

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

November 17, 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.

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*Humble yourselves before the LORD, and he will lift you up.*  
*James 4:10*

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## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 100

**Pastor:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**Pastor:** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

**People:** **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**Pastor:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

**People:** **Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

**Pastor:** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**People:** **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## \*Praise Hymn

1 - *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

## \*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\* *those who are able please stand*

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:  
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
and who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence—  
is my God and Father  
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good  
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*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 catechism of the Reformation period.*

## Call to Prayer

1 Peter 5:5b-7

*Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 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

*Now Thank We All Our God/Let All Things Now Living*  
Paul McCommon & Monni Parrish

## Memory Verse 14

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 20:1.

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

## Memory Verse 15

*Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall; Proverbs 16:18.*

The LORD said to Job: Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him! Then Job answered the LORD: I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer—twice, but I will say no more.

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm: Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? Do you have an arm like God's, and can your voice thunder like his? Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor, and clothe yourself in honor and majesty. Unleash the fury of your wrath, look at every proud man and bring him low, look at every proud man and humble him, crush the wicked where they stand. Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave. Then I myself will admit to you that your own right hand can save you.

Look at the behemoth (*most likely, a hippopotamus*), which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword. The hills bring him their produce, and all the wild animals play nearby. Under the lotus plants he lies, hidden among the reeds in the marsh. The lotuses conceal him in their shadow; the poplars by the stream surround him. When the river rages, he is not alarmed; he is secure, though the Jordan should surge against his mouth. Can anyone capture him by the eyes, or trap him and pierce his nose?

Then Job replied to the LORD: I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?  
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*  
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?  
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*

Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
*What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?*  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?*

Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.*  
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? \*On - ly my Ho - ly God.\**

Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing  
ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Clothe Yourselves With Humility  
Selected Proverbs*

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**\*Hymn of Response**

691 - *It Is Well With My Soul*

**\*Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you. 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@nmmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

## *Selected Proverbs*

- 15:33 The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.  
22:04 Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.
- 11:02 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.  
13:10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.  
16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.  
18:12 Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.  
26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.  
28:14 Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.  
29:23 A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.
- 3:34 He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.  
15:25 The Lord tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact.  
16:05 The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.  
21:04 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!  
21:24 The proud and arrogant man - "Mocker" is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.
- 25:06 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men.  
25:07 It is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman. What you have seen with your eyes.  
25:27 It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.  
27:02 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.  
27:21 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.  
28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- 16:03 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.  
16:09 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.  
27:01 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- 12:09 Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.  
16:19 Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

### Isaiah 2:12-17

The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, for every trading ship and every stately vessel. The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Clothe Yourself With Humility*

**Text:** Selected Proverbs

**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:

Hayes, Andrea, Imrie & Buck Fyke  
 Richard Fyke  
 Cal, Holly, Caroline & Camp Garretson  
 Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine, Jack, Forrest & Winston Garrett

## Pray for our Ministries:

Our families would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; spouses would love & respect one another; parents would love and train their children, children would love & obey their parents and love one another.

Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord; 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 for John as he attends language school.

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)

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 •

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## Nursery Workers

Nov. 17– Levy & Joan Youmans  
Nov. 24 - David & Martha Roddenberry

## Children's Church

Nov. 17 – Jack & Sara Pyles  
Nov. 24 – Elliot & Lily Robinson

## 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. 17 - Jeff Kross & Larry Breed  
Nov. 24 - Kevin Watson & Jeff Thompson

# • Financial Update •

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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 •

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## 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 20th is Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Bread & Brownie Trifle*

## 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](mailto:josh@nmpc.net)). We have all kinds: Mentor Mom, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Discipleship, and Community Groups.

## • Activities this Week •

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**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 •

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**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](mailto: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.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - We invite you to 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 at the coffee station.



# 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	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 Hoyer Brandon Youmans

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

Staff	Every Member, <i>Ministers</i> Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i> Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i> Duncan Cantrell, <i>Children's Director</i> & <i>Operations Manager</i>	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry</i> <i>Coordinator</i> Kathy Pye, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i> <i>Financial Director &amp; Pianist</i> Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i> <i>Preschool Director</i>
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