

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 8, 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.

Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!
Psalm 96:2

Prelude

Jonas Davison

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness! Tremble before him all the earth!

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

55 - *To God Be the Glory*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus,
the law of the Spirit of life
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose.

And we are convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

My Worth Is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of
 2. My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in
 3. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau - ty
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un -



flesh and bone, but in the cost - ly wounds of love
 pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed
 hur - ry by, but life e - ter - nal calls to us
 fleet - ing light, but I will boast in know - ing Christ
 wor - thi - ness; my val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid



at the cross. cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er,
 at the cross. cross.
 at the cross. cross.
 at the cross.



great-est treas - ure, Well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no



oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13

He conceals his sins does not prosper,
 but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions,
for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

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 3 & 4

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

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

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David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.
 And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,
Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

Sermon *Nothing You Desire Can Compare With Wisdom* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Proverbs 2:1-8

*Hymn of Response

O Great God

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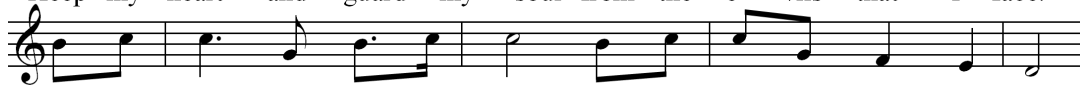
Bob Kaufflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



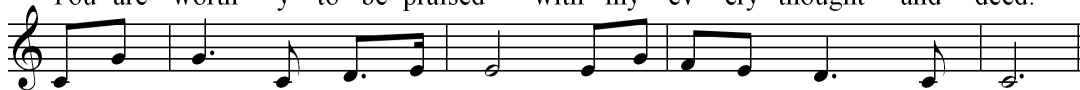
Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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: *Nothing You Desire Can Compare With Wisdom*

Proverbs 2:1-8

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

page 511 in the 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 with 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:

Phillip & Heather Austin; Aria DiPaslo
Benjamin Baker
Charles & Myra Baker
Margaret Baker

Our Ministries:

Our families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children; children would love & obey their parents and love on another.

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.

Pray for our Missionary of the Month: Stephen and Sarah Young who have a ministry to the Japanese in Tennessee. Pray for Sarah's writing ministry. She has a new book that will be released this month called *Jesus Calling, 365 Devotions with Real-Life Stories*.

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 & Jenny Nicholson

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. 8 - John & Joyce Meadows
Sept. 15 - Rob & Ann Morton

Children's Church

Sept. 8 - Will & Kristen Daniels
Sept. 15 - Frank & Nina Fleming

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. 8 - John McSween & Charles Baker
Sept. 15 - Larry Breed, Howard Reed

• Financial Update •

as of August 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 11 is BBQ Chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad bar, bread & ice cream

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 - Brunch

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 •

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

Lunch for College & Graduate Students - After the worship service next Sunday, September 15th, we will host a lunch for all college & graduate students. Join us!

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@nmnpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We also provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one night.)

Central GA Presbytery - CGP will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Columbus on Tuesday. Presbytery's business includes (1) examining men who are preparing to become pastors, (2) overseeing church planting efforts in our region, (3) overseeing RUF ministries at college campuses, and (4) addressing any shepherding concerns in our churches. Please pray for our Teaching elders and representative Ruling Elders as they meet on Tuesday.

Jonas Davison - Jonas is playing the flute this morning. He is an MTW (Mission to the World) missionary who is raising support to go to Toyko, Japan. He is interviewing with NMPC's Mission Committee to be added as one of the missionaries we support through Faith Promise giving.



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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