

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 24, 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.

*Christ Jesus...has become for us wisdom from God—
that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

1 Corinthians 1:30

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

*Praise Hymn

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

** those who are able please stand*

Q. 84. Christian, what does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life,
and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin,
God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life,
with the diligent use of all the outward means
whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,
whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation,
as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace,
whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,
and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,
does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God,
with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates
to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances,
especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer;
all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths 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 our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof-fers.
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can-not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Corporate Confession

Most Gracious Lord, we proclaim you to be our King, but our duplicity is exposed by your question, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” Forgive us for disobeying the word of the LORD and failing to keep your commandments. Have mercy on us

for worshipping the gods of our culture and clinging to worthless idols,
for misusing and not defending your holy name,
for neglecting your holy day, and for our carelessness in worship,
for not honoring our parents or those in authority over us,
for murderous thoughts and actions, and for failing to protect innocent life,
for adulterous thoughts, lustful glances, and impure actions,
for taking what is not rightfully ours, for cheating, and for dishonest gain,
for failing to speak the truth, and for speaking deceitful words,
for wanting more than we have, and for coveting what belongs to others.

Cleanse us from our sin and cause us to submit to your kingly rule in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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.

Memory Verse #36

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 8:10-11.

People: 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.

Memory Verse #37

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; Proverbs 8:13a.

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:9-24

What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;
Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.
Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.
and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Wisdom's Attributes
Proverbs 8:12-21

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
 From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
 'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
 'Til He re-turs or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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***Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Wisdom's Attributes*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Proverbs 8:12-21

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:

Dan, Connie & Daniel Strawn
Dan, Holly, Ellic Grace, Annabelle & Hayley Taylor
Jeff, Madeline & Will Thompson
Joc Timberlake

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: Chelsea Dozier (3/14), Emily Lambert (3/24), Katie Singleton (6/25)
& Allie Monsted (7/28)

Newborns: Mary Louise Cathey, Ford Anderson, Genevieve Moran, Hayley 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).

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); Chris Wilson (dad); Kathy Kersey (brother).

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 and Caleb & Hannah Henning in Room 121.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study 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 27th is Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls & Lemon Cake with Almond Frosting.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of January 14, 2021

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2020 Receipts:	\$ 1,200,790	2020 Receipts:	\$ 50,416
2020 Expenses:	\$ 1,123,066	Paid out June 30:	\$ 24,725
		Paid out Dec 31:	\$ 24,725
		to support our 19 missionaries in 2020	
Building Loan			
2020 Receipts:	\$ 214,990		
Projected Loan Balance:	\$ 628,884		

• 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.

Lunch for College & Graduate Students - After the worship service on Sunday, February 7, we will host a lunch for all college & graduate students. Join us!

Flowers - If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathy Pye in the church office. We ask for a \$75 donation to defray the cost.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor or Heather Stevenson on her 48th birthday today by the Stevenson & Garretson families.



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

Diaconate	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
	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 & 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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