

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 8, 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.

*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth
peace to those on whom his favor rests.
Luke 2:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Melanie Buckner

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Praise Hymn

195 - *Joy to the World*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

* those who are able please stand

Q. 38. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be God,
so that he might sustain and keep the human nature
from sinking under the infinite wrath of God,
and the power of death;
give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession;
and to satisfy God's justice,
secure his favor,
purchase a chosen people,
give his Holy Spirit to them,
conquer all their enemies,
and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q. 39. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be man,
so that he might advance our nature,
perform obedience to the law,
suffer and make intercession for us in our nature,
have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities;
so that we might receive the adoption of sons,
and have comfort and access with boldness
unto the throne of grace.

*The Westminster Larger 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.*

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Josh & Melanie Buckner; Duncan, Mary Lou & Eleanore Cantrell;
Susan & Lauren deBey; Jim & Phyllis Gamble; Chase Garrison;
Matt & Hannah McCommon; Clark Myers; Will, Molly, Noah & Annie Prestwood;
Carter Shelton; Gregg, Kelly & Lily Smith; Joe & Kathy Stanley;
Jacob & Riley Wilson; Andrew Wood*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Lily Smith, Susan & Lauren deBey

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take their lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take their moments and their days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

The Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Melanie Buckner

*Hymn of Preparation

216 - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

A Light for Revelation and for Glory
Luke 2:21-33

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

208 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: *A Light for Revelation and for Glory*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Luke 2:21-33

pg. 832 in the pew Bible

Pray for our Members:

Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Matthew Halprin
Neal & Willa Ham
Brian, Dawn, Max, Tucker & Hudson Hannah

Pray for our Ministries:

Our Seniors; they would be filled with the joy of the Lord; they would be healthy and strong; they would continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom.
Our church leaders would have vision, wisdom & Christlikeness.

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 are preparing 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 & Jessie Schnetzer
Newborns: Lily Hearn, Winston Garrett, Ava Adams & Hudson Hannah
Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (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 (hospital)
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).

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Dec. 08 - Andrew & Kathlyn Wohlrabe
Dec. 15 - Mike & Cheryl Simmons

Children's Church

Dec. 08 - Wes & Marie Seay
Dec. 15 - Shane & Amy Self

Greeters

December - Patrick & Ashley Hoye

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. 08 - Larry Breed & Charles Baker
Dec. 15 - Neal Ham & Howard Reed

• 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: \$ 22,175
Collected July - Nov: \$ 10,980

• 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

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

Small Groups

All of our Small Groups have stopped meeting for the holidays but will resume in January.

If you are interested in learning more or joining a Small Group,
please talk with Pastor Josh (josh@nmnpc.net).

We have all kinds of Small Groups: 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.

Christmas Poinsettias - Please 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. *Today is the last day to submit a form.*

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service today to elect the next class of officers.

Christmas Shoe Boxes - We shipped 110 shoe boxes for the children of Sacred Road. Thank you so much for your participation!

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 memory of Jimmy McCallum by Diane McCallum.



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 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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