

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 27, 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.

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*And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you  
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him,  
to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,  
and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees  
that I am giving you today for your own good?  
Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 81:1-2, 8-10

Pastor: Sing for joy to God our strength! Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

People: **Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp  
and lyre.**

Pastor: Hear me, O my people, and I will warn you—if you would only listen  
to me, O Israel.

People: **You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship  
any god other than me.**

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open  
wide your mouth and I will fill it.

\*Praise Hymn

*#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5*

*\* those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel  
consists in our freedom from

the guilt of sin,  
the condemning wrath of God,  
and the curse of the moral law;

and in our being delivered from  
this present evil world,  
bondage to Satan,  
dominion of sin,  
the evil of afflictions,  
the sting of death,  
the victory of the grave,  
and everlasting damnation;

and also in our free access to God,  
and our yielding obedience unto him,  
not out of slavish fear,  
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;  
but under the New Testament,  
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged  
in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,  
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,  
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,  
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,  
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

# Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczebel



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,  
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.  
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,  
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.  
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



*Chorus:* Your blood has washed a-way my sin.— Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,—



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank \_\_\_\_\_ You. *2nd time to Bridge*



*Bridge:* Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

He who conceals his sins does not prosper,  
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

## Corporate Confession

O most great, most just, and most gracious God, your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity. Yet you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation. The sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, and in your promises are our hope. Remind us that we are your children, and make us alive with your Holy Spirit, and in the end, receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,  
and remembers your sins no more.*

## Pastoral Prayer &amp; 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 26

Proverbs 5:15

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 5:15

People: **Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well; Proverbs 5:15.**

## Memory Verse 27

2 Timothy 2:22

*Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"—but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

\*Hymn of Preparation

565 - All for Jesus

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Today we will offer two Children's Classes:  
one for students 4 years old to 2nd grade, and a second for 3rd-6th graders.*

Sermon

*Keep to a Path Far from Her*  
Proverbs 5:1-14

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*Turn Your Eyes*  
(printed on page 7)

\*Benediction

Revelation 1:5-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his precious blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

\*Doxology

#731

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.*

# 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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# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Keep to a Path Far From Her*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Proverbs 5:1-14

pg. 514 in the pew Bible

The Exemplary Father

The Enticements of Sexual Sin

The End Results of Sexual Sin

# 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\*
- 19 Missionaries (see page 11) & 2 short-term 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 *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.

# Missionaries Supported by NMPC

1. **TREY AND KIKKI ADAMS** are in the states now and plan to return to **Thailand** later this year.
  2. **MARGARET BAKER**, one of our own members, is providing administrative support to two of our missionaries, the Davilas and the Peters, in **Costa Rica**.
  3. **BRIAN AND MANDY** are part of a team which is planting a city-center church in a city of 10 million people in **South Asia**. They are also involved in training a network of national church-planters.
  4. **KAY BURKLIN** is MTW's (Mission to the World) European liaison with refugees.
  5. **RODNEY AND JANA DAVILA** minister in **Costa Rica**, planting churches and teaching and training pastors.
  6. **JONAS AND CHRISTINA DAVISON** are part of a church planting team in **Japan** where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.
  7. **JEFF AND JAMIE** are church planters in **India**, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
  8. **RICH AND CHRISSEY GREETE** have a counseling ministry to **Mission to the World** missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.
  9. **DR. VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH** are serving in **Africa** where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.
  10. **JIM AND MARY ALICE PATTERSON** have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in **Australia and Malaysia** on Vernacular Media Services, a project which helps produce and edit God's Word in audio format for people groups who can then hear the Scriptures in their own language.
  11. **DAVID AND ERIN PERVIS** are in a church planting ministry **Greece**, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.
  12. **JOHN AND DYLAN PETERS**, who are former members of NMPC, work in **Costa Rica** alongside of the Davilas. They minister to youth and college students through discipleship and mentoring.
  13. **MIKE AND ELI SABIN** help spread the gospel throughout **Southeast Asia** by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.
  14. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write, distribute, and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
  15. **DAL AND BETH STANTON** lead a church planting team in Sofia, **Bulgaria**. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria", a ministry to women who have been victims of trafficking.
  16. **NOAH AND KARLEIGH STEPHENS** are church planters in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
  17. **JOSH TSAVATEWA** is a missionary sent out from NMPC who works among the **Yakama Tribe** in **Washington State** as a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.
  18. **BRUCE AND BARBARA WANNEMACHER** provide spiritual care, training and leadership for all MTW missionaries who are serving in **Sub-Sahara Africa**.
  19. **STEPHEN AND SARAH YOUNG** worked in Perth, **Australia** with the **Japanese people**. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.
- \*\*CAROLINE FLEMING**, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She continues such work through Wycliffe Associates and is self-funded.

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## Pray for Our Members:

Eric & Jennifer Hornick  
Patrick, Ashely, Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoyo  
Reba Hudson  
Charles & Patricia Hughes

## 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: Holly Taylor, Megan Cathey, Mallory Sammons Moran & Megan Anderson

Newborns: Summer Robinson, 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 (mom); Monni Parrish (mom).

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

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 Young (Keith); Kara Ballard (grandfather); Chase Singleton (dad); Jason Churchwell (dad); Margaret Rogers (dad); Gregory Washington (grandfather); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Trey Dozier (grandmother); Curt Montgomery (grandmother); Tricia Barton (dad)

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 •

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## Sunday School Classes

Adults: 1 Samuel—taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall

Youth: *Six Conversations* (from the Gospel of John)—taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Outdoor Classroom

3rd-6th Grade: *Listening to Jesus*—taught by Duncan Cantrell in Room 122

K4-2nd Grade: *Living Together: the Faithfulness of God in the Families of the Patriarchs*—taught by Jill Bloodworth, Sara Pyles, and Caleb & Hannah Henning in Room 121.

## Women's Bible Study

Heather Stevenson is teaching *Ezra: the Restoration and Rebuilding of God's People* on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM 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: Reformed Worldview

*The menu for Wed, Sept 30th is Poppy Seed Chicken, Corn Souffle, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Lemon Cake.*

## Small Groups

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of August 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 •

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**Children's Lesson Today** - Pastor Hunter will be preaching on sexuality today. We will provide a Children's Lesson during the sermon for students 4 years old through 6th grade.

**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.

**Strong Tower Fellowship Banquet** - Strong Tower Fellowship Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 15 from 6:30-8:00 PM at North Macon Presbyterian Church. Box dinners will be served outside with plenty of room to social distance. Come learn about Strong Tower Fellowship and how you might support their ministry in Pleasant Hill.

**Zip Into Fun** - The Youth Ministry will be travelling to Historic Banning Mills in Whitesburg, GA on October 17th for day of zip-lining. Sign up by next Sun, Oct 4th on REALM or scan the QRC code on the right. See Mark or Anna for more details.





# 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.

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	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

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	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*

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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 &amp; 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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