



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 25, 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.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

Pastor: The heavens are declaring the glory of God; the skies are proclaiming the work of his hands.

People: **Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.**

Pastor: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

People: **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

*Praise Hymn

115 - *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

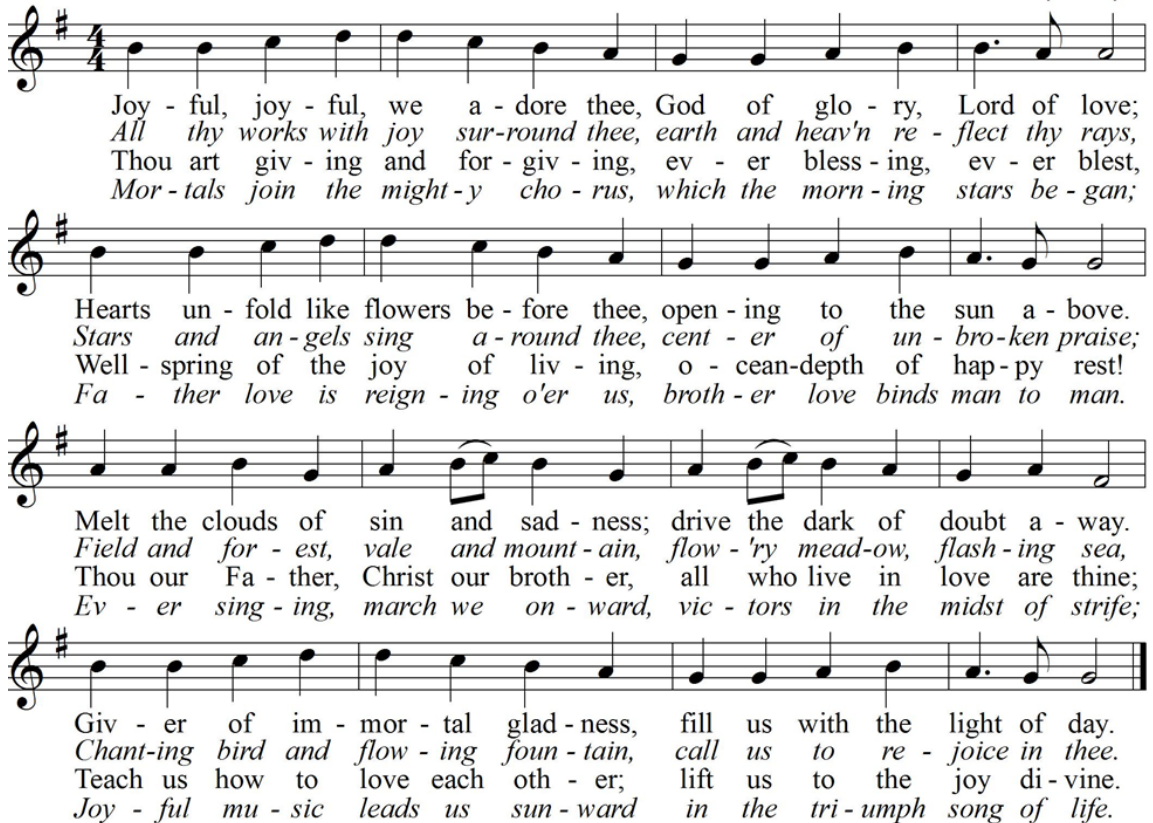
** those who are able please stand*

1. Q. Who made you?
A. **God.**
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. **God made all things.**
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. **For his own glory.**
4. Q. How can you glorify God?
A. **By loving him and doing what he commands.**
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?
A. **Because he made me and takes care of me.**
6. Q. Is there more than one true God?
A. **No. There is only one true God.**
7. Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?
A. **In three Persons.**
8. Q. Name these three persons.
A. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
9. Q. What is God?
A. **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**
10. Q. Where is God?
A. **God is everywhere.**
11. Q. Can you see God?
A. **No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**
12. Q. Does God know all things?
A. **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**
13. Q. Can God do all things?
A. **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

The Children's Catechism is a simple introduction to the theological concepts contained in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which serves as a part of the doctrinal foundation of the PCA.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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

Memory Verses 1 & 2

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.

