

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 13, 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 and wear a mask.

*This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.
Jeremiah 33:16b*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come, and has redeemed his people!

People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,**

Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

People: **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our days.

*Praise Hymn

#207 - *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

** those who are able please stand*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 21-22

Q. 21. Christian, who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who being the eternal Son of God,
became man, and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man,
by taking to himself a true body,
and a reasoning soul,
being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and born of her, yet without sin. Amen.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths 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*

*Hymn

#216 - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Eden Francine (Frankie) Schnetzer

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

Galatians 3:26-29

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-22

The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; He will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

For this is what the LORD says: David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, nor will the priests, who are Levites, ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: This is what the LORD says: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars of the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

*Hymn of Preparation

#201 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Son of Abraham
Matthew 1:1-17

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#225 - *Once in Royal David's City*
vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Amen.

*Doxology

#731

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 Son of Abraham*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Matthew 1:1-17

pg. 783 in your pew Bible

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

Pray for Our Members:

Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles
Liz Ream
Howard, Debi, Lizzy & Ashby Reed
Chip & Cathy Ridley

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff & Jamie are church planters in India, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Megan Cathey, Mallory Moran, Megan Anderson, Chelsea Dozier & Katie Robertson Singleton

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); Nancy Dozier (mom); 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.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Classes

Our Sunday School Classes have concluded for the Fall.
We will resume classes on Sunday, January 10

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study has concluded for the Fall.
We will resume in January.

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Wednesday Night Activities have concluded for the Fall.
We will resume on Wednesday, January 13.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of November 30, 2020

General Operations

2020 Receipts: \$1,041,575
2020 Expenses: \$ 983,486

Building Loan Balance

November 30: \$768,585

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 19 missionaries
for the first half of 2020
Needed by Dec. 30: \$ 24,725
Cash available: \$ 22,501

• Announcements •

Congregational Meeting - We will have a congregational meeting following the worship service today to elect the next class of elders to the Session. The nominees are Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & Howard Reed. There are no deacon nominees this year.

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 - Thank you for giving generously to provide Christmas gifts for the children of Sacred Road! We were able to send a check for \$2500 so that the Staff of Sacred Road could purchase and distribute gifts for the children this year.

Year End Giving - We continue to pay down the loan balance from the new building. Please consider giving towards this effort as you evaluate your year end giving.

Christmas Eve Service - We will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 PM. A nursery for 0-3 year olds will be provided.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jimmy McCallum by Diane McCallum.



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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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