

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 6, 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.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 27:14

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-3

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

Pcople: **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.

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

*Praise Hymn

#196 - *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
vs. 1, 2 & 4

* those who are able please stand

*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.

*Hymn

#213 - *What Child Is This*

Call to Prayer

Lamentations 3:22-26

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:20; Revelation 22:12-16

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and

everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.

***Hymn of Preparation**

#194 - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Morning Star
Numbers 24:10-25

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

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.

*Hymn of Response

#195 - *Joy to the World*

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. 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 Morning Star*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Numbers 24:10-25

pg. 128 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:

Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed
Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed
Will, Molly, Noah & Annie Prestwood
Charlie & Kathy Pye

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

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 the Children's choir & Christmas Ensemble will present *Lessons & Carols*.

The menu for Wed, Dec 9 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 •

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 •

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.

Children's Choir & Christmas Ensemble - This Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM our Children's Choir & Christmas Ensemble will present *Lessons & Carols*. Please come join us for dinner at 5:45 PM and for a great evening of Christmas readings & music.

Christmas Poinsettias - You can help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. Please fill out the insert and leave it in the collection basket in the narthex by Friday, December 11th.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on Sunday, December 13th to elect officers. The elder nominees are Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & Howard Reed. There are no deacon nominees 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.



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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 Hoye 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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