - John & Joyce Meadows

## **Soundboard Operator**

February - Joey Leggett

## **Communion Preparation**

February - Kate Harrison

## **Usher Team**

February - Cal Garretson  
Matt Shepley  
Jon Paxton  
Bryan Covert  
Rick Funk  
Don Moore

## **Communion Elders**

February - Cleve Cunningham  
Neal Ham  
Kevin Watson  
Howard Reed  
Jeff Thompson  
John McSween

## **Prayer Team**

Feb 3 - Paul McC & Jason Churchwell  
Feb 10 - Ed Grimsley & Rob Morton

# • Financial Update •

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As of December 31, 2018

## **General Operations**

2018 Receipts:	\$ 1,001,824
2018 Expenses:	\$ 843,102
December Drive:	\$ 102,483
Matching Gift:	\$ 50,000
Total Raised:	\$ 152,483

## **Faith Promise for Missions**

Needed July - Dec:	\$ 22,175
Collected July - Dec:	\$ 23,908

To support our 16 missionaries  
for the second half of 2018

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Sunday School - Winter Quarter

### Adult Electives

*Walking With God Through Pain & Suffering* (Tim Keller) taught by Rob Morton in Room 142

*Joshua* taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall

*The Westminster Confession of Faith* taught by Seth Peed & Hunter Stevenson in Room 127

Men's Class—*A Praying Life* (Paul Miller) taught by Howard Gordon in Room 102

Ladies' Class—*Acts* taught by Pam Kanode in Room 115

## Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Classes (K4 - 6th grade)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Ladies' Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study

*The menu for Wed, Feb 6 is chicken pot pie, rice, salad bar, bread & brownie trifle.*

## Small Groups

We offer a variety of Small Groups at NMPC. Please contact Josh Garrett ([josh@nmpe.net](mailto:josh@nmpe.net)) for more information about Men's Discipleship or Community Groups, and Iris Archer ([iris@nmpe.net](mailto:iris@nmpe.net)) about Mentor Mom Groups or various Ladies' Bible Studies.

# • Activities this Week •

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**Sunday** - 9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:45 AM - Worship

**Monday** - 9:00 AM - Monday Prayer

**Wednesday** - 9:30 AM - Ladies' Bible Study  
5:45 PM - Dinner  
6:30 PM - Classes for all ages

**Friday** - 10:00 AM - Ladies' Bible Study

# • Announcements •

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**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.

**College Lunch** - There will be a lunch for college students immediately following the service next Sunday, February 10th. Please invite your friends and let Pastor Josh know if you are planning to attend!

**New Members Class** - If you want to learn more about NMPC or join our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings - February 24th and March 10th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmpc.net](mailto:hunter@nmpc.net)) to sign up.

**Short-term Missions** - The Sacred Road Team will serve the Yakama tribe of Native Americans on June 1-8. The Costa Rica Team will work alongside of Rodney & Jana Davila on May 25-June 1. Sign up sheets can be found at the coffee bar in the narthex.

**Missions Fundraiser** - On Friday, March 1st we will have a Family Pasta Bar and a Silent Auction to raise money for the Costa Rica mission trip. Sign up sheets and Silent Auction brochures are available in the narthex.

**Duncan, Mary Louise & Elcanore Cantrell** - The Session has hired Duncan Cantrell to be our next Children's Ministry Director and Operations Manager. He will begin June 1st.



# 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.

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### Session

Class of 2019  
Paul McCommon\*  
Rob Morton\*  
Howard Reed\*

Class of 2020  
Ed Grimsley  
Kevin Watson\*

Class of 2021  
Cleve Cunningham  
Neal Ham  
Dan Strawn\*  
Jeff Thompson\*

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### Diaconate

Class of 2019  
Bert Barnes\*  
Jack Pyles\*

Class of 2020  
Matt Monsted\*  
Silas Peed  
Wes Seay

Class of 2021  
Dwayne Benson  
Matt Cathey\*  
Patrick Hoyer  
Brandon Youmans

*\*the officer has completed a 3 year term and has agreed to serve another term.*

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### Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Iris Archer, *Women's Director & Christian Counselor*

Bill Barnes, *Children's Director & Operations Manager*  
Kathy Pye, *Administrative Assistant*  
Monni Parrish, *Bookkeeper & Pianist*  
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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