

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 15, 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.

...the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 3:12

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

People: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you
among the peoples.

Pastor: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to
the skies.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all
the earth!

*Praise Hymn

#32 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

* those who are able please stand

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;*
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Call to Prayer

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

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 33

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 15:31.

People: He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise;
Proverbs 15:31.

Memory Verse 34

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it; Proverbs 22:6.*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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

3
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 -

6
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.

9
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

12
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

15
Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Train Up a Child
Selected Proverbs

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

672 - Trust & Obey
vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.*

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

Selected Proverbs

- 14:26 He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.
20:07 The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.
- 10:01 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.
15:20 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.
17:21 To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool.
17:25 A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the one who bore him.
- 23:15-16 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad. My inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.
23:22-25 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding. The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!
- 22:06 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
- 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.
29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.
29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.
19:18 Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.
23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
23:14 Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.
13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

•The Preached Word•

Title: *Train Up a Child*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Selected Proverbs

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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 CHRISSE 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-Saharan 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-Saharan 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.

Pray for Our Members:

Matt, Allie, Neva & Bowen Monsted
Curt, Amber, Abigail, Noah, Rachel & Luke Montgomery
Kathy Moore
Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris

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); Tricia Barton (mom); Monni Parrish (mom)
Recovering: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); John LaPish (chemo); John McSween (hip replacement)
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); Charles Baker (sister); Charlie Parrish (mom); Amy Self (mom)
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 •

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

The Women's Bible Study has concluded for the Fall.

Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM we will offer a Nursery (0-3 year old)

All the children, youth, and adults will hear a report from Brian & Mandy, two of our missionaries who are serving in South Asia.

The menu for Wed, Nov. 18 is Bar-b-que, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips and Dessert.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of October 31, 2020

General Operations

2020 Receipts: \$937,486
2020 Expenses: \$887,701

Building Loan Balance

October 31: \$796,579

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 •

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.

Sacred Road Ministries - The Missions Committee is collecting funds to supply the boys and girls of Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State with gifts to be purchased and distributed by the church staff (instead of Christmas Shoeboxes this year). If you would like to assist the Missions Committee in funding these gifts, please remit your gift through REALM or by check and put "Sacred Road Christmas Gift" on the memo line.

Missionary Report - Our MTW missionaries in South Asia, Brian and Mandy, will be with us this Wed, Nov. 18 to bring a report on their ministry. Please join us for dinner at 5:45 and for the report at 6:30.



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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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