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 13:20.

People: He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm; Proverbs 13:20.

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone-- an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Behold Our God

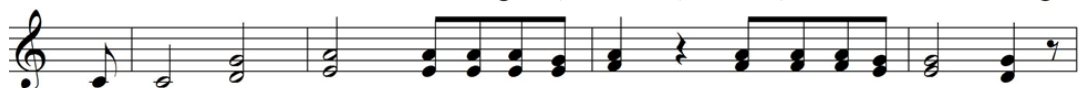
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Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
 Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
 God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.

Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev - er, _____ Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

*(repeat
chorus)*

Sermon

Wisdom's Stern Warning
Proverbs 1:20-33; Galatians 6:7

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
Galatians 6:7

*Hymn of Response

O the Deep, Deep Love

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin



Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un-mea - sured, bound-less free,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
 Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur-pass - ing all the rest,
 rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,
how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
 it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.
 un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,
how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,
 Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,
 lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.
 You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.
 Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both 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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Wisdom's Stern Warning*

Proverbs 1:20-33; Galatians 6:7

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:

Beverly Wooden
 Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
 Skip & Debbie Yetter
 Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans

Our Ministries:

Youth Ministry; Mark & Kara Ballard; teachers & helpers; pray that our students would have a passion for Christ and His Kingdom.

Our church leaders 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. Please pray for the countries in Africa where our MTW missionaries serve - Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Malawi, South Africa & Madagascar. Pray especially for the country of Zimbabwe where there is great poverty.

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: Jessica Adams, Lindsay Garrett, Dawn Hannah, Heather Austin & Jenny Nicholson

Newborns: Lily Hearn

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); Andrew Wood (grandparents)

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Aug. 25 - Stephen Mackes & Rebecca Martinez

Sept. 1 - Boo & Rebecca McKelvey

Children's Church

Aug. 25 - Jason & Payton Churchwell

Sept 1 - Bryan & Meredith Covert

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. 25 - Jeff Kross & Jeff Thompson

Sept. 1 - Paul McCommon & Cleve Cunningham

• 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 - Fall Quarter (Sept 8 - Dec 15)

Adult Electives

Colossians—taught by Paul McCommon in Room 142 (left classroom behind sanctuary)

Covenant Theology—taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall

Learning Evangelism From Jesus by Jerram Barrs—taught by Jeff Thompson in Room 127 (last classroom on the right in the Christian Education building)

Men's Class—*The Holiness of God* by RC Sproul (old conference room)

Ladies' Class —*The Pauline Epistles* (new conference room)

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)

Adult Bible Study: 2 Corinthians

The menu for Wed, Aug 28 is: Pork Loin with caper sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread & Strawberry Shortcake.

Small Groups

Most of our Small Groups will begin after Labor Day. If you are interested in learning more or in joining a Small Group, please talk with Pastor Josh (josh@nmpc.net). We have all kinds: Mentor Mom, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Discipleship, and Community Groups.

• Activities this Week •

Sunday - 9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship

Monday - 9:00 AM - Monday Prayer

Wednesday - 5:45 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Classes for all ages

• 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.

Parent Meeting - Parents of Jr & Sr high students will meet tonight in the Fellowship Hall from 7 – 8 PM. We will look back at God's work this summer, look ahead to our fall plans, and pray for our students. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Discipleship Opportunities at NMPC - See page 13 for more information.

Ladies Bible Studies - The Wednesday AM Ladies' Bible Study begins on Wed, Sept 4 from 9:30-11:00 AM and will study the I AM statements of Jesus. The Friday AM Ladies' Bible Study resumes on Fri, Sept 6 at 10:00 AM and will continue their study of Romans.

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 25th. Nomination forms are in the pew racks.

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 honor of Levy & Joan Youman's 50th wedding anniversary and in celebration of Howard Youmans 6th birthday by Brandon & Beth Youmans.



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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, *Administrator,*
Financial Director & Pianist
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon*
Preschool Director

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