

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 27, 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.

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
Ephesians 2:4-5*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-6

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

People: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

Pastor: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

People: To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

People: He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Pastor: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

People: At his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

*Praise Hymn

#224 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life,
for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

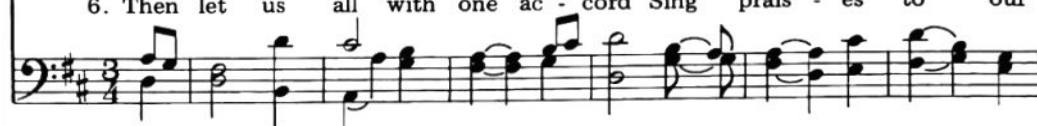
* those who are able please stand

*Hymn

The First Noel
vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5



1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the east, be -
3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our



fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right
on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.



el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Call to Prayer

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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.

*Hymn of Preparation

#226 - *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Unshakable Hope for Uncertain Times
Ephesians 2:1-11

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*Hymn of Response

#195 - *Joy to the World*

*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

#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: *Unshakeable Hope for Uncertain Times*

Pastor: Rev. Josh Garrett

Text: Ephesians 2:1-11

pg. 947 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:

Buck & Sally Ruffin
Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson, Eleanor & Frankie Schnetzer
Linda Scott
Wes, Marie, Elizabeth & Matthew Seay

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 not gather for prayer tomorrow.

Youth Christmas Party - Join us for our first ever "*After Christmas Classy Christmas Party*" on Wednesday, January 13 from 6:45 - 8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a night of yummy food and fellowship as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please register on REALM or scan the QRC code. Bring a \$10 gift for a gift exchange.





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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.

Session	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
	Ed Grimsley Kevin Watson*	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James

Diaconate	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
	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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