

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 14, 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 and wear a mask.

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*The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
Psalm 103:8*

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### Preclude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 146:5-9

**Pastor:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

**People:** He upholds the cause of the oppressed. He gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free.

**Pastor:** The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. The LORD loves the righteous.

**People:** The LORD watches over the alien. He sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns forever! Your God, O Zion, for all generations! Praise the LORD!

### \*Praise Hymn

*#77 - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
verses 1 - 4*

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*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 partakers 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.*

*Charles Edward Cantrell*

Baptismal Vows

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take his life and let him be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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 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 #39

Pastor: Let us recite James 1:5.

People: If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him; James 1:5.

Memory Verse #40

*A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold;  
Proverbs 22:1*

# Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.  
*Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.*  
 And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,  
*Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.*



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul  
*Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,*  
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,  
*Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;*



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.  
*know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.*  
 com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.  
*keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.*



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

## Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing  
 You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger  
 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -  
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
 the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
 all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing  
 Still my soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.  
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. **To Chorus**  
 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more.

**\*Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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.*



# 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

## Selected Proverbs

- 22:01 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.
- Ecclesiastes 7:1a A good name is better than fine perfume...
- 8:19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.
- 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!
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- 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- 20:11 Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.
- 10:07 The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 21:24 The proud and arrogant man- “Mocker” is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.
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- 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
- 12:02 A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but the Lord condemns a crafty man.
- 11:16 A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.
- 11:27 He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.
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- 22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.
- 16:13 Kings take the pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.
- 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
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- 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.
- 13:15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.
- 12:08 A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *A Good Reputation*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Selected Proverbs

pg. 9 in your bulletin

# 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. **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.
13. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write, distribute, and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
14. **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.
15. **NOAH AND KARLEIGH STEPHENS** are church planters in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
16. **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.
17. **BRUCE AND BARBARA WANNEMACHER** provide spiritual care, training and leadership for all MTW missionaries who are serving in **Sub-Sahara Africa**.
18. **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.

**JOHN AND DYLAN PETERS**, who are former members of NMPC, have been working in **Costa Rica** alongside of the Davilas. They have completed a 3 year commitment and have returned to the states.

**\*\*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.

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**Pray for Our Members:**

Helen Watson  
Kevin, Scarlett, Will & Rives Watson  
Mark, LeeAnn & Gracen Wildman  
Cheryl Willis

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Dr. Victor and Nosizo Nakah are serving in Africa where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.

**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); Cathe Dondes (David).

Recovering/Sick: 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); Cathy Crumbley (mom); Cindy Voss (Ed); Justin & Haynes Studstill (Tyler); Jim Grier (Melanie); John Timms (brother)

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 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: Parables in Luke's Gospel

*The menu for Wed, Feb 17th is Pork Loin w/caper sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad, Rolls and Brownie Trifle.*

## 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

## 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 •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will not gather for Monday Morning Prayer this week. The church will be closed for President's Day.

**Faith Promise** - NMPC supports 18 missionaries around the world through Faith Promise giving, which is to prayerfully consider what amount of money God may be calling you to give—above and beyond the tithe—towards world missions in 2021. A list of our 18 missionaries is on page 11. Please turn in a response card by Sun, Feb 28.

**Prayer Warriors** - We are working on updating our Prayer Warrior ministry for 2021! If you would like to pray for a sibling group in our church please let Duncan know ([duncan@nmnpc.net](mailto:duncan@nmnpc.net)). We currently have 21 families that need a Prayer Warrior!



# NORTH MACON

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 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 &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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