

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 25, 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.

*In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!”
Isaiah 25:9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

People: A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

Pastor: On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations:

People: He will swallow up death forever!

Pastor: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

People: The LORD has spoken!

Pastor: In that day they will say:

People: Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
 O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
 cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
 Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Q. 87. Christian, what are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

- A. We are to believe, that at the Last Day
there shall be a general resurrection of the dead,
both of the just and unjust.
At that time those who are found alive will be changed in a moment,
and the same bodies of the dead that were laid in the grave
will then be united to their souls again forever,
raised up by the power of Christ.
The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ,
and by virtue of his resurrection as their head,
will be raised in power,
and will be spiritual, incorruptible, and made like his glorious body.
The bodies of the wicked will be raised up in dishonor by him,
as an offended judge.

Q. 90. What will be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

- A. At the day of judgment, the righteous,
being caught up to Christ in the clouds,
will be set on his right hand,
and having been openly acknowledged and acquitted,
they will join with him in judging reprobate angels and people.
They will be received into heaven,
where they will be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery,
filled with inconceivable joys,
made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul,
in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels,
but especially in the immediate vision and presence of
God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
to all eternity.
This is the perfect and full communion
that the members of the invisible church will enjoy
with Christ in glory at the resurrection and day of judgment. 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.*

For all the Saints



For all the saints who from their la - bor's rest, who thee by
Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of

be for - ev - er — blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
drear; their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Madison Elizabeth Covert

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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

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.

*Hymn of Preparation

521 - *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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Sandra McCracken



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er; We will feast
and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He
In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my
Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed; You
is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the
flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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: *What Happens to Believers at the Resurrection?*

Text: 1 Cor 15:50-52, 42-44;
Revelation 21:1-5

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 934 in your pew Bible

WSC Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

- A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

John 5:28-29

Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when *all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out*—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Acts 24:15

...I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a *resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked*.

Luke 24:38-38

Jesus said to them, Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.

1 John 3:1-3

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. *But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is*. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Matthew 12:36-37

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 25:31-34

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. *I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.*

Matthew 10:32-33

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and *to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.* See also Colossians 1:22.

Psalms 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; *you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

1 Corinthians 2:9

As it is written: *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.*

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, *Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.* He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new! Then he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true!

Pray for Our Members:

Will, Kristen, Nate, Seth, Josiah, Noah, Isaac, Joshua & Tristan Daniels
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner
Carol Dawson
Trey, Allison, Chase, Austin & Maggie Deaton

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.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Classes

Adults: *Habakkuk*—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, 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 28th is Grilled Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream.

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.

Mom Refresh - Our last Mom Refresh will Thursday, April 29 from 10-11AM.

Honoring Birth Mothers - The week leading up to Mother's Day, Covenant Care Services seeks to honor those brave mothers who chose adoption by providing post-placement services (i.e. counseling, specialized help, living expenses, a retreat for birth mothers, etc.). NMPC will take up donations through Mother's Day to assist CCS in this endeavor. You can give on Realm or via check with "birth moms" on the memo line.

Changing the Course - Out of Darkness' golf tournament fundraiser will be at 9 AM on Tues, May 11th at Healy Point Country Club. Please contact Duncan (duncan@nmpc.net) if you are interested in participating or more information.

Last Youth Group - On Wed, May 5th the youth group will be meeting at Pin Strikes from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for bowling in our best thrift-store-formal attire. The cost is \$10 for pizza & bowling. Please sign up on Realm!

VBS Registration-VBS will be June 14-17 from 9 AM - Noon and registration is now open for students and volunteers! You should have received an email last week. If you have any questions, contact Duncan (duncan@nmpc.net) or Monni (monni@nmpc.net).



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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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