

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 17, 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.

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*Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.  
John 7:37b*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

**Pastor:** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

**People:** A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

**Pastor:** On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations:

**People:** He will swallow up death forever!

**Pastor:** The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

**People:** The LORD has spoken!

**Pastor:** In that day they will say:

**People:** Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!

\* those who are able please stand

\*Praise Hymn

#55- *To God Be the Glory*

\*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12

Q. Christian, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

A. We believe that all those who are justified,  
God graciously guarantees  
to make them recipients of the grace of adoption,  
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act they are taken into the number of God's children  
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:  
they are given His name;  
they receive the Spirit of adoption;  
they have access to the throne of grace with boldness;  
and they are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on them,  
protects them,  
provides for them,  
and chastens them;  
yet, they will never be cast off,  
but are sealed to the day of redemption,  
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*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.*

## Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;  
*When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.*

Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
*Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.*  
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.  
*Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.*  
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**  
*For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.*  
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

## Call to Prayer

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters! And you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost! Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me! Listen, that you may live!

## 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.*

## Memory Verse #35

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 16:9.

People: In his heart a man plans his course,  
but the Lord determines his steps; Proverbs 16:9.

## Memory Verse #36

*Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,  
for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.*  
Proverbs 8:10-11

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

## Come Ye Sinners



Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,  
 Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken  
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness  
 Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it  
 sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,  
 glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,  
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res  
 of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,  
 full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,  
 ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,  
 you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,  
 is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,  
 Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,  
 He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.  
 with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.  
 not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
 this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.  
 none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

## Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful  
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -  
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -  
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His

face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the  
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our  
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we  
 own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the

light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our  
 mea - sure - less debt was e - rased.  
 car - ry His life in our veins.  
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"

eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -

hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.



**\*Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Wisdom's Call*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Proverbs 8:1-11

pg. 516 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 (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

# Missionaries Supported by NMPC

1. **TREY AND KIKKI ADAMS** are in the states now and plan to return to **Thailand** later this year.
  2. **MARGARET BAKER**, one of our own members, is providing administrative support to two of our missionaries, the Davilas and the Peters, in **Costa Rica**.
  3. **BRIAN AND MANDY** are part of a team which is planting a city-center church in a city of 10 million people in **South Asia**. They are also involved in training a network of national church-planters.
  4. **KAY BURKLIN** is MTW's (Mission to the World) European liaison with refugees.
  5. **RODNEY AND JANA DAVILA** minister in **Costa Rica**, planting churches and teaching and training pastors.
  6. **JONAS AND CHRISTINA DAVISON** are part of a church planting team in **Japan** where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.
  7. **JEFF AND JAMIE** are church planters in **India**, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
  8. **RICH AND CHRISSE GREETE** have a counseling ministry to **Mission to the World** missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.
  9. **DR. VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH** are serving in **Africa** where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.
  10. **JIM AND MARY ALICE PATTERSON** have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in **Australia and Malaysia** on Vernacular Media Services, a project which helps produce and edit God's Word in audio format for people groups who can then hear the Scriptures in their own language.
  11. **DAVID AND ERIN PERVIS** are in a church planting ministry **Greece**, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.
  12. **JOHN AND DYLAN PETERS**, who are former members of NMPC, work in **Costa Rica** alongside of the Davilas. They minister to youth and college students through discipleship and mentoring.
  13. **MIKE AND ELI SABIN** help spread the gospel throughout **Southeast Asia** by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.
  14. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write, distribute, and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
  15. **DAL AND BETH STANTON** lead a church planting team in Sofia, **Bulgaria**. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria", a ministry to women who have been victims of trafficking.
  16. **NOAH AND KARLEIGH STEPHENS** are church planters in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
  17. **JOSH TSAVATEWA** is a missionary sent out from NMPC who works among the **Yakama Tribe in Washington State** as a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.
  18. **BRUCE AND BARBARA WANNEMACHER** provide spiritual care, training and leadership for all MTW missionaries who are serving in **Sub-Sahara Africa**.
  19. **STEPHEN AND SARAH YOUNG** worked in Perth, **Australia with the Japanese people**. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.
- \*\*CAROLINE FLEMING**, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She continues such work through Wycliffe Associates and is self-funded.

### Pray for Our Members:

Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith  
Joe & Kathy Stanley  
Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson  
Steve & Julie Strange

### 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, Emily Lambert & Katie Singleton.

Newborns: Genevieve Moran, Hayley Taylor, Summer Robinson, Charlie Cantrell, Olivia Nicholson, Frankie Schnerzer, 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).

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); Nancy Dozier (mom); Tricia Barton (dad); Charles Baker (sister); Charlie Parrish (mom); Amy Self (mom); Melanie Grier (mom); Chris Wilson (dad).

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, Women's Ministry Committee, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## 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 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 the Spring.

## 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: 7 Deadly Sins from Proverbs 6:16-19

*The menu for Wed, Jan 20th is BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Butter Beans, Salad, Rolls & Brownies*

## Small Groups

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of January 14, 2021

## General Operations

2020 Receipts:	\$1,200,790
2020 Expenses:	\$1,123,066

## Faith Promise for Missions

2020 Receipts:	\$ 50,416
Paid out June 30:	\$ 24,725
Paid out Dec 31:	\$ 24,725

to support our 19 missionaries  
in 2020

# • Announcements •

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**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.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 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 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Session	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Diaconate	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoyer Brandon Youmans	Lee Burch Hays Fyke Grant Nicholson Shane Self	Silas Peed* Wes Seay*

*\*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 &amp; Pianist</i>
	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>	

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