



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 18, 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.

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth,
wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!*
Revelation 5:12

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Pastor: And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

295 - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*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.*

May the Peoples Praise You

Getty, Townend, Cash, and Zimmer



1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
[*strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.*
[own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
[*heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.*
Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be__ glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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

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

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 9:10.

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding; Proverbs 9:10.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-21

*Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above

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Bancroft/Cook

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea:
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;

A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.

My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.

I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

Sermon

The Influence of Friends
Proverbs 1:8-19; 13:20

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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Sandra McCracken



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
 hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er; We will feast
 and weep no more. We will not be burned — by the fire, He
In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You
 is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed — by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
 are the faith - ful One. And — from the gar - den to the
 flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

*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 exceedingly great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

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.

- Pr 13:20 He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*
Pr 12:26 A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- Pr 14:2 He whose walk is upright fears the LORD, but he whose ways are devious despises Him.*
- Pr 15:9 The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.*
Pr 21:12 The Righteous One takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.
- Pr 24:19-20 Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of the wicked, for the evil man has no future hope, and the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out.*
Pr 23:17-18 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
- Pr 10:1 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.*
Pr 29:3 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Influence of Friends*

Proverbs 1:8-19; 13:20

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 511 in your pew bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

*NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people
for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.*

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 15 Missionaries & 2 Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

***Local Ministries**

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer & Wesleyan)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness (pending the Session's approval)

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” meets one of the unique needs for those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaim the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with ministries in our community and missionaries around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these ministries so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

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:

Mark, LeeAnn & Gracen Wildman
 Jerry & Cheryl Willis
 Chris, Hope, Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson
 Andrew, Kathlyn & Rachel Grace Wohlrabe

Our Ministries:

Children's Ministry; pray for our Children's Ministry Committee, our new director, Duncan Cantrell, our teachers & helpers; our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with 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 that they would know God's wisdom as they deal with many varied issues and stresses for their missionaries in Africa.

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 & Jenny Nicholson

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); Ed Grimsley (brother)

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Aug. 18 - David & Lisa Lee
Aug. 25 - Stephen Mackes & Rebecca
Martinez

Children's Church

Aug. 18 – Matt & Megan Cathey
Aug. 25 – Jason & Payton Churchwell

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
Howard Reed
Paul McCommon

Prayer Team

Aug. 18 - Buck Ream & Larry Breed
Aug. 25 - Jeff Kross & Jeff Thompson

• 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 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, beginning tomorrow and continuing for the next two weeks. (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	

Strong Tower Fellowship - STF will have its annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 26th. For more information, talk with Jason Tripp or Amy Drummond.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Grogan Trupia by the Stevenson & Garretson families.



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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*
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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