

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 8, 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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*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
1 Timothy 1:17*

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## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

Pastor: The LORD reigns. Let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth shake.

People: **Great is the LORD in Zion! He is exalted over all the nations! Let us praise his great and awesome name, for he is holy.**

Pastor: The King is mighty. He loves justice. He has established equity. In Jacob he has done what is just and right.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool, for he is holy.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

\*Praise Hymn

101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\* *those who are able please stand*

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 26

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.*

\*Hymn

*Behold Our God  
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# Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?  
*Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?*  
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.  
*Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?*  
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



*Chorus:* Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!



**Men:** You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.

**Women:** *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -  
*Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,*



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

*(repeat  
chorus)*

## Call to Prayer

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## 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

*Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted*

## Memory Verse 22

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 12:22.

People: **The LORD detests lying lips,  
but he delights in men who are truthful; Proverbs 12:22.**

## Memory Verse 23

*I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl; Job 31:1.*

## Commissioning Margaret Baker to Costa Rica

PCA Elders

## Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:3-6 & 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Some Pharisees came to [Jesus] to test him. They asked, Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason? Haven't you read, [Jesus] replied, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and He said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

\*Hymn of Preparation

644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*  
(vs. 1-4)

Sermon

*Guard Your Steps!*  
Proverbs 7:1-27

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

## 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.

**\*Benediction**

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*



# •The Preached Word•

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**Title:** *Guard Your Steps*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Proverbs 7:1-27

pg. 515 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:**

Jon, Laura, Brandon & Natalie Paxton  
Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed  
Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed  
Will, Molly, Noah & Annie Prestwood

### **Pray for our Ministries:**

Our sister churches & partnering ministries: Strong Tower Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Central Georgia Presbytery, Covenant Care Services, Campus Clubs, Evangelism Explosion and Out of Darkness. Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom through these ministries. Our staff, elders, and deacons would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

### **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. Let us pray for Josh's ministry, that it would be fruitful and would glorify God.  
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. 8 - Rodger & Patricia Barton

Mar. 15 - Rhett & Joyce Farmer

## **Children's Church**

Mar. 8 – Matt & Megan Cathey

Mar. 15 – Jason & Payton Churchwell

## **Greeters**

March - Hayes & Andrea Fyke

April - Howard & Debi Reed

## **Soundboard Operator**

March - Ed Voss

April - Richard Fyke

## **Communion Preparation**

April - Chuck & Jackie Wachob

## **Usher Team**

March - Kevin Watson

Silas Peed

Trey Dozier

Stephen Bloodworth

Brian Hannah

Larry Crumbley

## **Communion Elders**

April - Frank Fleming

John McSween

Neal Ham

Cleve Cunningham

Paul McCommon

Dan Strawn

Jason Churchwell

Tommy James

## **Prayer Team**

Mar. 8 - Dan Strawn & Paul McCommon

Mar. 15 - Neal Ham & Ed Grimsley

# • 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)

**Wed, March 11: Kay Burklin, one of our missionaries, will give a report about her work with refugees.**

*The menu for Wed, March 11 is Chicken Divan, Rice, Oven Roasted Carrots, Salad Bar, Bread & Brownies.*

## 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

6:00 PM - Diaconate Mtg

**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.

**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@nmpe.net](mailto:hunter@nmpe.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. We will offer our usual Children's Church (4 years to 1st grade) in the Fellowship Hall and an addition option for 2nd to 6th graders in the Youth Room during these sermons. We encourage parents to determine what is best for their children.

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

**Flowers** - If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office.



# 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 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> 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> Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i> <i>Financial Director &amp; Pianist</i> Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry</i> <i>Coordinator</i> Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i> Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i> <i>Preschool Director</i>
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