

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 10, 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.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
Hebrews 1:3

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!

People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!**

* those who are able please stand

*Praise Hymn

115 - *All Creatures of Our God and King*
vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

*Invocation

Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century, and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.

Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev - er, _____ Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

(repeat chorus)

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Psalm 130:1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their 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 13

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 14:2.

People: He whose walk is upright fears the LORD, but he whose ways are devious despises Him; Proverbs 14:2.

*Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above

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Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.

Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.

Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.

the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.

Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.

One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**

For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.

My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Widsom's Warning about Alcohol

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-35; 31:1-7

Memory Verse 14

*Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler;
whoever is led astray by them is not wise; Proverbs 20:1.*

*Hymn of Response

The Power of the Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. *Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,*
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. *Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,*



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of__ sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His__ head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through your suf - fring I am__ free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.
4: *This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.*



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at__ the cross.
What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at__ the cross. (repeat
final
chorus)

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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: *Wisdom's Warning About Alcohol*

Text: Pr 20:1; 23:19-35; 31:1-7

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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:

Caroline Fleming
Frank & Nina Fleming
Bobby & Barbara Freeman
Rick Funk

Pray for our Ministries:

Our college students, RUF Mercer & Marlin Harris and RUF Wesleyan & Amanda DeYoung; pray that our students would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our church leaders would be jealous for the praise & glory of Christ; 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: John & Dylan Peters are missionaries in Costa Rica. Pray that they would get a temporary residency visa in order to not have to leave and re-enter the country every 3 months.

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)
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

Nov. 10 - Rob & Anne Morton
Nov. 17 - Levy & Joan Youmans

Children's Church

Nov. 10 - John & Beth McSween
Nov. 17 - Jack & Sara Pyles

Greeters

November - Bert & Anna Barnes
December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye

Soundboard Operator

November - Ed Voss
December - Richard Fyke

Communion Preparation

December - Carol Dawson & Charlotte
Laurens

Usher Team

November - Wes Seay
Jeff Kross
John McSween
Alan Little
Andrew Wohlrabe
Jim Grier

Communion Elders

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

Prayer Team

Nov. 10 - Buck Ream & Jason Churchwell
Nov. 17 - Jeff Kross & Larry Breed

• 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 Wed, November 13th is Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green 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 - 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.

Greeters - If any couple is interested in being a greeter in 2020, please contact Paul Kanode at pekanode@yahoo.com or call Kathy in the church office.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Sacred Road Ministries - During the month of November, we encourage you to fill up a shoebox for a child (instructions are in the narthex). These shoeboxes will be distributed by Joshua Tsavatewa with Sacred Road Ministries to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans.



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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.

	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 Hoyer 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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