

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

November 1, 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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*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*Psalm 103:10*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

\*Praise Hymn

#77 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

\*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

\* 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.*

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.
2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*
3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,
4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*
5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



- He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.  
*called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.*  
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.  
*When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.*  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



- He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
*He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,*  
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
*He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



- He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
*He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.*  
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.  
*He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

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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

Most Merciful God, as those who have been delivered from the wrath to come through the blood of Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins, and to seek the grace and mercy that can only be found in you, our God and Savior. You have called us to be people of faith, hope and love, but we are guilty of unbelief, hopelessness, and hatred. When we should have delighted in Jesus Christ, we have sought refuge in created things. When we should have endured trials with patience and hope, we have grumbled against you. When we should have loved you with all of our heart, and our neighbor as ourselves, we have been self-absorbed. Have mercy on us, O God, and bear fruit in us by your Word. Turn our faces and our hearts upward to heaven, so that we will live as those who await the glorious appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

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

*Please take a moment to fill out the information sheet beside your bulletin.*

### Memory Verse 31

Pastor: Let us recite Matthew 19:4-5.

People: ...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 be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh';  
Matthew 19:4-5.

### Memory Verse 32

*A man's wisdom gives him patience;  
it is to his glory to overlook an offense;  
Proverbs 19:11*

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Holy Spirit  
printed on page 6*

# 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



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 -



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.



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



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



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

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**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.*

**\*Hymn of Response**

*The Power of the Cross  
printed on page 8*

**Benediction**

Revelation 1:5-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his 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**

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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 Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. *Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,*
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. *Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,*



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
*bear - ing the awe - some weight of — sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,*  
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
*for through your suf - fring I am — free. Death is crushed to death;*



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
*ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.*  
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
*life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!*



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.  
4: *This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.*



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at — the cross.  
*What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at — the cross.* (repeat final chorus)

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## Selected Proverbs

- 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.
- 12:16 A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
- 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.
- 17:09 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
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- 20:03 It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.
- 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.
- 14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.
- 16:32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.
- 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
- 15:01 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger
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- 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- 14:09 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.
- 11:27 He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.
- 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
- 25:22 In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Our Glory is to Overlook an Offense*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Selected Proverbs

pg. 9 in your bulletin

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### Pray for Our Members:

Stephen Mackes  
Rebecca Martinez  
Diane McCallum  
Paul & Debbie McCommon

### Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jonas and Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.

### Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Megan Cathey, Mallory Sammons Moran, Megan Anderson & Chelsea Dozier.

Newborns: Hayley Lynn Taylor, Summer Robinson, Charlie Cantrell, Olivia Nicholson, Frankie Schnetzer, Madison Covert, & Kennedy Adams,

Newlywed & Engaged Couples: Eric & Jennifer (McCullough) Hornick (4/25); Carter & Margaret (Duren) Shelton (7/25); Eric & Jessica (Cummings) Hall (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: Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Kathy Pye (Dad); Jason Hawkins (dad); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Chase Singleton (dad); Jason Churchwell (dad); Margaret Rogers (dad); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Trey Dozier (grandmother); Curt Montgomery (grandmother); Tricia Barton (dad); Charlie Parrish (mom)

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

# 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 & 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

# • 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, Nov. 4 is Roast Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls & ice cream.*

## Small Groups

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of September 30, 2020

## General Operations

2020 Receipts:     \$842,245  
2020 Expenses:    \$764,229

## Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30:     \$ 32,508  
to support our 19 missionaries  
for the first half of 2020  
Needed by Dec. 30:    \$ 24,725  
Cash available:        \$ 15,501

# • Announcements •

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**Communion Instructions** - Participants will come down the center aisle to pick up the elements (a cup of bread & a cup of juice). The center sections will come first, followed by the outside sections. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together.

**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather to pray tomorrow from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. If you have a prayer request, please let one of the pastors know.

**Out of Darkness Banquet** - We will be hosting a dinner and fundraiser event for Out of Darkness (a ministry to the victims of sex trafficking) on Tues, Nov. 10 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more and financially supporting this ministry, please RSVP with Duncan ([duncan@nmpe.net](mailto:duncan@nmpe.net)) today.

**Wedding Celebration** - Dustin & Melissa Newell request the pleasure of your company to celebrate their one year wedding celebration on Sat, Nov 14 at 4:00 PM at Southern Bridle Farms (645 Silvers Road, Fort Valley). A reception will follow.



# 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 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 &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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