

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 1, 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.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

- Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!
- People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!
- Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- People: In his hand are depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- People: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Praise Hymn

2 - O Worship the King
vs. 1-5

* those who are able please stand

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

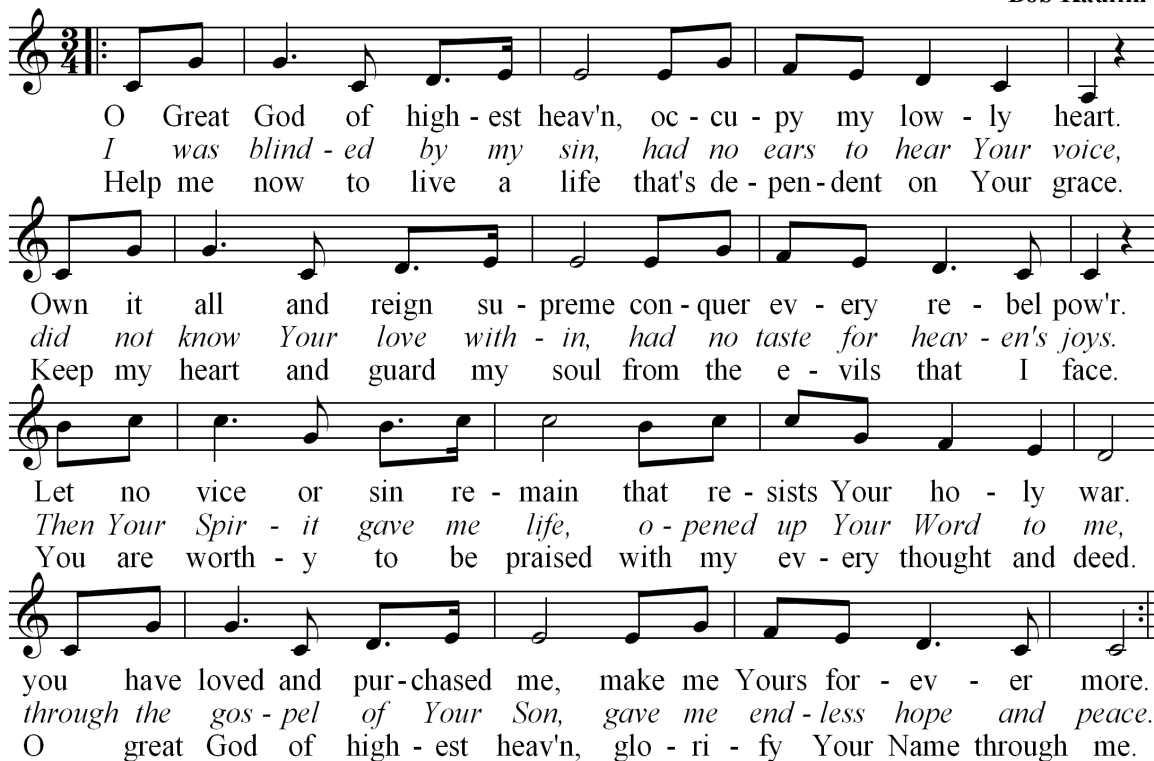
Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life,
for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

O Great God

Bob Kauflin



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.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 116:12-14

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

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Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es_ fears to fly.
 Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry_ thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me_ with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
 For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

Sermon

To Us a Child is Born
Isaiah 9:1-7

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--

the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

The Sacrament of Communion

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

Jesus, Thank You
(on page 6)

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Szebel



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin. — Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my, —



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank _____ You. *2nd time to Bridge*



Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

***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: *To Us a Child Is Born*

Pastor: Mr. Duncan Cantrell

Text: Isaiah 7:1-9

pg. 559 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*
- 17 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:

Becky Gorman
Leonard & Margaret Green
Jim & Melanie Grier
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin

Pray for our Ministries:

Our women; they would be women who fear the Lord; they would seek first Christ's Kingdom and His righteousness; they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.
Our staff & officers would be filled with wisdom and Christlikeness; pray for our elder nominees (Jason Churchwell & Tommy James) and deacon nominees (Lee Burch, Hays Fyke, Grant Nicholson & Shane Self) as they participate in the Officer Training Course.

Our Missionary of the Month:

Jonas and Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship. Pray for them as they prepare to move to Japan.

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, Morgan Adams, Meredith Covert
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); Sally Lee (hip); Anderson Hornick (surgery); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's)
Bereaved: : Linda Scott (Richard); 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); Kathy Moore (Don); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Julie Strange (mom).

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Dec. 01 - Buck & Sally Ruffin
Dec. 08 - Andrew & Kathlyn Wohlrabe

Children's Church

Dec. 01 - Ryan & Jessie Schnetzer
Dec. 08 - Wes & Marie Seay

Greeters

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoyer

Soundboard Operator

December - Richard Fyke

Communion Preparation

December - Carol Dawson & Charlotte
Laurens

Usher Team

December - Tate Morris
Ed Grimsley
Rhett Farmer
Ed Voss

Communion Elders

December - Paul McCommon
John McSween
Cleve Cunningham
Neal Ham
Dan Strawn
Frank Fleming
Jason Churchwell
Matt Shepley

Prayer Team

Dec. 01 - John McSween & Cleve Cunningham
Dec. 08 - Larry Breed & Charles Baker

• Financial Update •

as of October 31, 2019

General Operations

2019 Receipts: \$ 886,352
2019 Expenses: \$ 861,177

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$22,175
in support our 17 missionaries
for the first half of 2019
Needed July - Dec: \$ 22,175
Collected July - Oct: \$ 9,579

• 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 Wednesday, December 4th is chicken with lemon butter mushroom sauce, rice, green beans, salad bar, bread and peach cobbler.

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 - 5:45 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Classes for all ages

• 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.

Greeters - If any couple is interested in being a greeter in 2020, please text Paul Kanode at 313-231-5141 or call Kathy in the church office.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Sacred Road Ministries - We encourage you to fill up a shoebox for a child (instructions are in the narthex). These shoeboxes will be distributed by Joshua Tsavatewa to the children through Sacred Road Ministries.

Christmas Poinsettias - Help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Forms are available in the narthex.

Christmas Program - Our youth and children will be performing a Christmas Program on Wed, Dec 4th at 6:40 PM, including a children's choir and scenes acted out by our youth. There will be a rehearsal and pizza dinner tonight at 4:30 PM. If you have any questions please see Duncan (children), Mark (youth), or Monni.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on Sunday, December 8th to elect officers.



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

Diaconate	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
	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, Ministers	Payton Churchwell, Women's Ministry Coordinator
	Hunter Stevenson, Senior Pastor	Kathy Pye, Administrative Assistant
	Josh Garrett, Associate Pastor	Monni Parrish, Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist
	Mark Ballard, Youth Director	Debbie McCommon, North Macon Preschool Director
	Duncan Cantrell, Children's Director & Operations Manager	

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