

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 20, 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.

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14b

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever! With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations!

People: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Pastor: You said, I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.

People: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Pastor: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

People: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

Pastor: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you!

*Praise Hymn

#208 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 8:2

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the Incarnation?

People: We believe that the Son of God,
the second person in the Trinity,
being truly and eternally God—
of one substance and equal with the Father—
did, when the fullness of time had come,
take upon himself man's nature,
with all its essential properties and common infirmities,
yet without sin.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.
In this way, two whole natures,
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct,
were inseparably joined together in one person
without being changed, mixed, or confused.
This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ,
the only mediator between God and man. Amen.

The Westminster Confession of Faith 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 North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Hymn

#204 - *Away in a Manger*

* those who are able please stand

Receiving of New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Jon, Morgan & Kennedy Adams; Timothy Deremer;
Doug & Nancy Dozier; John Dukcs; Skylar Gosssett; Tate Morris*

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Kennedy Joan Adams

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

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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.

*Hymn of Preparation

#211 - *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Offspring of the Virgin's Womb
Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#203 - *Hark! the Herald Sing*

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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: *Offspring of the Virgin's Womb*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

pg. 783 in your pew Bible

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—and 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 were raised 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.

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:

Susan Robertson
Elliot, Lily, Charlotte, Samantha, Benjamin & Summer Robinson
David, Martha, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry
Al & Margaret Rogers

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); 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); Melanie Grier (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 •

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.

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.

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.

Thank you - Melanie & Jim Grier would like to thank their NMPC family for all of the prayers and support given during her mother's convalescence and passing.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chip & Cathy Ridley's 50th wedding anniversary.



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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> 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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