

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 28, 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.

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.*

Psalm 68:5

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6, 8

Pastor: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I
will never be shaken.

Pastor: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not
be shaken.

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for
God is our refuge.

*Praise Hymn

#92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Pastor: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.

*It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He

lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be -
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
 lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and

part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
 death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less

CHORUS
 end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ — O sing ha - le-
 joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —

lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and

ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

“Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise,” says the LORD. “I will protect them from those who malign them.” And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.

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 #41

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 17:22.

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

Memory Verse #42

*A fool gives full vent to his anger,
but a wise man keeps himself under control.
Proverbs 29:11*

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."

The angel of the LORD also said to her: You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*

Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?

Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? *On - ly my Ho - ly God.**

Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing
ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Violent Man
Selected Proverbs

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*Hymn of Response

#699 - *Like A River Glorious*

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. 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@nmpe.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

- 29:22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.
14:17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.
29:08 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
30:33 For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife.
21:07 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.
- 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
15:01 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
25:15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.
21:14 A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bride concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.
17:01 Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.
- 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.
17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.
14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.
14:16 A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.
25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.
- 22:24-25 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered. or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.
16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor and leads him down a path that is not good.
19:19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

•The Preached Word•

Title: *The Violent Man*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Selected Proverbs

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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.

Pray for Our Members:

Andrew Wood
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
Skip & Debbie Yetter
Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans

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), Melissa Newell (6/14), 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 Dondos (David).

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: *Biblical vs Cultural Liturgies*—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.

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: Margaret Baker will give a report

The menu for Wed, March 1st is chicken with lemon butter, mushroom sauce, rice, buttered carrots, salad, rolls & ice cream.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

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 •

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 today.

Wednesday Night - Margaret Baker will give a report this Wednesday at 6:30 PM on her work in Costa Rica over the last year.

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). We currently have 16 families that need a Prayer Warrior!



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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> Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i> Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i> Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i> Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i> Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i> Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist</i> Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i> Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
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