

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 1, 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.

*...God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light,
whom no one has seen or can see.
1 Timothy 6:15-16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

- Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!
- People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!
- Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- People: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

** those who are able please stand*

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.*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 139:1-16

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,; even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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.*

Memory Verses 2 & 3

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.

Pastor: Let us recite Galatians 6:7.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

111 - *This Is My Father's World*

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Theology of Proverbs
Selected Proverbs & Jeremiah 32:39

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear Me
for their own good and the good of their children after them.
Jeremiah 32:39*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

252 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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, equip 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**

Visitors: Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you.

- 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.
 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.
 16:4 The LORD works out everything for his own ends—even the wicked for a day of disaster.
 21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.
 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD.
 16:1 To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.
 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.
 20:24 A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?

 5:21 For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths.
 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.
 20:27 The lamp of the LORD searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.
 20:12 Ears that hear and eyes that see—the LORD has made them both.
 16:2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.
 21:2 All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.

 12:2 A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but the LORD condemns a crafty man.
 10:3 The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
 15:25 The LORD tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact.
 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
 11:20 The LORD detests men of perverse heart, but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.
 12:22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Theology of Proverbs*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Selected Proverbs & Jeremiah 32:39

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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:

Levy & Joan Youmans
 Keith, Kasey, James, Jonathan & Joshua Young
 Vicki Anderson
 Iris Archer

Our Ministries:

Our College Students; pray for RUF Mercer and Marlin & Caroline Harris; pray for RUF Wesleyan and Amanda DeYoung; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month: Stephen and Sarah Young who have a ministry to the Japanese in Tennessee. Pray for Sarah's health. She is seeing a hematologist for the bone marrow disorder that she has.

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; Kathy Combs; Jerry Willis; David Lee (back surgery)

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

Sept. 1 - Boo & Rebecca McKelvey
Sept. 8 - John & Joyce Meadows

Children's Church

Sept. 1 – Bryan & Meredith Covert
Sept 8 – Will & Kristen Daniels

Greeters

September - Chris & Hope Wilson

Soundboard Operator

September - Ben Baker

Communion Preparation

September - Charles & Patricia Hughes

Usher Team

September - Matt Monsted
Howard Reed
Hays Fyke
Will Daniels
Stephen Barnes

Communion Elders

September - Ed Grimsley
Jeff Thompson
Charles Baker
Larry Breed
Kevin Watson
Neal Ham
Howard Reed
John McSween

Prayer Team

Sept. 1 - Paul McCommon & Cleve
Cunningham
Sept. 8- John McSween & Charles Baker

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

Covenant Theology—by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall

Learning Evangelism From Jesus by Jerram Barrs—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, Sept 4 is Meat Loaf w/sauce, cheesy potatoes, green peas,
salad bar, bread & cookies*

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@nmmpc.net). We have all kinds: Mentor Mom, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Discipleship, and Community Groups.

• Activities this Week •

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

Wednesday - 9:30 AM - Ladies' Bible Study
5:45 PM - Dinner
6:30 PM - Classes for all ages
Friday - 10:00 AM - Ladies' Bible Study

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - Since tomorrow is Labor Day, we will not gather for prayer tomorrow morning.

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.

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

David Milligan - We are thankful to have David Milligan playing the piano for us this morning.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Watson & Syd Rives by Kevin & Scarlett Watson.



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*
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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