

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 10, 2021



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.

*Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
Psalm 37:5-6*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-9

Pastor: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Pastor: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast!

People: How priceless is your unfailing love!

Pastor: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

* those who are able please stand

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Pastor: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

People: 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.*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name;
When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre-sence is my stay;
 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
One word of Your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may Your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless - ings o - ver flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a stran - ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

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Installation of Ruling Elders

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Paul McCommon, Rob Morton & Howard Reed

Ordination Vows

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Do you, the members of North Macon Presbyterian Church, acknowledge and receive Paul McCommon, Rob Morton and Howard Reed as ruling elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Josh Garrett

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders and Deacons of NMPC

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

I now pronounce and declare that Paul McCommon, Rob Morton and Howard Reed have been regularly elected and installed as ruling elders in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

Q. God asks, Who am I to you?

A. **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

Q. What is it that you desire most?

A. **Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Q. What are you asking for now, as a means to that end?

A. **We are needy: Give us this day our daily bread.**

We are sinful: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

We are weak: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Q. How can you be so bold in asking for these things?

A. **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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.

Now listen, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

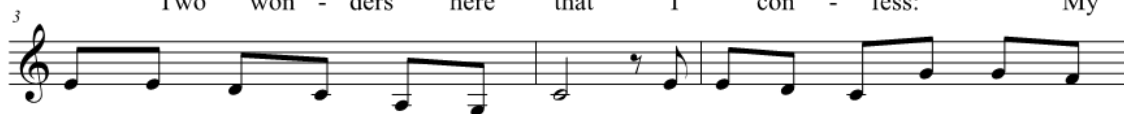
*Hymn of Preparation

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

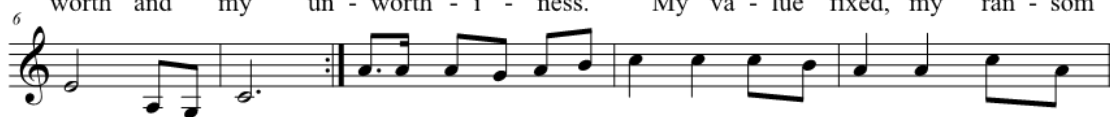
My Worth Is Not In What I Own



My worth is not in what I own; not
My worth is not in skill or name; in
 As summer flowers we fade and die; Fame,
I will not boast in wealth or might, or
 Two wonders here that I confess: My



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the costly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
 youth and beauty hurry by. But life eternal calls to
human wisdom's fleet-ing light. But I will boast in know-ing
 worth and my un-worth-i-ness. My value fixed, my ran-som



love at the cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring
flowed at the cross.
 us at the cross.
Christ at the cross.
 paid at the cross.



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth-er my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Commit Your Way to the LORD
Selected Proverbs

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

585 - *Take My Life, And Let it Be*

*Benediction

Jude 24:25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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@nmpe.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

Selected Proverbs

- 16:01 To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue.
- 16:09 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.
- 20:24 A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?
- 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.
- 21:30-31 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.
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- 27:01 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 11:02 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom
- 29:23 A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.
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- 16:03 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
- 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
- 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
- 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 16:20 Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.
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- 20:18 Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance.
- 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
- 11:14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.
- 24:5-6 A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength. For waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Commit Your Way to the LORD*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Selected Proverbs

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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 (see page 11) & 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:

Chase & Katie Singleton
Steve, Amelia, Bram, Hollis, Hadley, Mallory & Brooks Smith
Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith
Gregg, Kelly, Anna, Molly & Lily Smith

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields around the world.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Megan Cathey, Megan Anderson, Chelsea Dozier & Katie Singleton.

Newborns: Hayley Lynn Taylor, Summer Robinson, Charlie Cantrell, Olivia Nicholson, Frankie Schnetzer, Madison Covert, & Kennedy Adams

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Tricia Barton (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Melanie Buckner (mom)

Recovering: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Lisa Lee (neck)

Bereaved: Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Chase Singleton (dad); Jason Churchwell (dad); Margaret Rogers (dad); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Tricia Barton (dad); Charlie Parrish (mom); Amy Self (mom); Chris Wilson (dad).

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: *Christmas Lessons*—taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith

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.

We will resume later in January.

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: Selected Proverbs

The menu for Wed, Jan 13th is Roast Beef with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls & cookies.

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

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 19 missionaries
for the first half of 2020
Needed by Dec. 31: \$ 24,725
Cash available: \$ 22,501

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Morning Prayer from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. If you have a prayer request, please let one of the pastors know.

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.



Christmas Eve Offering - We received \$2000 in the Christmas Eve offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which provides assistance to widows and orphans of PCA ministers and missionaries. Thank you for giving generously!

Giving Thanks - Let us give thanks to Ruling Elder Kevin Watson and Deacon Matt Monsted for their 6 years of faithful service as they roll off the Session and Diaconate!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kathy Pyc on her 30th anniversary at North Macon Presbyterian Church.



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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
Ed Grimsley
Kevin Watson*

Class of 2021
Cleve Cunningham
Neal Ham
Dan Strawn*
Jeff Thompson*

Class of 2022
Jason Churchwell
Tommy James

Diaconate

Class of 2020
Matt Monsted*
Silas Peed
Wes Seay

Class of 2021
Dwayne Benson
Matt Cathey*
Patrick Hoyer
Brandon Youmans

Class of 2022
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, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Josh Garrett, *Associate Pastor*
Duncan Cantrell, *Assistant Pastor*
Payton Churchwell, *Women's
Ministry Coordinator*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*

Anna Smith, *Youth Assistant*
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,
Financial Director & Pianist*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*
Debbie McCommon, *North Macon
Preschool Director*

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