

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 4, 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.

*Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
Psalm 118:15*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4, 15-16, 22-24

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

People: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let Israel say:

Women: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say:

Men: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let those who fear the LORD say:

People: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Men: **The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

Women: **The LORD's right hand is lifted high!**

Men: **The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Praise Hymn

#277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

* those who are able please stand

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel consists in our freedom from

the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
and the curse of the moral law;

and in our being delivered from
this present evil world,
bondage to Satan,
dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;

and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged
in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake.

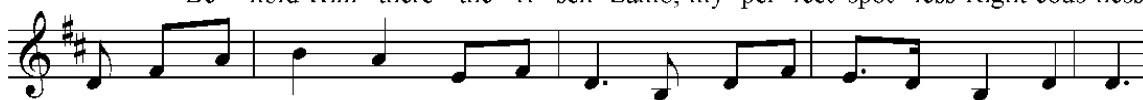
The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

Before the Throne of God Above

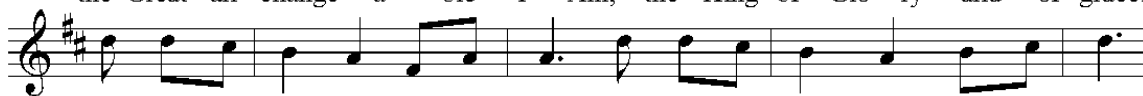
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Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
 Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
 the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
 One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
 My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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Call to Prayer

Psalm 116:7-9

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living..

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

In Christ Alone

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

#276 - *Up from the Grave He Arose*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Risen Christ
Matthew 27:62-28:20

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The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

#286 - *Worship Christ, the Risen King!*
vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*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

#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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Risen Christ*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Matthew 27:62-28:20

pg. 811 in your pew Bible

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 & 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

Pray for Our Members:

Jane Brooks
Josh & Melanie Buckner
Lee, Jennifer & Jennalee Burch
Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler

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).

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: Parables from Luke's Gospel

The menu for Wed, April 7th is Chicken Tetrazzini, Salad, Garlic Rolls & Lemon Cake.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of March 7, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 345,642
2021 Expenses: \$ 191,158

Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts: \$ 18,270
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 19 missionaries

Building Loan Balance

March 2021: \$ 611,069

• Announcements •

Communion Instructions - Participants will come down the center aisle to pick up the elements (a cup of bread & a cup of juice). The center sections will come first, followed by the outside sections. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together.

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.

Ladies' Bible Study - The Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study will resume on Friday, April 9th at 10:00 AM in the new conference room. All ladies are invited to attend.

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@nmpe.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.



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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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