

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 27, 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.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: **Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Praise Hymn

92 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

** those who are able please stand*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28-30, 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.
For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed
to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers.

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified;
those he justified, he also glorified.

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.

*Hymn

94 - *How Firm a Foundation*
vs. 1-4 6

Call to Prayer

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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

Memory Verse 11

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 6:6.

People: *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! Proverbs 6:6.*

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Hymn of Preparation

Come Ye Sinners

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Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,
Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it
sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res
of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,
full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,
ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,
you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,
is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,
Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,
He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.
with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Work Ethic of the Wise
Proverbs 30:24-28

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Memory Verse 12

*Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings;
he will not serve before obscure men; Proverbs 22:29.*

*Hymn of Response

For All the Saints

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For all the saints who from their la - bor's rest, who thee by
Thou wast their rock, — their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of

be for - ev - er blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
dear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.*

Selected Proverbs

30:24-28 Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; rock-badgers are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags. Locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

13:16 Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly.

14:08 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.

19:02 It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.

21:05 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Luke 14:28-32 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

10:26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him.

25:19 Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

14:35 A king delights in a wise servant, but a shameful servant incurs his wrath.

16:13 Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.

19:12 A king's rage is like the roar of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.

20:02 A king's wrath is like the roar of a lion; he who angers him forfeits his life.

25:13 Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

12:24 Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

10:03 The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

15:09 The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Work Ethic of the Wise*

Text: Proverbs 30:24-28

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Page: 538 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

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.

Pray for our Members:

Carol Dawson
Trey, Allison, Chase, Austin & Maggie Lynn Deaton
Trey & Chelsea Dozier
James, Amy, Audrey, Jenna & David Drummond

Pray for our Ministries:

Children's Ministry; Duncan Cantrell, the Children's Ministry Committee, teachers & helpers; pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the the Holy Spirit.; pray for our elder nominees (Jason Churchwell & Tommy James) 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. The church in Africa is the fastest growing in the world. 70% of all those who lead this growing church have no bible or theological training. Pray for theological programs like MINTS and 3rd Millennium.
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); Julie Strange (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 •

Nursery Workers

Oct. 27 - Howard & Debi Reed
Nov. 03 - Chip & Cathy Ridley

Children's Church

Oct. 27 - Paul McCommon & Duncan Cantrell
Nov. 03 - John & Beth McSween

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. 27 - Ed Grimsley & Frank Fleming
Nov. 03 - Neal Ham & Rob Morton

• 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 30th is Hot Chicken Salad, Corn Soufflé, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread & Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce.

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
4:00 PM - Reformation
Day Celebration
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 •

Families of NMPC Youth: Please join us for our first ever “Last Sunday Lunch” immediately after the worship service today. Cost is \$5/person or \$20/family max.

Reformation Celebration - You are invited to our annual Reformation Day celebration this afternoon from 4pm-6:30pm. The church will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and families will bring sides and desserts. There will be activities and games for our youth and children. Come join us!

Capital Campaign Update as of September 30:

Final Cost:	\$4,339,248	
Gifts & Pledges:	— <u>\$3,440,144</u>	(\$231,204 pledges outstanding)
Projected Loan Balance:	\$ 899,104	

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.



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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

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

Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Duncan Cantrell, *Children's Director*
& *Operations Manager*

Payton Churchwell, *Women's Ministry*
Coordinator
Kathy Pye, *Administrative Assistant*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,*
Financial Director & Pianist
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon*
Preschool Director

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