

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 22, 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.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever! May the LORD rejoice in his works!
Psalm 104:31

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever! May the LORD rejoice in his works!

People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!**

** those who are able please stand*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with His word and then pro - nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,



the moon shines full at His com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

***Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but it is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

***Hymn**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have, hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Repeat Chorus)

Call to Prayer

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Duncan Cantrell

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

Stephen Barnes

Memory Verses 5 & 6

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 2:6.

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

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 2:7.

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

Memory Verse #7

Proverbs 2:8

*For he guards the course of the just and
protects the way of his faithful ones.
Proverbs 2:8*

Speak, O Lord

Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You— to re-ceive the food of Your ho - ly word
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, — ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu - mil - i - ty. —
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;— Shape and fash-ion us— in Your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance— of Your pu - ri - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deed of faith.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promi - ses; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill— in us— all Your pur - pos - es— for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Protection Wisdom Provides
Proverbs 2:9-22

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*

Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?

Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? *On - ly my Ho - ly God.**

Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing
ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: *The Protection Wisdom Provides*

Text: Proverbs 2:9-22

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

page 512 in the pew Bible

Memory Verses

Fall 2019

- 8/11 1. Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*
- 8/18 2. Proverbs 13:20 *He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*
- 8/25 3. Galatians 6:7 *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*
- 9/1 4. Jeremiah 32:39 *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.*
- 9/8 5. Proverbs 2:6 *For the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*
- 9/15 6. Proverbs 2:7 *He holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.*
- 9/22 7. Proverbs 2:8 *For He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.*
- 9/29 8. Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Guiding Principles in Worship

North Macon Presbyterian Church

A Reformed approach to worship

- To glorify God is our primary objective in worship.
- To allow Scripture alone to prescribe what we do (and what we do not do) in worship.
- To develop worship services that are Christ-centered and Gospel-shaped. Also, to ensure that the elements of the service are thematically and coherently connected.
- To ensure that the reading and preaching of God's Word are prominent in the worship service.

Musical parameters in our worship service

- To sing songs that are biblically sound and theologically rich so that we might best meditate upon the excellencies of our God and His salvation in Jesus Christ. Also, to select songs that have musical depth and integrity.
- To emphasize congregational singing, thereby encouraging the participation of all. We do not want our people to become spectators or to feel that they are attending a performance. Consequently, we want to select songs that are suitable for congregational singing.
- To have diversity and charity in our musical style and instrumentation. We want the maximum number of people in our diverse congregation to be able to worship God in spirit and in truth on any given Sunday. Further, we want to encourage each member to heartily embrace the diversity of musical styles as a demonstration of neighborly love for one another and of unity in the body of Christ.
- To be led in worship by our own members, who lead a holy life amongst us and are Spirit-filled. We do not want performers or outside professionals to lead us in worship (as a general principle).
- We want our singing (and everything else in worship) to be done “decently and in order”, with reverence, and with excellence. God deserves and demands our best.

Approved by the Session 5/26/2014

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:

Stephen, Christian, Emily, Owen, Anderson & Palmer Barnes
 Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton
 Paul, Sara & Benjamin Behrens
 Dwayne, Natalie, Meryt & Luke Benson

Our Ministries:

Our women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness; pray for our elder nominees (Jason Churchwell, Tommy James & Seth Peed) and deacon nominees (Lee Burch, Hays Fyke, Grant Nicholson, Shane Self & Andrew Wohlrabe) as they participate in the Officer Training Course this Fall.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month: Stephen and Sarah Young who have a ministry to the Japanese in Tennessee. Over one hundred Japanese came to the Young's church for Japan's Children's day. Please pray for these families to become 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: Jessica Adams, Dawn Hannah & Heather Austin

Newborns: Lily Hearn, Winston Garrett

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. 22 - Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna
Sept. 29 - Kim Murray & Kim Noegel

Children's Church

Sept. 22 - Hays Fyke & Adam Griffin
Sept. 29 - Patrick & Ashley Hoyer

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. 22 - Neal Ham & Kevin Watson
Sept. 29 - John McSween & Rob Morton

• 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 25 is chicken divan, buttered carrots, rice, salad bar,
bread & brownies.*

Small Groups

Most of our Small Groups have begun meeting. 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

Tuesday - 6:30 PM - Ladies' Fall
Fellowship

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 - 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 - The Ladies' Fall Fellowship is Tues, Sept 24th at 6:30 PM at the home of Jessica Butler (4278 Old Club Rd E). 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@nmpe.net) to sign up or for more information. (We also provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one night.)

Evangelism Explosion - One of the ministries we support at NMPC is Evangelism Explosion. Dr. David Todd will give us a report this morning on his ministry with EE.



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*
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