

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 11, 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.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*
1 John 3:1

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!

* those who are able please stand

*Praise Hymn

2 - *O Worship the King*
verses 1-5

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Call to Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-17

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better.

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.

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

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-14
page 954 in the pew Bible

Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.
His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.
And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.
Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.



Chorus: And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, _____



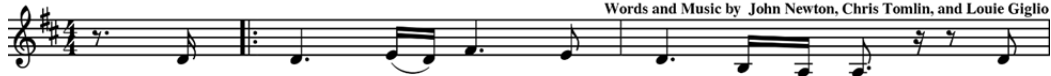
And we'll all join hands, ev-'ry wom-an ev - ry man to sing His love,



to sing His love. _____

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

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

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

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 •

Title: *The Fear of the LORD*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Proverbs 1:1-7

pg. 510 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:

Chuck & Jackie Wachob
Gregory Washington
Helen Watson
Kevin, Scarlett, Will & Rives Watson

Our Ministries:

Our sister churches & partnering ministries: Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Covenant Care Services, Evangelism Explosion and Campus Clubs. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom through these organizations.

Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Pray for our Missionaries of the Month, Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher who have a mentoring ministry for missionaries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Pray for their African Strategy Team as the ministry leaders gather together on August 5 to plan initiatives for the coming years.

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 & Heather Austin

Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Margaret Rogers (dad)

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (pneumonia); Kathy Combs (surgery); Jerry Willis (cancer)

Bereaved: 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

Aug. 11 - John LaPish & Mary Jane Leggett
Aug. 18 - David & Lisa Lee

Children's Church

Aug. 11 – Morris & Jessica Butler
Aug. 18 – Matt & Megan Cathey

Greeters

August - Lonnie & Donna Dye
September - Chris & Hope Wilson

Soundboard Operator

August - Richard Fyke
September - Ben Baker

Communion Preparation

September - Charles & Patricia Hughes

Usher Team

August - Jack Pyles
Charles Baker
Matt Monsted
James Drummond
Ryan Schnetzer
Shane Self

Communion Elders

September - Ed Grimsley
Jeff Thompson
Charles Baker
Larry Breed
Kevin Watson
Neal Ham
Rob Morton
Paul McCommon

Prayer Team

Aug. 11 - Neal Ham & Jason Churchwell
Aug. 18 - Buck Ream & Larry Breed

• Financial Update •

As of July 31, 2019

General Operations

2019 Receipts: \$ 604,511
2019 Expenses: \$ 600,058

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$22,175
in support our 15 missionaries
for the first half of 2019
Needed July - Dec: \$ 22,175
Collected July - Dec: \$ 605

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School - Summer Quarter (June - August)

For the last 8 years, NMPC has read a book together during the summer, allowing us to stay on the “same page” with each other as folks travel for vacation. This summer we will be reading *The Holiness of God* by RC Sproul and discussing the book in Sunday School.

Ages 20's – 30's: Room 142 (left classroom behind the sanctuary)
Ages 40's – 50's: Room 127 (last classroom on the right in the CE wing)
Ages 60 and up: Fellowship Hall
Women's Class: New Conference Room
Men's Class: Old Conference Room

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday nights have concluded for the summer. We will resume our normal Wednesday Night Activities on **August 28th**.

Small Groups

Pastor Josh recently sent out a survey seeking to gauge interest in Small Groups for the Fall. Please be sure to fill out the survey because the Small Groups Committee will be putting together the Small Groups for the 2019-2020 school year over the next couple of months.

• Activities this Week •

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

Monday - Monday Morning Prayer

• Announcements •

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.

Officer Nominations - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. Please submit your nomination form by Sunday, August 26th. Nomination forms are in the pew racks.

Construction Update - All of the carpet in the new building will be replaced during the last two weeks of August. (It was defective and condemned by the architect; it will be replaced at no expense to NMPC, except where we made upgrades.) Also, here is an update on the Capital Campaign as of July 31:

Projected Total Cost:	\$4,335,319	
Total Gifts & Pledges:	— <u>\$3,426,198</u>	(\$243,009 pledges outstanding)
Projected Loan Balance:	\$ 909,121	

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Neal & Willa Ham's 30th wedding anniversary.



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 Hoyo
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*
Duncan Cantrell, *Children's Director*
& *Operations Manager*

Kathy Pye, *Administrative Assistant*
Monni Parrish, *Financial Director & Pianist*
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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