

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 21, 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 joy of the LORD is your strength.  
Nehemiah 8:10d*

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### Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

**Pastor:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

**People:** **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

**Pastor:** In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

**People:** **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

**Pastor:** In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

**People:** **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

### \*Praise Hymn

#302 - *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 31b-32, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, let us confess what we believe:

We believe there is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
because through Christ Jesus,  
the law of the Spirit of life  
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things  
God works for the good  
of those who love Him,  
who have been called according to His purpose.

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son,  
but gave him up for us all—  
how will he not also, along with him,  
graciously give us all things?

And we are convinced  
that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,  
neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers,  
neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a\_ wretch like me.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved.
3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, \_



I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. *(to v. 2)*  
How pre - cious did the grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.  
'tis grace that brough me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.



*Chorus:* My chains are \_\_\_ gone. I've been set \_\_\_ free. My God, my



Sav - ior has ran - somed \_\_\_ me. And like a \_\_\_ flood His mer - cy



\_\_\_ rains, un - end - ing love, \_\_\_ a - maz - ing grace. \_\_\_

*Winston Lee Garrett*

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

## Call to Prayer

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

## 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 #40

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 22:1.

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

## Memory Verse #41

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
Proverbs 17:22*

# Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.  
*His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.*  
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.  
*And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.*



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
*God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.*  
God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.  
*Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.*



*Chorus:* And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, \_\_\_\_\_



And we'll all join hands, ev-'ry wom-an ev - ry man to sing His love,



\_\_\_\_\_ to sing His love. \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*A Cheerful Heart*  
Selected Proverbs

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

#693 - *Blessed Assurance*

\*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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](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

- 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
15:13 A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.  
15:15 All the days of the oppressed are wretched but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.  
18:14 A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?  
14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.
- 15:30 A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.  
27:09 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.  
16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.  
12:25 An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.  
15:04 The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.  
12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value
- 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.  
13:19 A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.  
24:13-14 Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste.  
Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.  
10:28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.  
31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *A Cheerful Heart*

**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 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. **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:

Chris, Hope, Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson  
Jacob & Riley Wilson  
Martin & Tonya Wilson  
Andrew, Kathryn & Rachel Grace Wohlrabe

### 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).

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); Cathie Dondes (David).

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 24th is Pizza, Salad & Dessert.*

## Small Groups

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of February 7, 2021

## General Operations

2021 Receipts:           \$ 91,060  
2021 Expenses:         \$ 86,717

## Building Loan Balance

February 2021:       \$ 616,255

## Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts:         \$ 2,345  
Needed by June 30:   \$ 24,725  
to support our 18 missionaries

# • 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.

**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 next 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@nmipc.net](mailto:duncan@nmipc.net)). We currently have 21 families that need a Prayer Warrior!

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Tommy & Lolly James, with great love, from Chris, Hope, Lola Grace and Maddie James Wilson.



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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 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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