

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

November 29, 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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*I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.*

*Psalm 116:17*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 136:1-4,26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD who alone does great wonders.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: **His love endures forever.**

**\*Praise Hymn**

#55 - *To God Be the Glory*

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 92, 94 & 95

Pastor: Christian, what is a sacrament?

People: A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ;  
wherein, by sensible signs,  
Christ and the benefits of the new covenant,  
are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Pastor: What is baptism?

People: Baptism is a sacrament,  
wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ,  
and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace,  
and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Pastor: To whom is baptism to be administered?

People: Baptism is not to be administered to any  
that are out of the visible church,  
until they profess their faith in Christ,  
and obedience to him;  
but the infants of such as are members of the visible church  
are to be baptized.

*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.*

\* those who are able please stand



*Olivia Daniel Nicholson*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take her life and let her be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise*

### Call to Prayer

Psalm 107:1-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness, prisoners suffering in iron chains, because they rebelled against God's commands and despised the plans of the Most High. So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron. Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

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

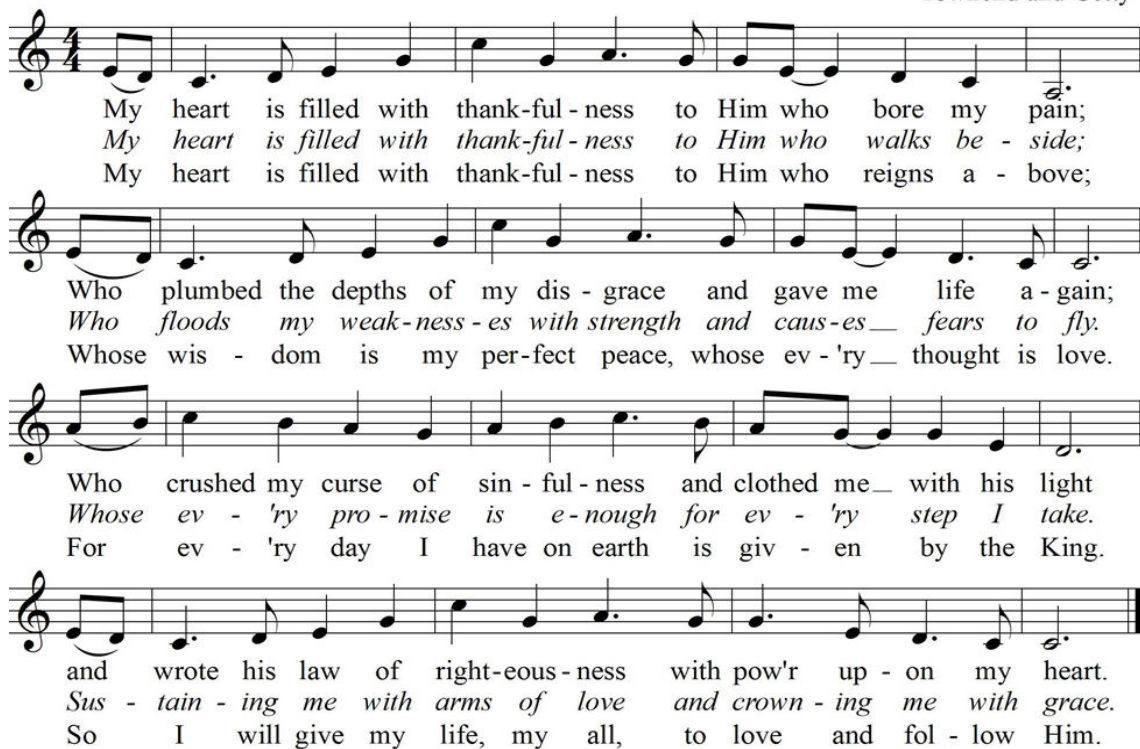
*Please take a moment to fill out the information sheet beside your bulletin.*

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

## My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;  
 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-side;  
 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a-bove;  
 Who plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain;  
 Who floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly.  
 Whose wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love.  
 Who crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness and clothed me with his light  
 Whose ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take.  
 For ev-'ry day I have on earth is giv-en by the King.  
 and wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.  
 Sus-tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.  
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low Him.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Return and Give Thanks*  
Luke 17:11-19

\*Hymn of Response

#98 - *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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

*Lord Jesus, I want to become your follower. I come to You acknowledging I am a sinner justly deserving eternal condemnation. I realize there is nothing I can do to make myself acceptable to you through my own efforts. I believe you are God the Son who became a man, lived a perfect life, and then allowed Yourself to be crucified. I believe that as You hung on the cross, God the Father, knowing all about me, took all my sins, past, present, and future, put them on You and punished You in my place. I believe You took the wrath of God for me, and you died. I believe your body was placed in a tomb, but after paying for all my sins You came back from the dead and are alive forevermore. I trust You to save me from my sins and the condemnation I deserve. You are able to do that because You were condemned in my place. I ask You to forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life with You. I ask You to save me to a new life lived with and for You. Thank You for Your love. Give me the grace I need so that I might learn Your ways and follow You every day. Amen.*

# •The Preached Word•

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**Title:** Return and Give Thanks

**Text:** Luke 17:11-19

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 850 in your pew Bible



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### Pray for Our Members:

Grant, Jenny & Olivia Nicolson  
Kim Noegel  
Bryan & Lisa O'Quinn  
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish

### 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 •

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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

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, December 2 is Hamburger Stroganoff, Salad, Rolls and 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 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 •

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**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.



# 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.

### Session

Class of 2020  
Ed Grimsley  
Kevin Watson\*

Class of 2021  
Cleve Cunningham  
Neal Ham  
Dan Strawn\*  
Jeff Thompson\*

Class of 2022  
Jason Churchwell  
Tommy James

### Diaconate

Class of 2020  
Matt Monsted\*  
Silas Peed  
Wes Seay

Class of 2021  
Dwayne Benson  
Matt Cathey\*  
Patrick Hoyer  
Brandon Youmans

Class of 2022  
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, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*  
Duncan Cantrell, *Assistant Pastor*  
Payton Churchwell, *Women's  
Ministry Coordinator*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*

Anna Smith, *Youth Assistant*  
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*  
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,  
Financial Director & Pianist*  
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*  
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon  
Preschool Director*

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