

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 6, 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.

*I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.
Psalm 89:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: **For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**

Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

People: **Who is like you, O LORD God Almighty? You, O LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

32 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

May the Peoples Praise You

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1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
 2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
 3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
 [own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.
 Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be_ glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

Call to Prayer

Psalm 68:19-20 & 1 Peter 5:7

Praise be to the LORD, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.

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

Before the Throne

Memory Verse 8

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 3:5-6.

People: *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; Proverbs 3:5-6.*

Memory Verse 9

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh, my soul. I worship Your ho - ly name

1. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn-ing.
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing,

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing
Still my soul will sing Your praise un - ending

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er more.

To Chorus

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

God Gives Grace to the Humble
Proverbs 3:19-33

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath - er's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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: *God Gives Grace to the Humble*

Text: Proverbs 3:19-33

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

page 513 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:

Lee, Jennifer & Jennalee Burch
 Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler
 Matt, Megan, Andrew & William Cathey
 Haden Churchwell

Our Ministries:

North Macon Preschool; pray for our director, Debbie McCommon, and our teachers that they would be full of grace and truth; pray that our students would grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord; 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 for them as they oversee the missionary efforts in Africa. They also requested prayer for Nosizo's chronic kidney condition.

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); Jerry Willis (pneumonia); 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)

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Oct. 06 - Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn
Oct. 13 - Charlie & Nicole Parrish

Children's Church

Oct. 06 - Pat Jenkins & Kathleen
Gettmann
Oct. 13 - Paul & Pam Kanode

Greeters

October - Frank & Nina Fleming

Soundboard Operator

October - Jim Grier

Communion Preparation

October - Carol Dawson & Charlotte
Laurens

Usher Team

October - Brandon Youmans
Cleve Cunningham
Skip Yetter
Dan Taylor
Mike Simmons
Matt Smith

Communion Elders

October - Jeff Kross
Frank Fleming
Jason Churchwell
Rob Morton
Dan Strawn
Paul McCommon
Cleve Cunningham
Matt Shepley

Prayer Team

Oct. 06 - Cleve Cunningham & Buck Ream
Oct. 13 - Howard Reed & Jeff Thompson

• 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, Oct 9th is BBQ Pork, Rice, Butter Beans, Salad Bar,
Bread & Cookies*

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

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

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 or by calling 478.475.4990. The guest speaker is Dr. Voddie Baucham.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Caroline Catherine Garretson on her birthday by Cal, Holly & Camp Garretson.



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

**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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