

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 1, 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.

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*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*  
*Psalm 41:10*

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## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**People: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nation, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**\*Praise Hymn**

*92 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*\* those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,  
by which he upholds—as with his hand—  
heaven and earth and all creatures;  
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,  
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father,  
that nothing will separate us from his love.  
All creatures are so completely in his hand,  
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*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.*

# 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.

And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

*My son, do not make light of the LORD's discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the LORD disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.*

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

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.

# Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful  
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -  
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -  
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His  
 face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the  
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our  
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we  
 own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the  
 light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our  
 mea - sure - less debt was e - rased.  
 car - ry His life in our veins.  
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"  
 eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -  
 hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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## Memory Verse 21

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 16:24.

People: Pleasant words are a honeycomb,  
 sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.; Proverbs 16:24

## Memory Verse 22

*The Lord detest lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.  
 Proverbs 12:22*

# Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*  
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*



In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*



Out of my sick - ness\_\_ in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
*Out of earth's sor - rows\_\_ in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms\_\_ and in - to Thy calm,*  
 Out of my self\_\_ to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
*Out of the depths\_\_ of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shelt - er - ing fold,*



Out of my sin\_\_ and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.*

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Reckless Words Pierce Like A Sword  
Selected Proverbs

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# 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

*The Power of the Cross*

## 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 - f'ring 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**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

## Selected Proverbs on Speech

- 17:20 A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.  
15:04 The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.  
12:19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.  
12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.
- 26:28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.  
29:05 Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.  
28:23 He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.
- 10:18 He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.  
30:10 Do not slander a servant to his master, or he will curse you, and you will pay for it.  
11:12 A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.
- 11:13 A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.  
20:19 A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks to much.  
26:22 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.  
16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.  
17:09 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
- 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like beaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.  
17:19 He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.  
20:03 It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.  
29:08 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.  
26:21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.  
30:33 For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife.  
15:01 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.  
15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
- 13:03 He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.  
21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.  
31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Reckless Words Pierce Like A Sword*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Selected Proverbs

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### Pray for our Members:

Grant & Jenny Nicholson  
Kim Noegel  
Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn  
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish

### Pray for our Ministries:

Our Sunday School classes and teachers; pray that our teachers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to make disciples of Jesus; pray for our members that God would mold us into the image of Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word.

Our church leaders would love sacrificially and lead faithfully.

### Our Missionary of the Month:

Josh Tsvatewa is a missionary sent out from NMPC who works among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State as a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries. Please pray for the children that he works with and their home lives.

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: Morgan Adams, Meredith Covert, Jessie Schnetzer, Jenny Nicholson & Mary Lou Cantrell

Newborns: Winston Garrett, Ava Adams, Hudson Hannah, Kinley Jane Austin & Grace Elisabeth Behrens & Emerson Ann Newell.

Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Amy Self (mom); Judy McDonald (dad); Judy LaPish (sister Joanne)

Recovering: Kathy Combs (surgeries); Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Howard Gordon (shingles)

Bereaved: Linda Scott (Richard); Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Pearson Kelly (mom); Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Kathy Cunningham (mom); Julie Strange (mom); Jack Pyles (grandfather); Jean Snow (Bill Sr.); Jason Hawkins (dad); Kathy Pye (dad).

**Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries**

# • Service Schedule •

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## **Nursery Workers**

Mar. 1 - Mark & Kara Ballard  
Mar. 8 - Rodger & Patricia Barton

## **Children's Church**

Mar. 1 – Morris & Jessica Butler  
Mar. 8 – Matt & Megan Cathey

## **Greeters**

March - Hayes & Andrea Fyke

## **Soundboard Operator**

March - Ed Voss

## **Communion Preparation**

March - Pat Jenkins & Kate Harrison

## **Usher Team**

March - Kevin Watson  
Silas Peed  
Trey Dozier  
Stephen Bloodworth  
Brian Hannah  
Larry Crumbley

## **Communion Elders**

March - Charles Baker  
Larry Breed  
Matt Shepley  
Kevin Watson  
Jeff Thompson  
Jeff Kross  
Rob Morton  
Howard Reed

## **Prayer Team**

Mar. 1 - Tommy James & Cleve Cunningham  
Mar. 8 - Dan Strawn & Paul McCommon

# • Financial Update •

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as of January 31, 2020

## **General Operations**

2020 Receipts: \$ 73,640  
2020 Expenses: \$ 85,116

## **Faith Promise for Missions**

2020 Receipts: \$ 1,276  
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725  
to support our 19 missionaries

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## 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; Room #127

*1 Peter*—led by Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham & Dan Strawn; Room #142

*Understanding and Appreciating the Sacraments* - led by Josh Garrett; Fellowship Hall

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, March 4 is Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Bread & Cookies.*

## Small Groups

All of our Small Groups have begun meeting again. If you are interested 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

7:00 PM - Session Meeting

**Wednesday** - 9:30 AM - Ladies' Bible Study

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.

**Men's Fellowship** - The next Men's Fellowship is the chili cook-off this Friday, March 6th at 6 PM at Adam Griffin's barn (120 Grove Pointe Dr.). Come join us!

**New Members Class** - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings: March 15th & 22th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmnpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We also provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one night.)

**Silent Auction** – In order to raise money for the 2020 Sacred Road Mission Trip, we will have a Silent Auction on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are on sale in the narthex for \$10, which includes admission and dinner. Childcare will be provided. Please consider how you might give either in the form of a donation, attendance, or both.

**Sermon Series on Sexuality** - Pastor Hunter will preach a 3 week series on sexuality from Proverbs. The passages are listed below. We will offer our usual Children's Church (4 years to 1st grade) and an addition option for 2nd to 6th graders during the sermons.

March 8

Matt. 19:4-6; 1 Thess. 4:1-8

Proverbs 7

March 15

1 Cor. 7:1-5

Proverbs 5:15-20

March 22

1 Cor. 6:9-20

Pr. 5:1-14; 6:20-35



# 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.

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

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

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

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