

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 20, 2019



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

Please be sure to turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.
Also, please do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

*And Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves
but for him who died for them and was raised again.
2 Corinthians 5:15*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Men: Let Israel say: 'His love endures forever.'

Women: Let the house of Aaron say: 'His love endures forever.'

All: Let those who fear the LORD say: 'His love endures forever.'

Pastor: In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

Men: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Women: The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

Pastor: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

Men: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Women: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Men: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Women: The LORD's right hand is lifted high!

All: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His love endures forever!

* those who are able please stand

*Praise Hymn

53 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Invocation

Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

*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 catechisms of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn

693 - *Blessed Assurance*

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Memory Verse 10

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 14:8a.

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

Memory Verse 11

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

Proverbs 6:6

***Hymn of Preparation**

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Go to the Ant, You Sluggard!
Proverbs 6:6-11

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- 10:04 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.
14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
20:13 Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.
12:11 He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.
28:19 He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.
13:04 The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.
10:05 He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.
20:04 A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.
24:27 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

***Hymn of Response**

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power 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. *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: *Go to the Ant, You Sluggard!*

Proverbs 6:6-11

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 514 in your pew bible

Pray for our Members:

Brenda Crutchfield
Cleve & Kathy Cunningham
Will, Kristen, Nate, Seth, Joshua, Isaac, Noah, Josiah & Tristan Daniels
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner

Pray for our Ministries:

Our sister churches & Partnering ministries: Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Evangelism Explosion, Covenant Care Services & Campus Clubs. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Our staff, elders and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.; 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.

Our Missionary of the Month: Victor & Nosizo Nakah are the head of MTW missionaries in Africa. Pray for their active church planters who are at various levels of planting: Mitch Spence, Antonio Coppola & Confex Mwakhalira.

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).

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Heather Austin
Newborns: Lily Hearn, Winston Garrett, Ava Adams & Hudson Hannah
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)

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• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Oct. 20 - Seth & Silas Peed
Oct. 27 - Howard & Debi Reed

Children's Church

Oct. 20 - Jeff & Cindy Kross
Oct. 27 - Paul McCommon & Duncan Cantrell

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. 20 - Paul McCommon & Jeff Kross
Oct. 27 - Ed Grimsley & Frank Fleming

• Financial Update •

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 •

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 23rd is Baked Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Bread & Ice Cream.

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). 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

5:30 PM - New Members
Class

Monday - 9:00 AM - Monday Prayer

Wednesday - 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.

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@nmipc.net) to sign up or for more information. **The notebooks for the class are available outside of Hunter's office.**

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. Please register in Realm.

Families of NMPC Youth: Please join us for our first ever "Last Sunday Lunch" immediately after the Sunday Morning Worship service on Sunday, October 27th in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$5/person or \$20/family max. Sign up on REALM or scan this QR code.





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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 & Pianist</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Children's Director & Operations Manager</i>	

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