

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 31, 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.

*How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

Psalm 104:24

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!

People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!**

** those who are able please stand*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,



the moon shines full at His com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything
he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
Amen.

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.

Women: Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.



You will reign for - ev - er, _____ Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

(repeat chorus)

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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 fill out the information sheet beside your bulletin. Also, we encourage those watching online to 'make a comment' so that we can record your presence with us.

Memory Verse #37

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 8:13a.

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

Memory Verse #38

*In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;
Colossians 2:3.*

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-4, 14; Isaiah 11:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

*Hymn of Preparation

#170 - *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Wisdom's Glory
Proverbs 8:22-36

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*Hymn of Response

295 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *Wisdom's Glory*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Proverbs 8:22-36

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

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” meets one of the unique needs for those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaim the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is also committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with *ministries* in our community and *missionaries* around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these ministries so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

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 BURKIN** 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:

John & Ann Timms
David & Murray Todd
Jason, Allison, Sophie, Amelia, Caleb, Josiah & Esther Smith
Sally Vance

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), Bonnie Barnes Andree (6/22), 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/Sick: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Lisa Lee (neck); Ed Voss (pancreatic cancer)

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); Cathy Crumbley (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: *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

The menu for Wed, February 3rd is Poppy Seed Chicken, Corn Soufflé, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream.

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

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

Building Loan

2020 Receipts: \$ 214,990
Projected Loan Balance: \$ 628,884

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 •

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.



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Mission

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	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 Hoye 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 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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