

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

October 13, 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.

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*If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.  
Psalm 130:3-4*

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Prelude

*Come Christians Join to Sing  
Monni Parrish & Melanie Buckner*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

**People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

**People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

\*Praise Hymn

*77 - Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,  
who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God  
something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very  
nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became  
obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is  
above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

\*Hymn

297 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

Call to Prayer

Psalms 32:1-7

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is  
the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For  
day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of  
summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I  
will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely  
when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will  
protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

## Corporate Confession

O most great, most just, and most gracious God; your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ, and have offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Remind us that we are your children and enliven us with the Spirit of the Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:10-12

*The LORD does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

## 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

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
*Monni Parrish & Melanie Buckner*

## Memory Verse 9

Pastor: Let us recite James 4:6.

People: *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble; James 4:6.*

## Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:13-26

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Jesus, I Come*

# Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*  
Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*



In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*



Out of my sick - ness\_\_\_ in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
*Out of earth's sor - rows\_\_\_ in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms\_\_\_ and in - to Thy calm,*  
Out of my self\_\_\_ to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
*Out of the depths\_\_\_ of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shelt - er - ing fold,*



Out of my sin\_\_\_ and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.*

Sermon

*Is It Wise or Foolish?*  
Selected Proverbs

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Memory Verse 10

*The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways; Proverbs 14:8a.*

\*Hymn of Response

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

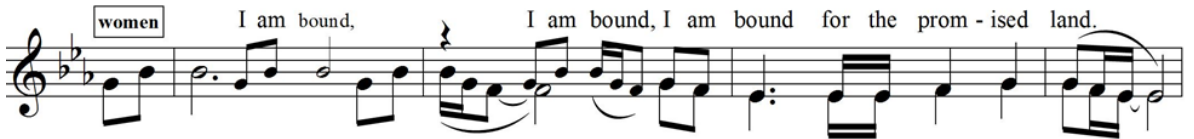
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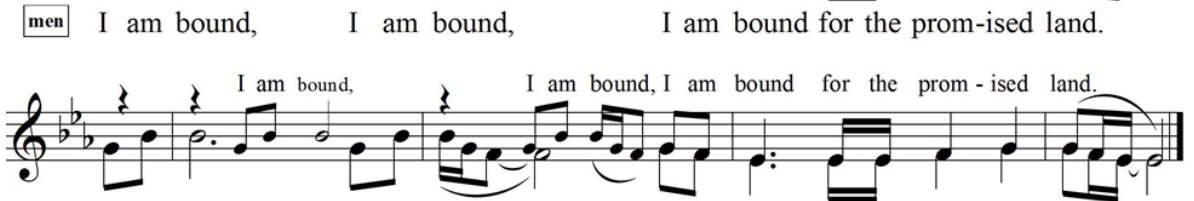
- 1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
- 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines one e - ter - nal day,
- 3. No chil - ling winds nor pois - 'nous breath, can reach that health - ful - shore,
- 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - e - ver blessed,



to Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions lie.  
 there God, the Son, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.  
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
 where shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and in his bos - om rest.



**women** I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.



**men** I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.



I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.

**\*Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you. 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](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

*The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.*

- 13:16 All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.  
14:08 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.  
14:15 The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.  
14:16 The wise fear the LORD and shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.  
16:17 The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their ways preserve their lives.  
17:24 A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.  
18:15 The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.  
19:02 Desire without knowledge is not good-how much more will hasty feet miss the way!  
20:25 It is a trap to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider one's vows.  
21:29 The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright give thought to their ways.  
22:03 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.  
22:05 In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them.  
27:12 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

*The wise listen to advice.*

- 10:08 The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.  
12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.  
13:13 Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it, but whoever respects a command is rewarded.  
15:14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.  
16:20 Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD.  
19:16 Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.  
19:20 Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.  
23:12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.  
28:09 If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.  
28:14 Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.  
29:01 Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed without remedy.



# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Is It Wise or Foolish?*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Selected Proverbs

