

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

November 8, 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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*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.  
Ephesians 4:3*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: **They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

Pastor: And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

\*Praise Hymn

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\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

*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

## Before the Throne of God Above

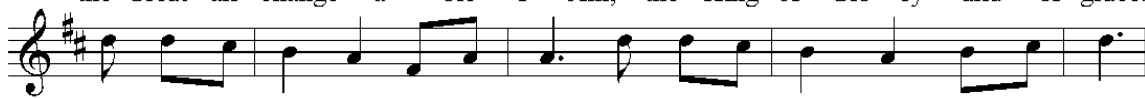
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Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;  
*When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.*  
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
*Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.*  
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.  
*Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.*  
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**  
*For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.*  
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

*Bobby & Claire Chastain; Alleli & Mark Paul Ferland;  
Michael, Stephanie, Brady & Tate Garrison; Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins;  
Ron & Robin Henning; Margaret Shelton; and Joan Voltmer*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC elders

Call to Prayer

Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

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

## Memory Verse 32

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 19:11.

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

## Memory Verse 33

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

## Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:17-18 & Matthew 18:15-17

Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

# 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

*Giving and Receiving Rebuke  
Selected Proverbs*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*In Christ Alone  
printed on page 8*

\*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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.*

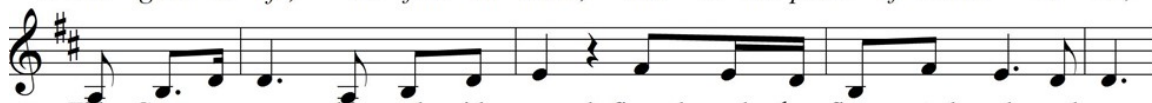


# In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.  
*This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*  
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!  
*From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.*



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.  
*'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.*  
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;*



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
*For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.  
*'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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## Selected Proverbs

- 17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even tempered.
- 15:28 The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.
- 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- 13:14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.
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- 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
- 27:06 The kisses of an enemy may be profuse, but faithful are the wounds of a friend.
- 27;09 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.
- 25:12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.
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- 27:07 He who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.
- 10:17 He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
- 15:10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path, he who hates correction will die.
- 12:01 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.
- 15:32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.
- 17:10 A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.
- 15:31 He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Giving and Receiving Rebuke*

**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 CHRISSEY 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-Sahara 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-Sahara 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.

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### Pray for Our Members:

Judy McDonald  
Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey  
John & Beth McSween  
John & Joyce Meadows

### 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)

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); Amy Self (mom)

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

# • 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 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. 11 is Chicken Pot Pic, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Peach Cobbler.*

## 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.

**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) this Tues, Nov. 10 in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM.

**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 on Wed, Nov. 18 to bring us a report on their ministry. Please join us for dinner at 5:45 and for the report at 6:30.



# 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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