

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 15, 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 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day
after day!

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all
peoples!

People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! He is to be feared
above all gods.

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him,
all the earth.

*Praise Hymn

218 - *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

* those who are able please stand

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 21-22

Q. 21. Christian, who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who, being the eternal Son of God,
became man, and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man,
by taking to himself a true body,
and a reasonable soul,
being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and born of her, yet without sin.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form.
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal
standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America*

*Hymn

207 - Good Christian Men Rejoice

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

Mary Did You Know

*Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you?*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God?*

*Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know
The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM?*

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:1-5

Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

*Hymn of Preparation

201 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Looking Forward to Our Redemption
Luke 2:34-40

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

200 - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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@nmprc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Looking Forward to Our Redemption*

Text: Luke 2:34-40

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 832 in the pew Bible

Christmas Poinsettias

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Dr. John & Kitty Richards, Dr. Francis & Edith Schaffer, Billy & Beverly Adams
Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones, Dr. R.C. Sproul, and
Dr. Allen & Isabel Fleece

Family & friends that have gone before us Bryan & Meredith Covert

Pop Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner

L. Sturkie Dawson, Sr. Carol Dawson & Family
Robert Larry Laurens

Loved Ones Bill & Glenda Eaves

Dan Harris Gibson Barbara Gibson & Family

John & Fay Lee The Grimsley Family
John & Elizabeth Grimsley
Doris Grimsley

Neal & Sara Ham Neal & Willa Ham

Our Parents: Mr. & Mrs. John Stephenson, and John & Judy LaPish
Mr. & Mrs. John R. LaPish, Sr.

Larry Laurens & Sturkie Dawson Charlotte Laurens

Albert L. (Buddy) Luce Betty Luce

Jimmy McCallum & Jamie McCallum Jackson Diane McCallum

Betty Sue Jones

Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed

Mr. Donald Lewis Moore
Aurelia Rodgers Norwood

The Jack Pyles Family
Maggie & Katie Pyles

Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Buck, Sr. & Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. L.W. Ruffin
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Wright Ruffin

Buck & Sally Ruffin

Anne Hobby

Steve & Julie Strange

Donald & Helen Ream
Anna and Francis Daves

Buck & Liz Ream

Our Moms: Pauline Stevenson & Martha Trupia

Hunter & Heather Stevenson

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lee Farman
Dr. & Mrs. Loy L. Strawn, Jr

Dan Strawn Family

Albert & Doris Timms
Harry & Lola Hatfield
Ronnie Hatfield & Lester Westbrooks

John & Ann Timms

Orlean Roewer

David & Murray Todd

Betty Clousing

Ed & Cindy Voss

Billy Watson
Sydney B. Rives, III
Pierce Watson

Kevin, Scarlett, Will & Rives Watson

Jerry Willis

Cheryl Willis and Jerry's grandchildren

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Dr. Jim & Jane Baird	Billy & Beverly Adams
Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner, Lonnie & Donna Dye	Robby & Katy Danner
Amy Drummond	James Drummond
Our Grandchildren: Hunter, Rees & Riley Fleming	Frank & Nina Fleming
My Grandchildren: James Grace Gibson, Everett Harris Gibson	Barbara Gibson
Bill & Elise Goodson	Neal & Willa Ham
John, Allison, Ben, Brandt & Betsy LaPish	Your Parents
Bill & Susan McDuffie	Betty Luce
Our Pastors & Staff	Rob & Anne Morton
Peggy Timberlake	Joe Timberlake
John & Ann Timms	Andrei & Nicole Parrish
Our children & grandchildren, NMPC Staff	Mike & Cheryl Simmons
Pat Jenkins	The Shepley children
Heather Stevenson	Hunter Stevenson
Buck & Liz Ream	The Stevenson family
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Manning, Maggie & Katie Pyles	Dan & Connie Strawn
Papa and Honey	Your favorite granddaughters
Kathy Cunningham	Your Monday Girls
The Buddy Program	Howard Youmans & Family
Levy & Howard Youmans	Beth & Brandon Youmans
Will, Sam Katie, Levy & Howard; Ladies' Friday Bible Study	Levy & Joan Youmans

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

Pray for our Members:

Becky Harman
 Kate Harrison
 Caleb & Hannah Henning
 Alex, Tabitha, Ella & Zander Hinson

Pray for our Ministries:

North Macon Pre-School; 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, stature and in favor with God and man
 Our staff, elders and deacons would fear the Lord.

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 that their youngest son Judah would be accepted to daycare, allowing Christina to attend 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 & Jessie Schnetzer
 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); Howard Gordon (shingles)
 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. 15 - Mike & Cheryl Simmons
Dec. 22 - Heather & Mia Stevenson

Children's Church

Dec. 15 – Shane & Amy Self
Dec. 22 – Matthew & Ashlee Smith

Greeters

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoyer

Soundboard Operator

December - Richard Fyke

Communion Preparation

January - Kate Harrison

Usher Team

December - Tate Morris
Ed Grimsley
Rhett Farmer
Ed Voss

Communion Elders

January - Larry Breed
Howard Reed
Kevin Watson
Jeff Thompson
Jeff Kross
Ed Grimsley
Rob Morton
Charles Baker

Prayer Team

Dec. 15 - Neal Ham, Howard Reed
Dec. 22 - John McSween & Kevin Watson

• Financial Update •

as of November 30, 2019

General Operations

2019 Receipts: \$ 967,063
2019 Expenses: \$ 932,753

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$22,175
in support our 17 missionaries
for the first half of 2019
Needed July - Dec: \$ 23,450
Collected July - Nov: \$ 27,553

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School - Fall Quarter (Sept 8 - Dec 15)

Our Sunday School classes have concluded for 2019.

We will have a brunch next Sunday, December 22 from 9:45 - 10:30.
Come join us!

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Wednesday Night Activities will resume on January 8, 2020.

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

• 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.

Brunch on December 22 - Next Sunday we will have a brunch during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:30). Come join us!

Christmas Eve - We will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 PM. A nursery for 0-3 year olds will be provided. Also, we will take up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used for financial assistance for the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries. More information may be found on the coffee bar.

Capital Campaign Update as of December 1:

Final Cost:	\$4,339,248	
Gifts & Pledges:	— <u>\$3,516,671</u>	(\$218,464 pledges outstanding)
Projected Loan Balance:	\$ 822,577	

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Peggy & Joe Timberlake's 55th wedding anniversary.



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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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