

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

May 19, 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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*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us  
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.  
Psalm 67:1-2*

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## Preclude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-8

**Pastor:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**People:** Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

**Pastor:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**People:** One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

**Pastor:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works!

**People:** They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

**Pastor:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**People:** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Praise Hymn

2 - O Worship the King  
Verses 1-5

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

*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 catechisms of the Reformation period.*

# He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
*Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,* He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
*He'll not let my soul be lost;* *His prom - is - es shall last;*  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
*Bought by Him at such a cost,* He will hold me fast.  
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. May God will bless us so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

## 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

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 42:1-7; 49:5-6

## Commissioning of the 2019 Mission Teams

Costa Rica Mission Team: May 25 - June 1

*Iris Archer, Margaret Baker, Jay & Kathleen Gettmann, and Jeff Kross*

Yakama Mission Team: June 1 - 8

Leaders: *Mark & Kara Ballard, Julia Crawford, Vicki Lockhart, Caleb Madden, Lizzic Reed, Mary Rachel Stevenson and Becki Watlington.*

Students: *Mia Bowers, Jay & Emory Churchwell, Hadcn Churchwell, Marshall Danner, Chase Garrison, Matt Halprin, Miles & Charlie Morris, Dalton Self, Mia & Stone Stevenson, Adelle Vinson, Whit Watlington and Lola Grace Wilson*

\*Hymn of Preparation

May the Peoples Praise You



1. You have called us out of dark - est night, In - to Your glor - ious light, That  
 2. May our ev - ery breath re - tell the grace That broke in - to our strife With  
 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, And  
 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, May  
 5. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - declare Your prais - es and Your Name to



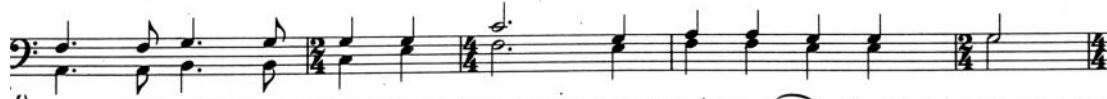
we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. 2. May our  
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less  
 from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known. 4. May the  
 songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your  
 ev - ery na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro -



life.  
 Word. } May the peop - les praise You, Let the nat - ions be glad! All Your  
 claim.



bless - ing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of Je - sus.



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.



Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.  
 All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

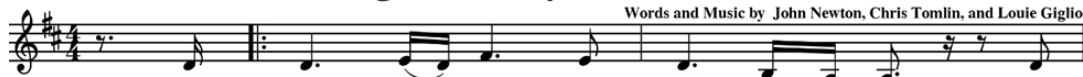
Sermon

You Will Be My Witnesses  
Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio



1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils and snares I  
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but  
 grace my fear re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - rea - dy come; 'Tis grace that brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun. We've no less days to



now I'm found, was blind but now I see. 1. Verse 2  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved 2. Chorus  
 safe thus far and grace will lead me home 3. Chorus  
 sing God's praise Than when we've first be - gun. 4. Chorus



**Chorus** My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my



Sav - iour has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy



reigns. Unend - ing love a - maz - ing grace.

## Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

## \*Doxology

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## \*Postlude

## 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:

Matt, Allie, Neva & Bowen Monsted  
Curt, Amber, Abigail, Noah, Rachel & Luke Montgomery  
Don & Kathy Moore  
Cody Moran

## Our Ministries:

North Macon Preschool; let us give thanks for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers for another wonderful school year; pray that the truths which our students learned would bear fruit in their lives; pray that our faculty and students would have a restful summer.

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month, Roger & Dianne Smalling, who are teaching the Gospel to many Hispanics. Pray for Skype connections to be consistent and clear so they can mentor their "Vision Real" leadership preparation material to other people.

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

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); 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); Joan Youmans (brother); Martha Roddenberry (dad); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Amy Self (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Becky Harman (sister); Lonnie Dye (sister); David Roddenberry (mom)



# • Service Schedule •

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## **Nursery Workers**

May 19 - Need volunteers  
May 26 - Trey & Allison Deaton

## **Children's Church**

May 19 – Wes & Marie Seay  
May 26 – Ryan & Jessie Schnetzer

## **Grecters**

May - Stephen & Christian Barnes  
June - Jim & Melanie Grier

## **Soundboard Operator**

May - Joey Leggett  
June - Joey Leggett

## **Communion Preparation**

June - Neal & Willa Ham

## **Usher Team**

May - Silas Peed  
Jason Churchwell  
Lee Burch  
Boo McKelvey  
Seth Peed  
Henry Peed

## **Communion Elders**

June - Dan Strawn  
Jeff Thompson  
Jeff Kross  
Cleve Cunningham  
Neal Ham  
Jason Churchwell  
Howard Reed  
Kevin Watson

## **Prayer Team**

May 19 - Neal Ham & Larry Breed  
May 26 - Buck Ream, Jeff Thompson

# • Financial Update •

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As of May 6, 2019

## **General Operations**

2019 Receipts:     \$ 336,661  
2019 Expenses:    \$ 308,481

## **Faith Promise for Missions**

Needed Jan - June:     \$ 22,175  
Collected Jan - April:  \$ 27,723

To support our 15 missionaries  
for the first half of 2019

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Sunday School - Spring Quarter (April - May)

### Adult Electives

*The Heart of Evangelism* (Jerram Barrs) by Josh Garrett in Room 127

*Philippians* by Paul McCommon in Room 142

*Refreshing Our Souls With the Beatitudes* by Jeff Thompson in the Fellowship Hall

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

Ladies' Class —*Colossians* by Pam Kanode in Room 115

## Wednesday Night Activities

**Our Wednesday Night Activities have concluded for the semester.**

We will begin our Summer Fellowships on May 29th at 6:00 PM with dinner and an opportunity to meet our Youth Interns: Julia Crawford & Caleb Madden.

## Small Groups

We offer a variety of Small Groups at NMPC. Please contact Josh Garrett ([josh@nmnpc.net](mailto:josh@nmnpc.net)) for more information about Men's Discipleship or Community Groups, and Iris Archer ([iris@nmnpc.net](mailto:iris@nmnpc.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** - No activities

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

# • Announcements •

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**2019 Pictorial Directory** - Skip & Debbie Yetter will be taking pictures for the 2019 Pictorial Directory after the service today in the Bridal Room.

**High School Seniors** - We have pictures of our seniors on the roundtable in the narthex. Please take time to share a favorite Scripture passage or a written prayer in their journals.

**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 Hunter or Josh know.

**VBS 2019** - If you have not signed up for VBS, please do so in the Narthex after church today. The dates are June 10th - 13th.

**VBS Training** - All Youth (7th - 12th graders) who are planning to help with VBS are required to attend a training session on Thursday, May 23 at the church. We will have pizza, celebrate Amelia Tripp's and Miles Morris's birthdays, and talk about serving at VBS.

**Soundboard** - The Deacons are looking for people interested in helping run the sound board on a rotating basis. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Matt Monsted or a staff member.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 2019 graduates: *Marshall Danner, David Drummond, Chase Garrison, Matt Halprin, Miles Morris, Andrei Parrish, Nicole Parrish, Roy Shcn, Will Thompson and Will Watson* by North Macon Presbyterian Church.



# 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 Hoye  
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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