

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 26, 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.

*The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
Psalm 97:1*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!

People: Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteous and justice are
the foundation of his throne.

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all
the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his
glory.

*Praise Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

* those who are able please stand

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there.

***Invocation**

Rev. Josh Garrett

***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.

*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.*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue
can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

Psalm 69

*Hymn of Preparation

May the Peoples Praise You



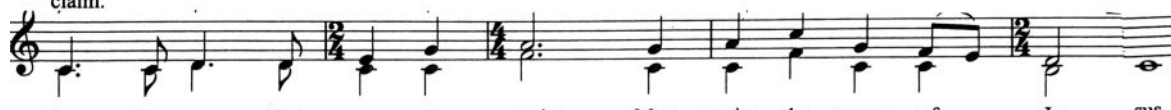
1. You have called us out of dark - est night, In - to Your glor - ious light, That
2. May our ev - ery breath re - tell the grace That broke in - to our strife With
3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, And
4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have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



bles - 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, cre - 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

The Ministry of the Apostles
Acts 1:12-26

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*Hymn of Response

598 - *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Postlude

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Ministry of the Apostles*

Acts 1:12-26

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 882 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:

Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris
 Rob & Anne Morton
 Rana Munna & Joseph Egloff
 Kim & Austin Murray

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.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month, Roger & Dianne Smalling, who are teaching the Gospel to many Hispanics. Pray for more opportunities for teaching locally and abroad.

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); 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); Martha Roddenberry (dad); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Amy Self (dad); Cal Garretson (dad); Becky Harman (sister); Lonnie Dye (sister); Pearson Kelly (mom); David Roddenberry (mom); Al & Margaret Rogers (son-in-law)

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

May 26 - Trey & Allison Deaton

June 2 - Bill & Glenda Eaves

Children's Church

May 26 - Dan & Holly Taylor

June 2 - Elliot and Lily Robinson

Greeters

May - Stephen & Christian Barnes

June - Jim & Melanie Grier

Soundboard Operator

May - Joey Leggett

June - Jim Grier

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
Ed Grimsley

Prayer Team

May 26 - Buck Ream, Jeff Thompson
June 2 - Jeff Kross & Cleve Cunningham

• Financial Update •

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 •

Sunday School - Summer Quarter (June - August)

For the last 8 years at NMPC, the congregation has read a book together in the summer. With so many folks being in and out of town for trips and vacations, reading a book together allows us to stay on the “same page”.

This summer we will be reading the Christian classic, *The Holiness of God*, by RC Sproul.

Please sign up for a Sunday class and purchase a copy of Sproul’s book today.

Summer Fellowship

We will begin our Summer Fellowships this Wed, 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) for more information about Men’s Discipleship or Community Groups, and Iris Archer (iris@nmnpc.net) about Mentor Mom Groups or various Ladies’ Bible Studies.

• Activities this Week •

Sunday - 9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship

Monday - Office Closed

Wednesday - 6:00 PM - Dinner

6:45 PM - Meet Our Summer
Interns

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not gather for prayer tomorrow morning because the office will be closed for Memorial Day.

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.

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 Bill Barnes.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 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, Lizzie Reed, Mary Rachel Stevenson and Becki Watlington.*

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



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.

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*

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.*

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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