

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 18, 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.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116:15

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-6

- Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice! He heard my cry for mercy!
People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**
Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"
People: **The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.**

*Praise Hymn

#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

** those who are able please stand*

Q. 85. Christian, with death being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing that all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

A. The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

Q. 86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death?

A. The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory; waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves, as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united with their souls.

Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness; and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, until the resurrection and judgment of the great day. Amen.

The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths 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 our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de - light,* *Christ will hold me fast;*
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, *He will hold me fast.*
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; *His prom - is - es shall last;*
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, *He will hold me fast.*
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Call to Prayer

Psalm 73:23-26

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And being with you, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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.

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31
page 850 in the pew Bible

My Worth is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and
 2. **My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or**
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry
 4. **I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing**
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My worth and my un - worth - i -

Refrain



bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. (to vs. 2) **I re-joice in my Re-**
shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
 by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. (to vs. 4)
light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
 ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.



deem - er Great - est trea - sure, Well - spring of my soul. **I will trust in Him, no**



oth - er my soul is sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

What Happens When We Die?
Luke 23:32, 38-43; Philippians 1:20-26

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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



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.

*Benediction

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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: *What Happens When We Die?*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Luke 23:32, 38-43

pg. 882 in your pew Bible

WSC Q. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

- A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Pray for Our Members:

Kathy Combs
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert
Larry & Cathy Crumbley
Cleve & Kathy Cunningham

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); Cathe 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.

• 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.

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 22nd from 7:30-8:30 PM and April 29th from 10-11AM. This is for moms of all ages.

Changing the Course - Out of Darkness' golf tournament fundraiser will be at 9 AM on Tues, May 11th at Healy Point Country Club. We had a great turn out with players and sponsors last year and would like to show our support again! Please contact Duncan (duncan@nmpe.net) if you are interested in participating or more information.



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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</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>

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