

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 11, 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.

*On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:
King of kings and Lord of lords.
Revelation 19:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Praise Hymn

#295 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

* those who are able please stand

In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend



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-turms or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

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)

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

Sermon

The Ascension of Jesus Christ
Acts 1:1-11

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*Hymn of Response

#310 - *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5-6

From Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power 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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Ascension of Jesus Christ*

Text: Acts 1:1-11

Pastor: Rev. Duncan Cantrell

pg. 882 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Duncan, Mary Lou, Elcanore & Charlie Cantrell
Matt, Megan, Andrew, William & Mary Louise Cathey
Bobby & Claire Chastain
Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Greece, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Melissa Newell (6/14), Bonnie Barnes Andree (6/22), Katie Singleton (6/25), Molly Prestwood (7/19) & Allie Monsted (7/28)

Newborns: Betsy Lambert, Smith Dozier, 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).

Recovering/Sick: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's).

Bereaved: Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); 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); Jill Bloodworth (mom); Margaret Shelton (grandfather); Monni Parrish (mom); Cheryl Willis (sister).

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: *Letters of John*—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, Caleb & Hannah Henning & Kelly Smith 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: Parables from Luke's Gospel

The menu for Wed, April 14th is Bar-b-que Pork, Rice, Butter Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Cookies.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of April 5, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 443,325
2021 Expenses: \$ 278,153

Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts: \$ 37,885
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 19 missionaries

Building Loan Balance

March 31, 2021: \$ 605,688

• 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.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings on April 11th & 25th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one evening.)

The notebooks for the class are available on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office.

Mom Refresh - Any weary moms out there? Feeling discouraged or alone? Please join us for a time of encouragement and fellowship! You will hear from some NMPC moms and spend some time in discussion groups on April 15th and 29th from 10-11AM and April 22nd from 7:30-8:30 PM. Look for a registration email to come.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Larry & LuAnn Breed's son, Collin Breed, by Larry & LuAnn Breed.



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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.

	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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