

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 25, 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.

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.

A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

Pastor: The heavens are declaring the glory of God; the skies are proclaiming the work of his hands.

People: **Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.**

Pastor: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

People: **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,

the moon shines full at His com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

1. Q. Who made you?
A. **God.**
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. **God made all things.**
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. **For his own glory.**
4. Q. How can you glorify God?
A. **By loving him and doing what he commands.**
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?
A. **Because he made me and takes care of me.**
6. Q. Is there more than one true God?
A. **No. There is only one true God.**
7. Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?
A. **In three Persons.**
8. Q. Name these three persons.
A. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
9. Q. What is God?
A. **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**
10. Q. Where is God?
A. **God is everywhere.**
11. Q. Can you see God?
A. **No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**
12. Q. Does God know all things?
A. **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**
13. Q. Can God do all things?
A. **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

The Children's Catechism is a simple introduction to the theological concepts contained in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which serves as a part of the doctrinal foundation of the PCA.

Call to Prayer

Titus 3:3-8

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

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 30

Pastor: Let us recite Jeremiah 32:38.

People: They will be my people, and I will be their God; Jeremiah 32:38.

Memory Verse 31

...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.

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²Speak to the Israelites and say to them: I am the LORD your God. ³You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. ⁴You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. ⁵Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.

⁶No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.

⁷Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your **mother**. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.

⁸Do not have sexual relations with your **father's wife**; that would dishonor your father.

⁹Do not have sexual relations with your **sister**, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.

¹⁰Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter (**granddaughter**) or your daughter's daughter; that would dishonor you.

¹¹If a man sleeps with his **father's wife**, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

¹⁷If a man marries his **sister**, the daughter of either his father or his mother, and they have sexual relations, it is a disgrace. They must be cut off before the eyes of their people. He has dishonored his sister and will be held responsible.

¹¹Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father's wife (**step sister**), born to your father; she is your sister.

¹²Do not have sexual relations with your father's sister (**aunt**); she is your father's close relative. ¹³Do not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, because she is your mother's close relative. ¹⁴Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.

¹⁵Do not have sexual relations with your **daughter-in-law**. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her.

¹⁶Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife (**sister-in-law**); that would dishonor your brother.

¹⁷Do not have sexual relations with both a **woman and her daughter**. Do not have sexual relations with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.

¹⁸Do not take your **wife's sister as a rival wife** and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

¹⁹Do not have sexual relations with the sister of either your mother or your father (**aunt**), for that would dishonor a close relative; both of you would be held responsible. ²⁰If a man sleeps with his aunt, he has dishonored his uncle. They will be held responsible; they will die childless.

¹²If a man sleeps with his **daughter-in-law**, both of them must be put to death. What they have done is a perversion; their blood will be on their own heads.

²¹If a man marries his brother's wife (**sister-in-law**), it is an act of impurity; he has dishonored his brother. They will be childless.

¹⁴If a man marries both a **woman and her mother**, it is wicked. Both he and they must be burned in the fire, so that no wickedness will be among you.

¹⁹Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her **monthly period**.

²⁰Do not have sexual relations with your **neighbor's wife** and defile yourself with her.

²¹Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to **Molech**, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

²²Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman (**homosexuality**); that is detestable.

¹⁸If a man lies with a woman during her **monthly period** and has sexual relations with her, he has exposed the source of her flow, and she has also uncovered it. Both of them must be cut off from their people.

¹⁰If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the **wife of his neighbor**—both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

²...Any Israelite or any alien living in Israel who gives any of his children to **Molech** must be put to death. The people of the community are to stone him.

³I will set my face against that man and I will cut him off from his people; for by giving his children to Molech, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. ⁴If the people of the community close their eyes when that man gives one of his children to Molech and they fail to put him to death, ⁵I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him...

¹³If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman (**homosexuality**), both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

²³Do not have sexual relations with an animal (**bestiality**) and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

¹⁵If a man has sexual relations with an animal (**bestiality**), he must be put to death, and you must kill the animal. ¹⁶If a woman approaches an animal to have sexual relations with it, kill both the woman and the animal. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

²⁴Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. ²⁵Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, ²⁷for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. ²⁸And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

***Hymn of Preparation**

#500 - Rock of Ages

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

The Downward Spiral of Depravity
Romans 1:16-32

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#465 - *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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: *The Downward Spiral of Depravity*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Romans 1:16-32

pg. 911 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Mary Jane & Joey Leggett
Lynn Leverette
Elaine Libbey
Alan & Kathy Little

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.

A Timeline of God's Goodness

- February 2013 The Session decides to expand our facilities to meet the needs of a 450-member congregation, with future growth through planting new churches.
- Easter 2014 Phase 1 Renovations completed (parking lot repaved & expanded by 64 spaces; detention pond is built; playgrounds renovated & expanded; bathrooms renovated; kitchen renovated). The cost was about \$500,000 and we paid cash!
- Dec 3, 2014 Catch the Vision—a New Sanctuary
- \$4,000,000 price tag; we desire \$2,750,000 before we break ground
 - We must walk by faith; the task is greater than we can accomplish!
- Jan/Feb 2015 Shape the Vision
- Mar 4, 2015 Contribute to the Vision—Campaign Kickoff
- Oct 25, 2015 **Experience the Vision—Outside worship service**
- Feb 21, 2016 Evening Worship Service
Celebrate \$1,000,000 in cash and \$468,876 in pledges & seek the Lord in prayer
- Mar 2016 \$50,000 Matching Gift...yields \$240,000
- Apr 2, 2017 Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer during the SS hour
Celebrate \$2,000,000 in cash and pledges & seek the Lord in prayer
Meeting with 12 businessmen that evening, which led to the May Match
- Apr 30, 2017 Complete the Vision—May Match
\$200,000 Matching gift...yields \$700,000
- July 30, 2017 Congregation votes unanimously to break ground
- Oct 15, 2017 Breaking Ground Ceremony & Celebration Service
191 participants (126 made pledges, 65 gave cash gifts)
\$1,994,745 cash + \$711,752 in pledges = \$2,706,497
- Feb 2018 Sara Ham gift of \$446,000
- Oct 21, 2018 **First worship service**
- Nov 11, 2018 Dedication of the Sanctuary with Lunch on the Grounds
- Oct 2020 Cost: \$4,339,248 Loan Balance: \$801,167 Pledges Outstanding: \$159,176

• 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. 28th is BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Butter Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cupcakes

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.

Hurricane Disaster Relief - The PCA's MNA Disaster Relief is seeking to raise \$20,000 to purchase two truck-mounted generators, a large water storage tank, supplies, food, etc. to assist in the relief efforts in the Lake Charles, Louisiana. You can give directly to MNA Disaster Relief (pcanma.org), or you can give online or by check to NMPC.

Pumpkin Carving Contest - Children & youth are invited to a pumpkin carving contest in the parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 PM today. The food, pumpkins, and carving supplies will be provided! Come compete for the Golden Pumpkin!

Out of Darkness Banquet - We will be hosting a dinner and fundraiser event for Out of Darkness on Nov. 10th in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and financially supporting them please RSVP with Duncan (duncan@nmpe.net) by this Friday, Oct. 30th.



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