

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 15, 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 will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
Psalm 146:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

People: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God—the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

Pastor: He upholds the cause of the oppressed; He gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD sets prisoners free; the LORD gives sight to the blind.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

People: The LORD watches over the alien, and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations! Praise the LORD!

** those who are able please stand*

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

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. Amen.

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.

*Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.
2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*
3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,
4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*
5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
• for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.
When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.
here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
• He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
• He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.
He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.
You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

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Call to Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Q. God asks, Who am I to you?

A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

Q. What is it that you desire most?

A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Q. What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?

A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.**

We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Q. How can you be so bold in asking for these things?

A. **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Friend of Sinners
Caleb & Hannah Henning

*Redeemer! Whither should I flee, Or how escape the wrath to come?
The weary sinner flies to thee For shelter from impending doom;
Smile on me, gracious Lord, And show thyself the Friend sinners now
Smile on me, gracious Lord, And show thyself the Friend sinners now*

*Beneath the shadow of thy cross The heavy laden soul finds rest;
I would esteem the world but dross, So I might be of Christ possessed.
I'd seek my every joy in thee, Be thou both life and light to me.
I'd seek my every joy in thee, Be thou both life and light to me.*

*Close to the highly shameful tree, Jesus, my humbled soul would cleave;
Despised and crucified with thee, With thee resolved to die and live;
This prayer and this ambition mine, Living and dying to be thine.
This prayer and this ambition mine, Living and dying to be thine.*

*There fastened to the rugged wood By holy love's resistless chain,
And life deriving from thy blood, Never to wander wide again,
There may I bow my suppliant knee, And own no other Lord but thee.
There may I bow my suppliant knee, And own no other Lord but thee.*

Memory Verses 4 & 5

Pastor: Let us recite Jeremiah 32:39.

People: **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

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 2:6.

People: **For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.** Proverbs 2:6

Memory Verse #6

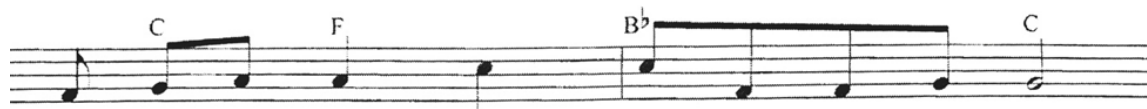
Proverbs 2:7

*He holds victory in store for the upright;
He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.
Proverbs 2:7*

Spirit of God



Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
 Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as Thou art;
 To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
 I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling:
 The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove,



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;*
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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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 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 would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. *If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Breakfast With Jesus*

John 21:1-19

Pastor: Rev. Marlin Harris

page 881 in the 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:

Rod & Bess Baker
Mark & Kara Ballard
Bert, Anna, Bo & Hatcher Barnes
Bill, Rebecca, Liam & Clay Barnes

Our Ministries:

Our men: pray they would be men after God's own heart, they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness, and they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Our church leaders would be blameless and Spirit-filled.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month: Stephen and Sarah Young who have a ministry to the Japanese in Tennessee. Pray for the Japanese in Perth, Australia who just became Christians.

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

Newborns: Lily Hearn

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

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (surgery); Jerry Willis (surgery); David Lee (back surgery); Sam Griffin (broken arm)

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); Ed Grimsley (brother); Andrew Wood (grandparents)

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Sept. 15 - Rob & Ann Morton
Sept. 22 - Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna

Children's Church

Sept. 15 - Frank & Nina Fleming
Sept. 22 - Hays Fyke & Adam Griffin

Greeters

September - Chris & Hope Wilson
October - Frank & Nina Fleming

Soundboard Operator

September - Ben Baker
October - Jim Grier

Communion Preparation

September - Charles & Patricia Hughes
October - Carol Dawson & Charlotte
Laurens

Usher Team

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

Communion Elders

October - Jeff Kross
Frank Fleming
Jason Churchwell
Rob Morton
Dan Strawn
Paul McCommon
Cleve Cunningham
Matt Shepley

Prayer Team

Sept. 15 - Larry Breed, Howard Reed
Sept. 22 - Neal Ham & Kevin Watson

• Financial Update •

as of August 31, 2019

General Operations

2019 Receipts: \$ 701,001
2019 Expenses: \$ 677,918

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: \$ 2,459

• 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 18 is Taco Salad, Salad Bar, Lemon Cake with
Almond Frosting*

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@nmipc.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 - 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 •

Lunch for College & Graduate Students - After the worship service today there will be a lunch for all college & graduate students. Join us!

Rev. Marlin Harris - Marlin and Caroline are former members of NMPC, and Marlin was a Pastoral Intern at NMPC in 2011. Marlin is the RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) pastor at Mercer University.

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer on Monday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. If you have a prayer request, let Hunter or Josh know.

Ladies' Fall Fellowship - Our Ladies' Fall Fellowship is Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 pm at the home of Jessica Butler, 4278 Old Club Road East. Please join us and bring your favorite appetizer.

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

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or in joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings: October 20th & 27th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We also provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one night.)

Bobby & Barbara Freeman - Congratulations to Bobby & Barbara Freeman on their 63rd wedding anniversary tomorrow, September 16th.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dan Gibson on his birthday by Barbara Gibson & family.



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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