

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 24, 2020



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips! I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together!

Invocation

Duncan Cantrell

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 34:4-7

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

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

Jesus, Your Mercy

Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea, I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep
The best of my works pierced Your hands and feet; Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea

Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast, The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope
Whatever I lack it's still what I need most; Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast

Praise the King who bore my sin, Took my place when I stood condemned
Oh how good You've always been to me, I will sing of Your mercy

Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest, When fears weight me down and enemies press
A comfort I cling to in life and in death; Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest

Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy, Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice
To sing of a treasure no pow'r can destroy; Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:8-22

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above
(printed on page 4)

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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Sermon

The Priestly Call to Bless
1 Peter 3:8-12

Rev. Josh Garrett

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your
Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3
life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -

6
ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9
Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of

12
can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be

15
Spi - rit show breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. Amen.

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the Doxology.

***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.*

Please exit the sanctuary one family at a time, back rows first.

***Postlude**

** those who are able please stand*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Priestly Call to Bless*

Text: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Pastor: Rev. Josh Garrett

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Jessie Schnetzer, Jenny Nicholson & Mary Lou Cantrell

Newborns: Madison Elizabeth Covert, Kennedy Adams, Winston Garrett, Ava Adams, Hudson Hannah, Kinley Austin, Grace Behrens & Emerson Newell.

Newlywed & Engaged Couples: Jon & Bonnie Andree (3/21); Eric & Jennifer Hornick (4/25); Audrey Drummond & Ben Yost (5/29); Eric Hall & Jessica Cummings (10/24).

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Amy Self (mom); Tricia Barton (parents).

Recovering: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); David Lee (neck fusion); John LaPish (chemo).

Moving: Paul & Pam Kanode; Stephen & Christian Barnes' family; Brian & Dawn Hannah

Bereaved: Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Pearson Kelly (mom); Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Jean Snow (Bill Sr.); Jason Hawkins (dad); Kathy Pye (dad); Judy LaPish (sister); Larry & LuAnn Breed (Collin); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Kara Ballard, (grandfather); Kasey, James, Jonathan & Joshua Young (Keith)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, Women's Ministry Committee, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Women's Summer Bible Study

This summer the PCA is offering a women's Bible study on Ephesians.

It will be taught by video and has a workbook for daily study.

Additionally, NMPC will provide opportunities for our ladies to discuss the material.

Please contact Payton Churchwell to sign up or for more information.

NMPC Summer Reading

This summer will be our 10th year reading a book together!

We will read Rosaria Butterfield's *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*.

The books are now available in the Narthex.

The cost is \$5.00. Please pay online or with a check.

The Adult Christian Education Committee is working diligently to provide opportunities for book discussion. More information will be forthcoming.

• Financial Update •

as of April 30, 2020

General Operations

2020 Receipts: \$380,476
2020 Expenses: \$341,400

Faith Promise for Missions

2020 Receipts: \$ 30,686
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 19 missionaries

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for prayer on Monday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. We will send out a link to join the meeting via Zoom this afternoon. If you have a prayer request, please let Hunter or Josh know.

Keith Young - There will be a memorial service for Keith Young at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at NMPC.

Communicant's Class - NMPC will offer a Communicant's Class for rising 5th graders and up during the month of June. Please contact Pastor Hunter to sign up.

Notes to our High School graduates - Monni recently sent out a link for us to write a note of encouragement, share a passage of Scripture, record a memory, or even record a prayer for our high school graduates. Join us in celebrating our high school graduates!



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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.

	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>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Financial Director & Pianist</i>
	Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Children's Director</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	<i>& Operations Manager</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i>
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