see page 7 in the bulletin

# 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

# Missionaries Supported by NMPC

1. **TREY AND KIKKI ADAMS** are in the states on HMA (Home Missionary Assignment) and are staying at the Ream's mission house. They serve the Lord in **Thailand**.
2. **BRIAN AND MANDY** are part of a team planting a church in a city of 10 million people in **South Asia**. They are also involved in training a network of national church-planters.
3. **KAY BURKLIN** is MTW's (Mission to the World) European liaison with **refugees**.
4. **RODNEY AND JANA DAVILA** minister in **Costa Rica**, helping to build churches, and teaching and training pastors.
5. **JONAS AND CHRISTINA DAVISON** are part of a church planting team in **Japan** where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.
6. **JEFF AND JAMIE** are in **India** where they are part of a church planting team and where Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
7. **RICH AND CHRISSEY GREETE** have a counseling ministry to **Mission to the World** missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.
8. **DR. VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH** are serving in **Africa** where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for the whole continent of Africa.
9. **JIM AND MARY ALICE PATTERSON** have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in **Australia and Malaysia** on a project which helps produce and edit God's Word in audio format for people groups who can then hear the Scriptures in their own language.
10. **DAVID AND ERIN PERVIS** are in a church planting ministry **Greece**, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.
11. **JOHN AND DYLAN PETERS**, who are former members of NMPC, are working in **Costa Rica** alongside of the Davilas. They are using their gifts to reach and equip youth and college students through discipleship and mentoring.
12. **MIKE AND ELI SABIN** help spread the gospel throughout **Southeast Asia** by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.
13. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write, publish, distribute, and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
14. **DAL AND BETH STANTON** lead a church planting team in Sofia, **Bulgaria**. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria" a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking.
15. **JOSH TSAVATEWA** is a missionary sent out from NMPC who works among the **Yakama Tribe in Washington State** as the Children's Ministry Director with Sacred Road Ministries.
16. **BRUCE AND BARBARA WANNEMACHER** provide spiritual care, training and leadership for all MTW missionaries who are serving in **Sub-Sahara Africa**.
17. **STEPHEN AND SARAH YOUNG** worked in Perth, **Australia with the Japanese people**. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese, and Sarah, the author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.

## 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:

Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell  
 Kathy Combs  
 Bryan, Meredith, Hunter & Rhett Covert  
 Larry & Cathy Crumbley

## Our Ministries:

Our Sunday School Classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word.

Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully.; 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: Victor & Nosizo Nakah are the head of MTW missionaries in Africa. Pray as they go with 100 from 15 countries to Cape Town to be refreshed in the Word of God and to partner in intentional church planting.

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: Dawn Hannah & Heather Austin

Newborns: Lily Hearn, Winston Garrett & Ava Adams

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

Recovering: Brenda Crutchfield (COPD); Kathy Combs (surgery); Charles Hughes (heart issues); Sam Griffin (broken arm); Sally Lee (hip)

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); Cheryl Willis (Jerry)

# • Service Schedule •

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## Nursery Workers

Oct. 13 - Charlie & Nicole Parrish

Oct. 20 - Seth & Silas Peed

## Children's Church

Oct. 13 - Paul & Pam Kanode

Oct. 20 - Jeff & Cindy Kross

## Greeters

October - Frank & Nina Fleming

November - Bert & Anna Barnes

## Soundboard Operator

October - Jim Grier

November - Ed Voss

## Communion Preparation

November - Carol Dawson & Charlotte  
Laurens

## Usher Team

October - Brandon Youmans

Cleve Cunningham

Skip Yetter

Dan Taylor

Mike Simmons

Matt Smith

## Communion Elders

November - Jeff Kross

John McSween

Jeff Thompson

Howard Reed

Ed Grimsley

Kevin Watson

Larry Breed

Charles Baker

## Prayer Team

Oct. 13 - Howard Reed & Jeff Thompson

Oct. 20 - Paul McCommon & Jeff Kross

# • Financial Update •

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as of September 30, 2019

## General Operations

2019 Receipts: \$ 793,834

2019 Expenses: \$ 776,354

## 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: \$ 7,749

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## 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, Oct 16th is Poppy Seed Chicken, Long Grain & Wild Rice, Buttered Carrots, Salad Bar, Bread & Caramel Iced Cake.*

## Small Groups

All 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](mailto:josh@nmpc.net)). We have all kinds: Mentor Mom, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Discipleship, and Community Groups.

# • Activities this Week •

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**Sunday** - 9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship

**Monday** - 9:00 AM - Monday Prayer

6:00 PM - Dinner & Joint

Mtg of elders & deacons

**Wednesday** - 5:45 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Classes for all ages

**Friday** - 10:00 AM - Ladies' Bible Study

# • Announcements •

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**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.

**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](mailto:hunter@nmpc.net)) to sign up or for more information. **The notebooks for the class are available outside of Hunter's office.**

**Covenant Care Services** - CCS is having a fundraising banquet on Monday, October 21st from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Anderson Conference Center to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ministry and over 600 adoptions. Reservations are required through [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or by calling 478.475.4990. The guest speaker is Dr. Voddie Baucham.

**Reformation Celebration** - You are invited to our annual Reformation Day celebration on Sunday, October 27th from 4pm-6:30pm. The church will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and an announcement will follow for what to bring. There will be activities and games for our youth and children.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jamie McCallum Jackson for her birthday by her mother, Diane McCallum.



# 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.

	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Session	Paul McCommon* Rob Morton* Howard Reed*	Ed Grimsley Kevin Watson*	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*

	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Diaconate	Bert Barnes* Jack Pyles*	Matt Monsted* Silas Peed Wes Seay	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoyo Brandon Youmans

\*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off

Staff	Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
	Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director &amp; Pianist</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Children's Director &amp; Operations Manager</i>	

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