

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 6, 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.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples!

People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

*Praise Hymn

55 - *To God Be the Glory*

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12

Q. Christian, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

A. We believe that all those who are justified,
God graciously guarantees to make partakers of the grace of adoption,
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act they are taken into the number of God's children
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:
they are given His name;
they receive the Spirit of adoption;
they have access to the throne of grace with boldness;
and they are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on them,
protects them, provides for them, and chastens them;
yet, they will never be cast off, but are sealed to the day of redemption,
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*Hymn

455 - *And Can it Be That I Should Gain*
vs. 1, 3, 5

** those who are able please stand*

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Corporate Confession

O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us, who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

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

The Hymn of the Month for September

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.



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



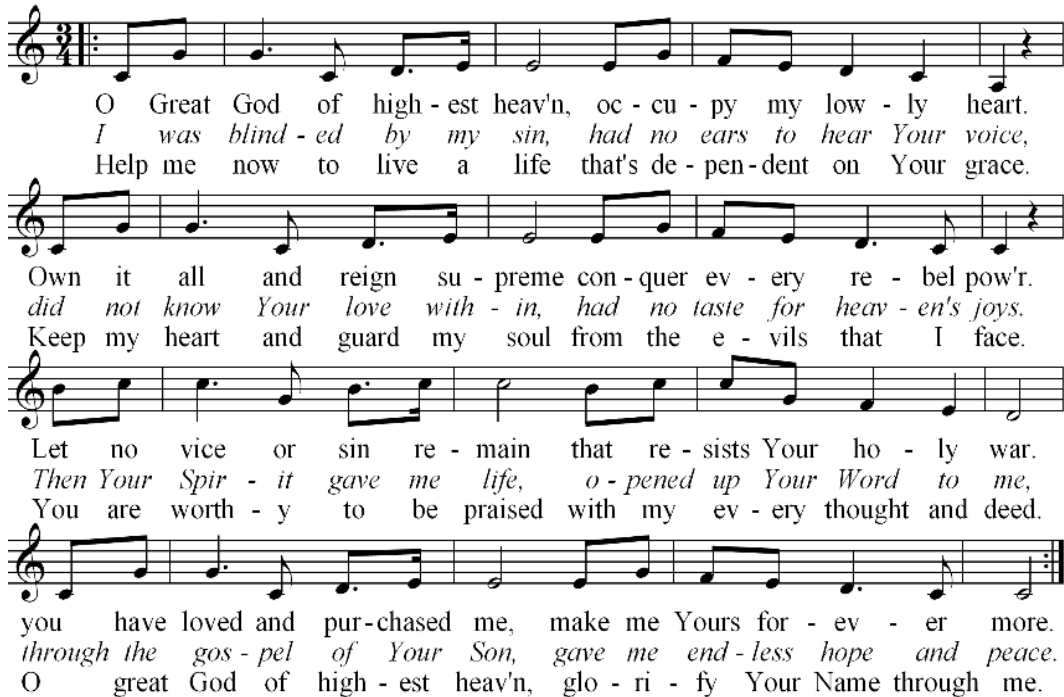
Oh how good You've al-ways been to me. I will sing of Your mer - cy.

*Hymn of Preparation

O Great God

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Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
 I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
 Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
 did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
 Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
 You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.

you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
 through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
 O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Wisdom is Supreme
 Proverbs 4:1-9

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved.
3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, —

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. (to v. 2)
How pre - cious did the grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.
'tis grace that brough me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.

Chorus: My chains are _____ gone. I've been set _____ free. My God, my
Sav - ior has ran - somed _____ me. And like a _____ flood His mer - cy
_____ rains, un - end - ing love, _____ a - maz - ing grace. _____

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*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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Wisdom is Supreme*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Proverbs 4:1-9

pg. 513 in the pew Bible

The Posture you must Hold

The People you must Heed

The Passion you must Pursue

The Prize you will Possess

Pray for Our Members:

Howard Gordon
Becky Gorman
Jim & Melanie Grier
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin

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).

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).

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 for the women's Bible study on Wednesday morning. This will start on September 16th from 9:30-11:00 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. Please let Payton know how you plan to participate by completing the registration email (sent last week) or emailing her at payton@nmpc.net.

Sunday School Classes

We will begin our Fall Quarter Sunday school classes next Sunday, Sept 13th.

Wednesday Night Activities

We will begin our Wednesday Night activities this Wednesday, September 9th.
Dinner at 5:45 and classes for all ages at 6:30. Come join us!

*The menu is Pork Loin with Caper Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad and Brownies.*

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: \$643,401
2020 Expenses: \$583,711

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 not gather for Monday Morning Prayer tomorrow because of the Labor Day holiday. Nevertheless, 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.)

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.

Communion - We will celebrate the sacrament of communion today. When invited to come forward, the first rows of the center sections will exit to the center aisle and come forward to receive the elements, and return to your seats by the outside aisles. After the center sections have come forward, then the first rows of the outside sections will exit their pew and come down the center aisle to receive the elements. Please do not bunch up in a line; remain 6 feet apart. Please hold the elements; we will partake together.



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>	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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