

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 5, 2020



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.

*This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
1 John 3:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

* those who are able please stand

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe that our attitude should be the same
as that of Christ Jesus,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.

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

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Jason Churchwell & Tommy James, Ruling Elders
Lee Burch, Hays Fyke, Grant Nicholson & Shane Self, Deacons*

Ordination Vows

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Do you, the members of North Macon Presbyterian Church, acknowledge and receive Jason Churchwell and Tommy James as a ruling elders, and Lee Burch, Hays Fyke, Grant Nicholson, and Shane Self as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Laying on of Hands

Elders in the PCA

(Note: Tommy & Jason have been previously ordained as elders in the PCA.)

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Josh Garrett

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders and Deacons of NMPC

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

I now pronounce and declare that Jason Churchwell and Tommy James have been regularly elected, ordained and installed as ruling elders in this church, and that Lee Burch, Hays Fyke, Grant Nicholson and Shane Self have been regularly elected, ordained and installed as deacons in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation**

585 - *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

You Stoop Down to Make Me Great
Psalm 18

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

565 - *All For Jesus*

*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: *You Stoop Down to Make Me Great*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Psalm 18

pg. 438 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 & Valdosta State)

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 also 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:

Kathryn Jones
Paul & Pam Kanode
Pearson Kelly
Phillip & Kathy Kersey

Pray for our Ministries:

Pray for our Children's Ministry, the Children's Ministry Committee, teachers & helpers.
Pray that our children would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.
Our staff, elders and deacons would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our Missionary of the Month:

Trey & Kikki Adams - Please pray as they are seeking to discover where the Lord will send them next on the mission field.
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 (surgeries); Sally Lee (hip);
Anderson Hornick (surgery); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Howard Gordon (shingles)
Bereaved: : Linda Scott (Richard); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Pearson Kelly (mom);
Andrew Wood (grandparents); Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Kathy
Cunningham (mom); Julie Strange (mom).

• Service Schedule •

Nursery Workers

Jan. 05 - Dan & Connie Strawn
Jan. 12 - Jeff & Madeline Thompson

Children's Church

Jan. 05 - Jason & Allison Tripp
Jan. 12 - Kevin & Scarlett Watson

Greeters

January - Al & Margaret Rogers

Soundboard Operator

January - Ben Baker

Communion Preparation

January - Kate Harrison, Carol Dawson
& Charlotte Laurens

Usher Team

January - Matt Cathey
Paul McCommon
David Todd
Morris Butler
Robby Danner
Chase Garrison

Communion Elders

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

Prayer Team

Jan. 5 - Buck Ream & Howard Reed
Jan. 12 - Tommy James & Jeff Thompson

• 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 - Winter Quarter (Jan 5 - Mar 29)

Adult Electives

Relationships: A Mess Worth Making by Timothy Lane & Paul David Tripp—led
by Jason Churchwell

1 Peter—led by Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham & Dan Strawn

Understanding and Appreciating the Sacraments—led by Josh Garrett

Men's Class — *The Holiness of God* by RC Sproul (old conference room)

Ladies' Class — *Study of Galatians* (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, Jan 9 is Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar,
Bread & Brownie Trifle*

Small Groups

All of our Small Groups will begin meeting again soon. If you are interested 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 •

Christmas Eve Offering - We collected \$4050 for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to provide financial assistance to the widows and orphans of PCA ministers and missionaries. Thank you for giving generously to help those in need!

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.

Wednesday Nights - We resume our Wednesday Night Activities this week. Two of our missionaries, Mike & Eli Sabin, will give a report about their work with Trans World Radio in Guam.

Parent Equip - Cameron Cole will be speaking about “Suburban Teens & Anxiety” this Friday, January 10th from 6:30-8:45pm. The cost is \$10/person and dinner provided. Please register through REALM.



Central GA Presbytery (CGP) - On Saturday Central Georgia Presbytery will meet at First Presbyterian Church in Macon. CGP includes the 17 PCA churches in the geographical region from Columbus over to Lake Oconee, and from Forsyth down to Valdosta, and is comprised of all the Teaching Elders (pastors) and Ruling Elder representatives from each church. Please pray for the meeting and specifically for Duncan Cantrell who will preach a sermon and stand for his licensure exam.

College Lunch - All college and graduate students are invited to lunch after the worship service next Sunday, January 12th. We look forward to get to know you better!



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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.

	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Session	Ed Grimsley Kevin Watson*	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James

	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Diaconate	Matt Monsted* Silas Peed Wes Seay	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoye Brandon Youmans	Lee Burch Hays Fyke Grant Nicholson Shane Self

*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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