

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

May 9, 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.

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*But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord,  
because from the beginning God chose you to be saved  
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.  
2 Thessalonians 2:13*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

**Pastor:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

**People:** **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

**Pastor:** In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

**People:** **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

**Pastor:** In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

**People:** **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

### \*Praise Hymn

*#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 16

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the doctrine of election?

People: We believe that—  
all Adam's descendants  
having thus fallen into damnation and ruin  
by the sin of Adam—  
God showed Himself to be as He is:  
merciful and just.

God is merciful  
in delivering and saving from this damnation  
those who,  
in the eternal and unchangeable divine counsel,  
have been elected and chosen in Jesus Christ our Lord  
by His pure goodness,  
without any consideration of their works.

God is just  
in leaving the others in their ruin and damnation  
into which they plunged themselves.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés.  
It was adopted at the Synod of Dort in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards  
to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe.  
The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

# My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;  
*My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;*  
 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
*Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es\_ fears to fly.*  
 Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry\_ thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me\_ with his light  
*Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.*  
 For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
*Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.*  
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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## The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Richard Smith Dozier*

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

### Call to Prayer

Titus 3:3-8a

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

### 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

#355 - We Are God's People

### Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Sermon

*In Love He Predestined Us*  
Ephesians 2:1-10

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

*Father Long Before Creation*  
*printed on page 6*

### \*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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

# Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.  
*His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.*  
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.  
*And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.*



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
*God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.*  
God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.  
*Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.*



*Chorus:* And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, \_\_\_\_\_



And we'll all join hands, ev - ry wom - an ev - ry man to sing His love,



\_\_\_\_\_ to sing His love. \_\_\_\_\_

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# •The Preached Word•

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**Title:** *In Love He Predestined Us*

**Text:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Ephesians 1:4-6

For *he chose us in him before the creation of the world* to be holy and blameless in his sight. *In love he predestined us* to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:11-12

*In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will*, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because *from the beginning God chose you to be saved* through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:37-39

*All that the Father gives me* will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that *I shall lose none of all that he has given me*, but raise them up at the last day.

John 10:27-29

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, *who has given them to me*, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 17:1-2

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that *he might give eternal life to all those you have given him*.

John 17:24

Father, I want *those you have given me* to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-8

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ! *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves! In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

Luke 10:20

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Psalms 14:2-3

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. *All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

Romans 8:6-8

*The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.* (See also Jeremiah 13:23; John 8:34)

Ephesians 2:5-6

But because of his great love for us, *God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

Titus 3:3-4

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.*

John 6:39

And this is the will of him who sent me, that *I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.*

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Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (See also Philippians 1:6; Isaiah 43:1)

Exodus 33:19

And the LORD said, I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. *I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

Romans 9:10-18

Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, The older will serve the younger. Just as it is written: Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, *I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.* For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. *Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.*

John 6:40

*For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Romans 10:13

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

## 2 Peter 1:5-11

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers, *be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.* For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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**Pray for Our Members:**

James, Amy, Jenna & David Drummond  
Lonnie & Donna Dyc  
Bill & Glenda Eaves  
Joseph Egloff, Rana Munna

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Mike & 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.

**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); John LaPish (knee)

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 •

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## 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

Our Wednesday Night Activities have concluded for the Spring semester.

We will begin our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday, May 26th.

## Small Groups

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of May 2, 2021

## General Operations

2021 Receipts:           \$ 558,005  
2021 Expenses:         \$ 366,250

## Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts:         \$ 40,775  
Needed by June 30:   \$ 24,725  
to support our 19 missionaries

## Building Loan Balance

April 30, 2021:       \$ 542,499

# • Announcements •

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**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.

**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@nmipc.net](mailto:duncan@nmipc.net)) or Monni ([monni@nmipc.net](mailto:monni@nmipc.net)).



# NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 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 &amp; Pianist</i>
	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
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