

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 11, 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.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-9

Pastor: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Pastor: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast!

People: How priceless is your unfailing love!

Pastor: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

** those who are able please stand*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. Christian, what is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,
in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. How many persons are in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
and these three are one God,
the same in substance,
equal in power and glory.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh__ my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

7
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

11
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger -
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing -

14
It's time to sing Your song__ a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,

16
ev - er may__ pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
all__ Your__goodness I will keep on__ sing - ing
Still__ my__ soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing

19
let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to__ find. **To Chorus**
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er__ more.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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 28

Romans 4:25

Pastor: Let us recite Romans 4:25.

People: He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification; Romans 4:25.

Memory Verse 29

Married: *Eat, O friends, and drink; drink your fill, O lovers; Song of Songs 5:1.*

Single: *Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires; Song of Songs 8:4. (cf. Song of Songs 2:7; 3:5)*

Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est
 We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to
Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our
 O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art
 feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -
change - ful lot is cast Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -



parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
good, to them that find Thee all in all.
 head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.
 way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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

Delight in Your Spouse
Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1, 10-16

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*Hymn of Response

Jesus, I am Resting, Resting
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Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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.*

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.
And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,
Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Delight in Your Spouse*

Text: Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1,10-16

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Pray for Our Members:

Kathryn Jones
Pearson Kelly
Phillip & Kathy Kersey
Jeff & Cindy Kross

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Rodney and Jana Davila minister in Costa Rica, planting churches and teaching and training pastors.

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: 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: Cheryl Willis (Jerry); Kathy Moore (Don); Kathy Pye (Dad); Jason Hawkins (Dad); Larry & LuAnn Breed (Collin); Kara Ballard (grandfather); Joe Timberlake (Peggy); 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); 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 (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.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

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, Oct. 14th is Taco Salad and dessert.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

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 •

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.

Men's Fellowship - Our next Men's Fellowship will be the 4th Annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday, October 23rd at 6 PM at the home of Brandon Youmans (520 Walden Rd in Forsyth). All men college age and up are invited to attend!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Willis by the Willis family.



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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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