

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 13, 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.

*Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

John 17:3

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy!

People: **How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!**

Pastor: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise!

People: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne**

*Praise Hymn

101 - *Come Thou Almighty King*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

* *those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Spirit of God



Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as Thou art;
To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
 I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling:
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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Call to Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-17

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the LORD Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our LORD Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

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

Memory Verse 24

Proverbs 4:7

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 4:7.

People: **Wisdom is supreme; therefore, get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding; Proverbs 4:7.**

Memory Verse 25

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Jesus, Your Mercy



Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. I have no de - fense, my
Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast, the good - ness I claim the
 Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest, when fears weigh me down and
Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy. For - e - ver I'll lift my



guilt runs too deep. The best of my works pierced Your
grounds of my_ hope. What - ev - er I lack it's still
 en - e - mies press. A com - fort I cling to in
heart and my_ voice, to sing of a trea - sure no



hands and Your feet. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. vs. 2
what I need most. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast.
 life and in death. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest.
pow'r can de - stroy. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy.



Praise the King who bore my sin, took my place when I stood con-demned.



Oh how good You've al-ways been to me. I will sing of Your mer - cy.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Guard Your Heart
Proverbs 4:10-27

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*Hymn of Response

642 - *Be Thou My Vision*
(vs. 1-2, 4-5)

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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: *Guard Your Heart*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Proverbs 4:10=27

pg. 513 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Matthew Halprin
Neal & Willa Ham
Becky Harman

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Kay Burklin is MTW's refugee liaison, networking and resourcing refugee ministries and equipping the Church to love and serve those in need.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Lily Robinson, Holly Taylor, Megan Cathey, Mallory Sammons Moran & Megan Anderson

Newborns: Charlie Cantrell, Olivia Nicholson, Frankie Schnetzer, Madison Covert, Benaiah Gottlieb, Kennedy Adams, Winston Garrett, Ava Adams, Hudson Hannah, Kinley Austin, Grace Behrens & Emerson Newell.

Newlywed & Engaged Couples: Jon & Bonnie (Barnes) Andree (3/21); Eric & Jennifer (McCullough) Hornick (4/25); Ben & Audrey (Drummond) Yost (5/29); Carter & Margaret (Duren) Shelton (7/25); Eric Hall & Jessica Cummings (10/24); Skylar Gossett & Lizzie Reed (8/7/21)

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); Monni Parrish (mom).

Recovering: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); John LaPish (surgery); Diane McCallum (knee replacement).

Bereaved: Diane McCallum (Jimmy); Pearson Kelly (mom); Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Jean Snow (Bill Sr.); Jason Hawkins (dad); Kathy Pye (dad); Larry & LuAnn Breed (Collin); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Kasey, James, Jonathan & Joshua Young (Keith); Kara Ballard (grandfather); Chase Singleton (dad); Jason Churchwell (dad); Margaret Rogers (dad); Gregory Washington (grandfather); Liz Ream (Buck); Trey Dozier (grandmother).

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

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Women's Bible Study

Ezra: The Restoration and Rebuilding of God's People

Heather Stevenson will be teaching the book of Ezra this Fall. The Bible Study will start this Wednesday, September 16th from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall with physically distant seating. This teaching will be video taped and available to watch on your own or with a small group if you are unable to attend on Wednesday morning.

Sunday School Classes

Pastor Josh is teaching 1 Samuel in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Class (K4 - 6th grade)
Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)
Adult Bible Study: 2 Corinthians

The menu for Wed, Sept 16th is Chicken with Lemon Butter Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Buttered Carrots, Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream

Small Groups

If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please contact Josh or Payton.

• Financial Update •

as of July 31, 2020

General Operations

2020 Receipts: \$738,547
2020 Expenses: \$662,125

Faith Promise for Missions

2020 Receipts: \$ 35,381
Paid out June 30: \$ 32,508
to support our 19 missionaries
for the first half of 2020
Needed by Dec. 30: \$ 24,725

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Morning Prayer from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. If you have a prayer request, please let one of the pastors 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, scheduled for Sept 20 & Oct 4 from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpe.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one night.)

Lunch for College & Graduate Students - After the worship service next Sunday, September 20th, we will host a lunch for all college & graduate students. Join us!

Local Ministry Partners - Please pick up a prayer magnet in the narthex this morning! We have created a small refrigerator magnet that displays each of our local ministry partners so that we can be reminded to pray for them every day.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Buck Ream by Becky Gorman.



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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 Hoyer 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>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>	<i>Financial Director & Pianist</i>
	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>

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